Gala Presentation Evening
Mercy Theatre
Saturday March 10, 2012
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ORDER OF EVENING

FOYER
Willow Shortt playing Classical Guitar
Maigen Nemes playing Classical Piano

THEATRE

Welcome Address
St Joseph’s College Principal Mr Darren Atkinson

Musical Cultural Acts
Saiala Mapapalangi, Atu Puku, Kasete, Siela & Tevita Pohiva (Tonga)
John Napoli (Italy)
Helena Byrnes accompanied by Mr John Menhennett (Australia)

Master of Ceremonies Mr Luke Guthrie
Keynote Speaker Sr Kath Tierney

Musical Act
St Joseph’s College Choir

St Joseph’s College Captains Joseph Roccisano, Christine Byllaardt, Nathaniel Smith & Torissa Mamnone

Award Presentations
Dr Cameron Wolfe
Mr Charlie Kedmenec
Ms Ellen Sandell

Musical Acts
Kasey Humphrey
Jessica Saunders, Jessica Frankel, Willow Shortt & Jackson Fumberger
Naomi Hender accompanied by Ms Kath Hall

Award Presentations:
Ms Margy Hawke
Mr Matthew Knights

Musical Act
Jessica Vartuli & Mr John Menhennett

St Joseph’s College Advisory Council Chair, Mr Chris Ellis

CECILIA ROOM

Guests invited to the Cecilia Room for supper

Musical Acts
Charlotte McLennan singing
St Joseph’s College, Jazz Ensemble - Maigen Nemes, Ellie Fumberger, Jackson Fumberger, Matthew Mandica, Mr John Menhennett & Mr Tyson Lloyd-Thwaites

Conclusion of Event
We gather to celebrate an evening in which we recognise our Inspiring Alumni.

The concept of Inspiring Alumni was formed around two key ideas:

To recognise the past students of St Joseph’s College, our Alumni, who have excelled in their chosen field; and, in so doing, inspire our current students that they too can achieve their dreams if they are motivated and persistent.

What does it mean to be inspiring? It is a grand concept as, essentially, it is about how one affects others. One definition of inspiring is “causing one to feel confident about oneself or eager to learn or achieve something”.

On behalf of the St Joseph's College community, I congratulate the recipients of this year’s inaugural Inspiring Alumni on the contributions they have made in their own achievements. I also thank them, in advance, for inspiring the next generation of young people who will follow in their footsteps and, similarly, make a difference.

Mr Darren Atkinson
Principal
Dr Cameron Wolfe Academic

Dr Cameron Wolfe is currently working for Duke Health, Durham USA as a Medical Doctor specialising in Infectious Disease. After studying Internal Medicine at St Vincent’s Hospital (2001-2005) Cameron received fellowships at the Monash Medical Centre (2006-2007) Duke University Medical Center, USA (2007 – 2008), working in this area. Cameron has also worked as Medical Team Leader in Haiti after the 2010 Earthquake and Timor, Ethiopia, Nairobi in his chosen field.

Mr Charlie Kedmenec Arts

Mr Charlie Kedmenec graduated from the Victorian College of the Arts in 2001 with a Bachelor of Music Performance. In 2005 he joined the Opera Australia Chorus and has performed over 30 Chorus Operas, was the Winner of the 2008 Audi German Opera Scholarship and is currently pursuing music performance in Germany.

Ms Ellen Sandell Community and Environment

Ms Ellen Sandell has been recently recognised as Melbourne’s leading environmentalist, winning the Melbourne Award for Individual Contribution to the Environment 2009 and was featured in The Age Melbourne Magazine as one of the top 100 influential Melburnians of 2009. Ellen was previously the Environment Officer in the University of Melbourne Student Union, leading a successful campaign to get the university to commit to carbon neutrality. She is also the founder of the award-winning Leadership in Environmental Action Program (LEAP), an environmental leadership conference for high school students, held each year in Melbourne.

Ms Margy Hawke Science and Technology

In 2009, Ms Margy Hawke found Sandfire’s high-grade DeGrussa copper and gold discovery. Margy is a very determined geologist who made a unilateral decision to drill deeper at an incomplete drill hole to discover this rich deposit 900km north of Perth, and in doing so received the 2010 Prospector Award after finding a high grade copper and gold discovery in WA.

