

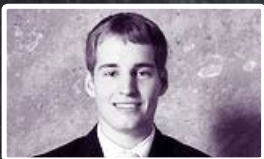
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THE INTERNS MET WITH PREMIER DALTON MCGUINTY AND ALUMNUS CHRIS MORLEY, CHIEF OF STAFF TO THE PREMIER, DURING THEIR SEPTEMBER ORIENTATION



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Director's Report

I am now in my seventh year as Director of the Ontario Legislature Internship Programme (OLIP) and once again I am delighted to work with a new group of bright, eager interns. For the third year in a row our programme consists of ten interns, up from the groups of eight that marked the first 32 years of the Programme.

Once again, we had an outstanding intern orientation in September. I would like to thank all Legislative Assembly officials and staff, sponsors, alumni and friends of the Programme for making themselves available to the interns during this period. Taking a major role in this are OLIP's Honourary Interns, such as Supervisor of Circulation and News Services in the Legislative Library, Toni Ariganello, Director of Broadcasting and Recording Service, Arleigh Holder, CBC Producer and News Reader Robert Fisher and Graham Murray of G.P. Murray Research Limited.

Sponsors who took part in the orientation included Advocacy Solutions, the Certified General Accountants of Ontario, the Churchill Society for the Advancement of Parliamentary Democracy, the Insurance Bureau of Canada, LawPRO, the Law Society of Upper Canada, the Ontario English Catholic Teachers' Association, the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation and the Ontario Real Estate Association. I thank them all, as well as those who are meet-

ing with the interns in the coming months, for their continuing support of our Programme.

A highlight of the orientation for new interns is always meeting the three party leaders, Premier Dalton McGuinty, Leader of the Official Opposition, Tim Hudak and the Leader of the New Democratic Party, Andrea Horwath. In addition, the interns enjoyed their meetings with the independent officers of the Legislative Assembly: Information and Privacy Officer Dr. Ann Cavoukian, Ombudsman André Marin, Environmental Commissioner Gord Miller, Auditor General Jim McCarter and Assistant Chief Elections Officer Loren Wells.

Of course, many members of the Assembly staff provided a wealth of information to the new interns in the orientation period and beyond. A partial list includes Clerk Deborah Deller, Deputy Clerk Todd Decker, Clerk of Journals and Procedural Research Lisa Freedman, Director of

Hansard Reporting and Interpretation Services Deborah Caruso, Sergeant-At-Arms Dennis Clark and Operations Manager of the Legislative Security Service Rick Boon.

Other significant figures are Speaker Steve Peters, corporate leader Red Wilson and journalist Robert Benzie. Key alumni such as Jon Feairs, Chris Morley, Leslie de Meulles, Emma Stanley-Cochrane and Meghan Warby offered useful advice.

Finally I want to acknowledge that the success of our Programme is a result of a great team effort. First and foremost is Eithne Whaley, our Programme Assistant, who solves many of our problems. Legislative Researcher Lorraine Luski is one of our Queen's Park coordinators. As a former intern, Lorraine has our best institutional memory. Our second coordinator is Anne Stokes, Deputy Clerk of Journals. All continue to make great contributions to our Programme.





TIM HUDAK

INTERNS MET WITH TIM HUDAK, LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION, DURING THEIR ORIENTATION

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Bryan Bossin graduated from the University of Guelph with a BA (Hon) in Political Science in 2010. While at Guelph he developed a passion for all facets of politics, and was specifically interested in Canadian public administration and international conflict studies. Outside of politics, Bryan's interests include snowboarding, cooking and reading. After the internship, he hopes to pursue a master's degree in public administration and someday start his own political consulting firm.

Tom on Bryan: The first thing that you will notice about Bryan Bossin is the big, kind smile that he will greet you with. One of three Torontonians in the 2010-11 OLIP team, Bryan brings a genuine enthusiasm, interest and passion for all things political to our group. Bryan is a dedicated and hardworking guy who loves a challenge; his decision to run a half-marathon in October is testament to this. Yet another quality Bryan brings to the table is ambition. One day in the not too distant future I have no doubt that Bryan will achieve his goal of running his own political consultancy business. A great guy with a big heart, I look forward to getting to know Bryan both inside and outside of Queen's Park in the future.