Mr Matthew Knights Sport

Matthew Knights is a former Australian Rules Football player, having played in the midfield for the Richmond Football Club from 1988 to 2002. He went on to a coaching career, most notably as head coach for the Essendon Football Club from 2008 to 2010. In 2011 Matthew Knights took a year off from coaching before being appointed Geelong VFL coach for season 2012. The culmination of Matthew’s career has seen him inducted into the Richmond Football Club Hall of Fame in 2011.
Dr Cameron Wolfe  M.B.B.S (Hons), FRACP, MPH, CPDM, A.Mus.A

Academic

1988 - 1993

After Cameron Wolfe left St Joseph's College in 1993, he initially thought he wanted to become a Chemical Engineer, but changed shortly after to study medicine at Melbourne University. Cameron had wonderful opportunities throughout medical school to work in Aboriginal communities in the Northern Territory and a number of developing world hospitals across Africa, which eventually fostered an interest in Internal Medicine.

After moving through Internal Medicine training, Cameron subsequently subspecialised in the study of Infectious Diseases. He finished training in Melbourne, before accepting a Clinical Fellowship position at Duke University Medical Center in the US, where he consequently holds a Faculty Appointment. Cameron works primarily as a hospital specialist for infectious diseases of the immunosuppressed, including patients living with HIV/AIDS, and those with organ or bone marrow transplants. Additionally, he does clinical research in conjunction with Duke University into improved treatments for severe pulmonary viral infections, as well as HIV. Cameron currently serves as the director of biopreparedness programs at the University, where he helps to coordinate regional responses to issues such as pandemic influenza.

Cameron has been fortunate to be able to travel and work extensively overseas, with a number of medical trips throughout Africa and South East Asia. Most recently, he led two teams from Duke University on a surgical relief mission to Haiti after the 2010 earthquake.

In his spare time, Cameron loves trying to teach Americans how to play Aussie Rules Football, and coaches and plays for a local university cricket club. He also enjoys mountain climbing, tennis and golf when he gets the rare chance. Cameron and his wife love travelling and coming back to Australia whenever they get the opportunity.
EDUCATION:

- Medical Degree: M.B.B.S. (Honours); University of Melbourne, 1995 – 2000
- Masters in Public Health, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill 2008-2012
- Major in Health Policy & Management, Minor in Global Health Management
- GradCert in Community Preparedness and Emergency Management, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, 2009-2010
- Associate Diploma in Piano: Performance; University of Sydney, 1994
- Victorian Certificate of Education, 1993

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT:

- Primary Appointment: Attending Faculty Specialist – HIV, Tropical Medicine & Transplantation Medicine, Duke University Medical Center, Durham, North Carolina
- Co-appointment: Director of Biopreparedness Programs, Duke University

PAST EMPLOYEMENT:

- Infectious Diseases Fellowship, 2007-2008: Duke University Medical Center
- Physician Training, 2001-2007: St Vincent’s Hospital, Melbourne; Monash Medical Centre, Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre, and The Alfred Hospital

AWARDS and SCHOLARSHIPS:

- Duke University Medical Center: Strength, Hope & Caring Medal, 2010
- Clinical Fellow of the Year, 2007/2008, Duke University Medical Center
- Australian Commonwealth John Flynn Scholarship, for work in an Aboriginal Community Health Network, 1997 – 2000
- Rural Australia Medical Undergraduate Scholarship (RAMUS); awarded 2000
- Chancellor’s Scholarship: Chemical Engineering at The University of Sydney, 1994
- Australian Representative - London International Youth Science Forum, 1993;
- Australia Day Young Citizen nominee; 1994
- Representative, then leader, National Youth Science Forum; 1993, 1994, 1995
- Staff Team Leader –International Physics Olympiad, Canberra – 1995; Canada - 1997
- School Captain and Student Council Chairman, St Joseph's College, Mildura, 1993

UNIVERSITY & OTHER MEDICAL ACTIVITIES:

- Team leader for two medical relief missions to Haiti, Feb - March 2010
- Volunteer Doctor, 2002:
  - East Timor: with Jesuit Refugee Service
  - Ethiopia: in HIV Hospice in Addis Ababa, run by Missionaries of Charity, Mother Theresa Sisters
  - Rwanda: with World Vision, Gahini District Hospital
  - Kenya: with World Vision, in Nairobi Kibera slum
- Medical Electives,2000:
  - Malawi, Kenya & Uganda:
  - Vice-President, Secretary and Chairman; Queen's College Sports & Social Club; 1996-1998
  - Queen's College Council, Melbourne University, 1997
  - Head of Organising Committee; Queen's College University Ball; 1996, 1998
  - The University of Melbourne Cocktail Club; founding committee member; 1996

INVITED LECTURES OF NOTE:

- 2011 - 2012 – University of North Carolina – “Modern Infectious Disease Surveillance Techniques”
- 2010 - Infectious Diseases Society of the Americas, Vancouver – “Clinical Challenges in Management of severe H1N1 Influenza”
- 2011 – International Society of Nurse Infusionists – “Updates on Hepatitis Exposure & Treatments”
- 2010 – Duke University – “Pandemic Influenza in the United States - Controversies and Updates”

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS, POSTER PRESENTATIONS and ABSTRACTS:

So far in Cameron's career he has published over 12 articles relating to his field in a range of worldwide medical journals
Cameron has also produced four prominent poster presentations and abstracts
Mr Charlie Kedmenec Arts
1991 - 1996

Born in Mildura, Charlie Kedmenec got his first taste of the stage in 1991 when he participated in the Sunraysia Gang Show. From that time until leaving Mildura in 1999 he was a regular performer with local theatre groups and in addition to completing his VCE he was also studying dance at the Mildura Ballet Guild and singing under Shirley Bowie.

In 1999 Charlie decided to focus his studies on his voice and took a position at the Victorian College of the Arts. Three years later he graduated with a Bachelor of Music Performance and began to work around Melbourne for some of the smaller opera companies, before landing a role with OzOpera in their Schools Company, a job that would eventually lead to a full time position in the Opera Australia Chorus. Whilst with Opera Australia, Charlie performed and understudied numerous solo roles and had the opportunity to work with some of the best conductors, directors and vocal coaches in the country.

After three years with Opera Australia, Charlie entered and won the Audi German Operatic Scholarship, sending him to Germany for a 12-month contract with Opera Cologne. Whilst working in Cologne, Charlie has performed roles on the main stage and in the KinderOpera including having the opportunity to sing in three world premieres.

Charlie is still living in Germany with his wife Charmaine and currently working as a guest artist with Opera Cologne. Charlie and Charmaine are expecting their first child in July.

What have been the best things your career and/or achievements have enabled you to do?

My career has enabled me to meet and work with many amazing, creative, and inspiring people since beginning my music degree over ten years ago. It has taken me to Sydney to work at the Sydney Opera House and to now Germany. It has exposed me to many different languages, cultures and experiences and although as a career it has many challenges, it has always been rewarding.

I have had the pleasure of sharing the stage with many of the world's finest singers and have been honoured to breath life into some of the most beautiful music ever written.

It is a privilege to be able to make a career out of something that I am passionate about and I thank everyone that has had a hand in making, what seemed at the time, a fanciful dream, come true.
“I am very proud to be receiving this award and hope that it will encourage others to pursue their dreams and to work hard, giving them the best possible chance of achieving their potential.”
Ms Ellen Sandell  
Community and Environment  
1997 - 2002

As National Director of the Australian Youth Climate Coalition, Ellen Sandell is one of Australia’s leading commentators and campaigners on the issue of climate change. Previously as General Manager and Victorian Director of the Australian Youth Climate Coalition (AYCC) she has overseen the growth of the AYCC from a small organisation that began in 2006 to a large non-profit organisation with 65,000 members today.

In 2009 Ellen was featured in The Age Melbourne Magazine as one of the top 100 influential Melburnians of 2009, and was recognised as Melbourne’s leading environmentalist, winning the Melbourne Award for Individual Contribution to the Environment 2009. That same year, she was joint winner of Australia’s most prestigious environment award for young people – the Banksia ‘Young Environmentalist of the Year’ award.

Whilst studying a Science/Arts degree at the University of Melbourne, she was also Environment Officer in the Student Union, leading a successful campaign to get the University to commit to carbon neutrality. She also founded the award-winning Leadership in Environmental Action Program (LEAP), an environmental leadership conference for high school students, held each year at the University.

Ellen has worked as a Policy Adviser in the Office of Climate Change in the Victorian Department of Premier and Cabinet, and as a research student studying plant genetics at the CSIRO. She was born in Alice Springs and grew up in Mildura.

Ellen regularly speaks and writes on climate change issues and has been published in The Age, the National Times, ABC’s Unleashed, Peppermint magazine and more.

What does the future hold for you?