Melissa Cernigoy grew up in Thunder Bay, Ontario, where she returns often to visit family and friends. She earned her Bachelor of Arts from Dalhousie University in 2009, completing a combined honours program in International Development and Economics. She continued her education at the University of Waterloo with a Master of Arts in Global Governance. While completing her graduate degree she had the opportunity to be a research assistant at the Centre for International Governance Innovation in the field of health economics. Outside of her academic interests, Melissa enjoys working in fine arts media, playing soccer, and enjoying the beauty of her hometown by hiking and fishing.

Lisa Marie on Mel: Melissa is one of the most easy-going people I know. Melissa's endless laughter never ceases to amaze the group as she makes a knock-knock joke feel like opening night at the Apollo. Despite her tendency to trip over her own feet, this Thunder Bay native is quite smart, passionate and engaging, always ready to discuss the development issues plaguing Aboriginal communities in Northern Ontario. Melissa channels the same energy and vivaciousness into her baking (her carrot cake is amazing), effortlessly classy style (her hair always amazing without her ever having to try) and loving obscure Halifax rock bands (a sentiment shared only by Erica). Don't be shy to share a true (or not so true) story with Melissa as long as it's funny, she's always willing to lend an ear and share a good laugh.

Natalie Desimini earned her Master of Public Administration at the University of Victoria and a Bachelor of Arts (Hon.) degree from Queen's University, where she specialized in Political Studies and English. She has worked at the Office of the French Language Services Commissioner in Toronto, and the Office of the Ombudsperson in Victoria, BC. Natalie's thesis was a policy project aimed at improving equity across Canada in residential care for seniors. Natalie participated in Varsity Athletics throughout her university experiences, and continues to maintain her passion for athletics by training for half-marathons.

Bryan on Natalie: Getting to know Natalie throughout the first stages of the programme has been an absolute pleasure. One of the first things I noticed is that she has a work ethic second-to-none. This was evidenced by the fact that during our orientation period she spent the majority of her free time studying to finish her Master of Public Administration thesis. As if this wasn't enough, she was also training to run a half-marathon, which she completed just a week before her thesis defense! As a runner myself, I found it very helpful to get advice from Natalie on the best ways to fit training into a busy intern schedule. With this great work ethic, I have no doubts that Natalie will have a very successful career in the Ontario Public Service or wherever she chooses to work after the program!



ANDREA HORWATH



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INTERNS MET WITH ANDREA HORWATH, LEADER OF THE NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY, DURING THEIR ORIENTATION

Thomas Maidwell was born and raised just outside of Newcastle, in north east England. Tom arrived in Canada last summer after spending the previous four years working towards a BA (Hons) degree in Business Studies and Politics at University of Stirling in Scotland. Tom recently completed his MA in Political Theory at University of Toronto. Over the course of the past five years Tom became increasingly passionate about and committed to pursuing a career in parliamentary politics. Tom's experience in student based political organizations and the Scottish Parliament has reaffirmed such ambitions. Tom is very grateful and excited to be part of the OLIP class of 2010-11, and cannot wait to experience all the opportunities that Queens Park has to offer.



Katie on Tom: I dare you to spend five minutes talking with Tom and not catch his infectious joie de vivre. When I met Tom at the OLIP Spring reception, just a few months prior to the beginning of our internship, I knew that working with him over the next year would be amazing. As a Northumberland native, Tom brings a unique perspective; his insights and experience with the Westminster parliament in the UK help to expand the scope of our political debates. Some little known facts about Tom: as a child, he was cast in the role of a "Tree" for his school play, and he has a dog - whom he loves very much - named Digby. Finally, if there's only one thing you need to know about Tom, it's that he's committed trying new things, and enjoying all of life's opportunities. Tom's favourite expression? "Living the dream."

Erica Rayment Originally from Ottawa, Ontario, Erica completed a combined honours degree in Early Modern Studies and Political Science at the University of King's College in Halifax, Nova Scotia and later an MA in Political Science at McGill University. There, Erica was a teaching assistant and a graduate fellow in the Montreal Interuniversity Research Group in Political Philosophy. Erica's research and policy interests focus on issues of diversity, identity, multicultural citizenship and participatory democracy. She enjoys rowing, dance, skiing, travel, and loves to cook. On top of all that, Erica is an avid reader of Canadian fiction.



Sasha on Erica: Erica is an awesome person to be around. She's smart, funny, and brings an informed and rigorous theoretical perspective to every conversation. I definitely think that Erica has a distinguished academic career in her future, but my goal is to hijack that path into the admittedly more prosaic world of public policy. Erica's exactly the type of person I'd love to have making policy: critical, fair and tough. I'm probably making her out to be way stuffier than she is; Erica is not too serious and very far from boring. She's got an infectious laugh, a serious talent for Boggle, and a prodigious ability to quote Mean Girls in any situation. I really hope that Erica and I stay in touch for a long time; because I'm positive she's going places and will have a really positive impact wherever she goes.

Katherine Preiss is from Waterloo, Ontario. She earned her BA (Hon.) with a double major in Political Science and Human Rights from Carleton University. As an undergraduate student in Ottawa, Katherine had the opportunity to work in the House of Commons, as well as with the Ministry of Heritage, which helped inspire her passion for all things political. Katherine has completed her MA in Political Science from the University of Waterloo, and looks forward to learning the ins and outs of provincial politics. Apart from politics, Katherine enjoys travelling, swimming, and ambitious baking projects.



Natalie on Katie: It has been a pleasure getting to know Katie these past few weeks. Because of working in Ottawa while earning her degree, Katie contributes astute provincial-federal comparison to all our political discussions. Aside from her passion for constitutional law and human rights, Katie loves to travel and swim. She has an interest and a talent in culinary endeavours, as demonstrated through her delicious baking contributions to our weekly business meeting. Katie's organizational skills have been invaluable to OLIP. She has gone above and beyond her committee work obligations to help schedule and prepare her fellow interns for orientation meetings. With her dedication, work ethic, and genuine interest in politics, I am confident that Katie will be successful in any career she decides to pursue.



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MEDIA PERSONALITIES

INTERNS MET WITH SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE QUEEN'S PARK PRESS GALLERY DURING THEIR ORIENTATION INCLUDING ROBERT FISHER, AN OLIP HONOURARY INTERN

Michael Smith was born in Toronto but moved to Oakville, Ontario soon after. He graduated with distinction from the University of Western Ontario with an Honours Specialization in political science in 2008. Upon graduation, he moved to Ireland, where he took advantage of his dual citizenship while working part-time and travelling the country. In August 2010 Michael completed his M.A. in political science at the University of Victoria. Outside of his political interests, Michael enjoys travelling, hiking, swimming, basketball, squash, reading, watching documentaries and sampling mysterious food. After a considerable absence, Michael is glad to be back in his home province and is thrilled to be part of this year's internship cohort.



Mel on Mike: Mike's stand-up comedian comments and in-depth questions on political institutions have impressed me since the start of OLIP in September. I've also learned about several unique stories from his past—like a stint in Alice in Wonderland as the Mad Hatter; and that he is a proud winner of a University of Western Ontario "Purple Shirt" for intramural water polo. To quote Mike: "I like to play sports, but being good at them is a different story". In ten years' time, Mike will have earned a PHD, travelled more widely overseas, and become more passionate about political affairs in Ontario and Canada.