After I finish up with the AYCC I’m still keen to remain involved in climate change advocacy and the non-profit world (after I have a holiday!), although I’m not sure exactly what that looks like. I’m keen to continue to help make a better world in whatever ways I can and will keep striving towards that goal.
**WORK EXPERIENCE**

Nov 2010 - present  
Australian Youth Climate Coalition - National Director

Jan 2010 - Nov 2010  
Australian Youth Climate Coalition - General Manager

Jan - Dec 2009  
Australian Youth Climate Coalition - Victorian Director and National Schools Director

Nov 2007 - Feb 2009  
Office of Climate Change - Department of Premier and Cabinet Policy Adviser

Jan - Dec 2007  
University of Melbourne Student Union - Environment Officer

Summer 2006 - 2007  
CSIRO Plant Industry - Research Student

**VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE**

2011  
Deakin Lecture Series Advisory Board

2011  
Member of the Climate Change Minister’s Advisory Board on carbon price

2006 - 2008  
Australian Student Environment Network and The Wilderness Society

2001 - 2002  
Lead On (a youth regional development organisation)

**EDUCATION**

2009  
Centre for Sustainability Leadership  
Completed the Fellowship in sustainability leadership.

2003-2008  
University of Melbourne  
Bachelor of Science/Bachelor of Arts double degree with first class honours grade average. Majoring in Genetics, Spanish and Linguistics. Degrees completed in June 2008.  
Recipient of a Faculty Access Scholarship (awarded to the top regional/rural students) from the University of Melbourne for the duration of my degrees.

**AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS**

Recognised as one of the Top 100 most influential Melburnians in The Age (Melbourne) Magazine in December 2009

Joint Winner - 2009 Young Environmentalist of the Year (Banksia Awards)

Winner – 2009 Melbourne Award for Contribution to the Environment

Winner – 2009 Spirit of Moonee Valley Awards for Contribution to Youth

Finalist – Young Australian of the Year Awards (Victoria) 2008

Winner – Pride of Australia ‘Young Aussie’ Medal for Victoria 2008

Winner – British Council Developing Climate Solutions: Emerging Leaders Award 2008

Winner – Telstra Environment Award 2008
In 2010 Margy Hawke was awarded the AMEC (Association of Mining and Exploration Companies) Prospector of the Year Award for the Discovery of the DeGrussa Copper-Gold (jointly with John Evans and Graeme Hutton). At the time of discovery in April 2009 Sandfire was a small exploration company with three full time employees. Now in 2012 the company has around 500 employees and is in production. The DeGrussa resources are now estimated at a total of 10.67 million tonnes at 5.6% copper, 1.9g/t gold and 15g/t silver.

Despite resigning from Sandfire in March 2011 in order to do some travelling, Margy visited the site in October 2011 and is very proud to see how much the project has evolved in the three years from discovery. The DeGrussa deposit and related mineralisation in the district will now form the basis of Margy’s PhD studies at the University of Tasmania.

Margy has also recently had her honours work published.

**How did your time at St Joseph’s College influence your career choices and decisions in your career?**

I spent my childhood wanting to be an astronaut, then later in high school decided I might like to study astrophysics. I love science and studied two maths and physics subjects at Year 12 level. I was lucky to have teachers that encouraged me at St Joseph’s College. Hence, I applied for several interest related summer programs. The two most noteworthy programs were the US Space Camp in Huntsville Alabama and the Mt Stromlo Astronomy and Astrophysics Summer School in Canberra, both of which I was awarded scholarships to attend.

Geology, although not far removed from the space sciences, was only a background interest for me and I chose it as an elective at university. I soon discovered that the practical and outdoors nature of a geologists job would suit me better than the more indoors and computational work of an astrophysicist.
EDUCATION:
2012 – Doctor of Philosophy, University of Tasmania

2009-2012 Masters of Exploration Geoscience, University of Tasmania

2005 Bachelor of Science (Hons), University of Melbourne
Thesis: Stratigraphic and Geochemical Evolution of Ataúro Island, East Timor. Project involved extensive field mapping as well as geochemical analysis of major and trace elements. It produced the first geological map of Atauro Island in collaboration with Timor-Leste's Polytechnic University, and Energy Minerals and Resources Directorate.

2002 – 2004 Bachelor of Science, University of Melbourne - Majors in Geology and Botany

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:
2011- AngloGold Ashanti, Casual Geologist
Diamond drill core logging while continuing university studies

2007-2011 Sandfire Resources NL, Exploration Geologist
DeGrussa VMS Copper-Gold Prospect: Actively involved in the discovery. Tasks included;
- Supervision of the initial RC drill program (April 2009)
- Supervision of DeGrussa resource drill out using diamond core (3 diamond rigs operating 24 hours).
Other projects involved in at Sandfire Resources;
- Borroloola Manganese and base metal exploration: supervision of an Aircore(AC)/Reverse Circulation(RC) drill program in the Lorella Springs Station area, NT. Reconnaissance geological work (2008-2011).
- All projects involved extensive time spent in the field due to the campaign nature of Sandfire's exploration programmes.

2006-2007 Blina Diamonds NL, Exploration Geologist
Alluvial and lamproite diamond exploration on several prospects. Duties included;
- Supervision of drilling programs (aircore and large diameter Bauer drilling) and detailed logging of drill holes.
- Supervision, monitoring and logging of earthmoving activities associated with exploration, bulk-sampling and trial mining operations.
- Geological mapping, ground geophysical and geochemical sampling programs, preparing sections, plans and maps of field results

2004-2005 National Herbarium of Victoria, Melbourne Royal Botanic Gardens, Esma Salkin Summer Studentship
8 weeks research work entitled 'A morphological study of Olearia rugosa (ASTERACEAE)' under the supervision of Neville Walsh.

ACHIEVEMENTS:
2010 AMEC Prospector of the year, joint winner with John Evans and Graeme Hutton
2004 Esma Salkin Summer Studentship, Royal Botanic Gardens, Melbourne
2000 Scholarship, US Space and Rocket Center, Advanced Space Academy, Huntsville AL
1999 Scholarship, Australian National University, Mt Stromlo Astronomy and Astrophysics Summer School
Mr Matthew Knights Sport  
1983 - 1988

Matthew Knights wore the number 33 guernsey in 279 games between 1988-2002 for the Richmond Tigers whom he captained between 1997-2000. Playing in Richmond’s midfield for the majority of his career, Knights was known for his ball winning ability. Gifted with excellent “vision” or spacial awareness, and consistently reliable delivery from his left boot, given time and space Knights was one of the most damaging midfielders in the AFL throughout the 90s.

Though rewarded with numerous individual honours, Knights made only two appearances with the Tigers in the AFL Finals Series in 1995 and 2001. He was placed top four in the team’s annual Best and Fairest vote seven times between 1990 and 2000 and equal second in the Brownlow Medal count for 1995.

Knights’ career was interrupted by a serious ankle injury in Round 2 of 1996 and a knee injury in the pre-season Ansett Cup competition in 1997. Late in 1998 he became one of the first high-profile AFL players to be diagnosed with the debilitating groin condition Osteitis pubis, which dogged him through much of the remainder of his career. His courage in leading his team despite these set-backs made him much admired by his team’s supporters and his removal as captain just before the beginning of the 2001 season caused much controversy.

Knights was quickly recruited as assistant coach for the SANFL Port Adelaide Magpies and became head coach the following year. Having played a major role in restructuring the club’s playing list, but without having reached the finals, he resigned at the end of 2004 by mutual consent to coach the Bendigo Bombers in the VFL, while also acting as an assistant coach with the Essendon Football Club in the AFL.

In July 2007, Essendon announced that long-standing coach Kevin Sheedy would be replaced at the end of the 2007 AFL season and in September Knights was appointed as the club’s new coach.

In 2009, Knights coached Essendon to its first finals series since 2004. For the 2011 season Knights worked with the Xavier College football team in Kew and the ABC as a special comments member of their broadcasting team. As of the 2012 season Knights is the coach of the Geelong VFL Football Club.

What is your advice for people looking to aspire in the area of Sport Playing and Coaching.

To pursue and develop in the field of sport there are a number of aspects that come into play. I believe it is crucial to learn the basics/fundamentals of a chosen sport whilst enjoying the freedom of participation particularly in the early years. This allows you to learn the skills while having positive experience at the same time. There is also plenty of time to try different things from a creative point of view, an example of this is trying different types of kicks for goal in football from a variety of angles. You never know when you have to call on a particular skill during a real game.

When preparing and training for a chosen sport I believe that quality is far more important than quantity. Quality sessions best prepare a player or an athlete for the game itself. In the AFL the players certainly train a lot, but the most important factor is the quality of the session; either learning the skills or when making decisions.

The last piece of advice I have for aspiring youth in the field of sport is to follow your dreams with a positive attitude and learn to ride the highs and lows with a smile on your face.
CAREER HONOURS:
Richmond Football Club Best and Fairest 1990, 1992
Richmond Football Club Captain 1997-2000
All-Australian 1998
Richmond Football Club Team of The Century
AFL Life Member
Youngest player ever to win Best & Fairest at the Richmond Football Club
Richmond Football Club Under 19’s Captain 1988
State of Origin (Victoria) 1998
Essendon Football Club (AFL) Coach 2008 - 2010
Geelong (VFL) Coach 2012 -