Charles Thompson was born and grew up in Vancouver. After spending the first year of his undergraduate degree studying in England at the International Study Centre, he attended Queen's University and graduated with a BA (Hon.) in political studies in 2010. Charles has experience volunteering with the West End Seniors Network, the Kidsfest Running and Reading Programme, the Vancouver Folk Music Festival and the Queen's University Campus Observation Room. His academic interests include political theory, intergovernmental relations and the politics of healthcare. Charles enjoys reading, ultimate Frisbee, and has a soft spot for folk music of all stripes.

Erica on Charlie: The youngest member of our cohort, Charlie is the embodiment of youthful enthusiasm and optimism. Always equipped with a genuine grin and a positive attitude, he managed to endear himself to legislative staff before the end of our first week. He became somewhat of a celebrity among library staff after walking in on an iDivision Rock Band competition – Charlie of course joined in, and then proceeded to wow them all with his rendition of Margaritaville. With the security staff he might more accurately be referred to as "infamous," having made himself known to the operations manager of the Legislative Security Service as the mischievous intern who attempted to use his security pass to let himself in to the Sergeant-at-Arms' office. Beyond this light hearted cheery exterior, Charlie is a driven, dedicated, and multi-talented individual. Although his background is in Political Studies, he impressed us all with his intention to go into Medicine following the Internship. I'm sure that no matter what path he chooses to follow, Charlie will do great things.

Sasha Tregebov

was born and raised in Toronto, before moving to Vancouver to attend UBC. Sasha earned his BA (Philosophy) there and then spent just over a year living overseas in Paris. He returned to Toronto and recently completed an MA in Public Policy and Administration at Ryerson University. He spent the summer working as a policy analyst for Treasury Board Office at the Ontario Ministry of Finance. Apart from Canadian politics and public policy, Sasha is interested in statistics, economics, world literature and continental philosophy. He is also a rabid Toronto sports fan.



Mike on Sasha: There are many sides to Sasha. One minute he can be reciting an impressive amount of information on an important political issue, and the next he can make a joke that's so funny your sides hurt. Sasha has a strong background in public policy and administration, and so often contributes to our discussions with practical, well-thought out opinions on how public policy should be implemented. I really enjoy discussing issues with Sasha because I feel his approach complements my background in political science; we both have lots to contribute. But aside from our shared interests, Sasha is just a great guy to be around. He's hilarious, witty, and all the interns have found out he's a master at Boggle. I'm sure he will be incredibly successful as he pursues a career in the public service. I'm glad that Sasha is a part of this year's internship cohort, and look forward to enjoying his company during the rest of the year.

SPEAKER PETERS



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DURING THEIR ORIENTATION, INTERNS MET WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM MANY LEGISLATIVE OFFICES, INCLUDING THE SPEAKER OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Bryan Bossin on Ernie Hardeman

My placement in Ernie Hardeman's office has been going very well. From my first day in the office, Tara, Mr. Hardeman's EA, has made me feel right at home and has treated me as a full-fledged member of the team. There is no shortage of projects to work on, and I have been involved with every aspect of office business. From attending meetings with stakeholders, to writing member's statements and remarks for bill debate, I have been enjoying my varied duties. It is a great privilege to work with someone as experienced and knowledgeable as Mr. Hardeman. As a former cabinet minister and current PC critic for Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, Mr. Hardeman has a wealth of knowledge about the issues and challenges which face rural Ontario. Having grown up in Toronto, these are issues which I am excited to learn more about. Although I haven't had the opportunity to visit the riding yet, I am eagerly awaiting the chance to visit his Riding to see first-hand the results of Mr. Hardeman's hard work which seeks to make life better— not only for his constituents— but for all Ontarians.

Mel Cernigoy on Gilles Bisson

The riding of Timmins- James Bay is both vast and diverse. The same is true for the experience of Mr. Gilles Bisson, the MPP for this riding since 1990. I am very pleased with this placement as it has allowed me to return to my northern Ontario roots and learn more about the issues affecting the region. Some traditional mining towns are facing transitions, other towns such as francophone communities or aboriginal reserves are facing a myriad of challenges— all of which Mr. Bisson has an astute understanding. He is the NDP critic for Northern Development and Mines, Aboriginal Affairs, Transportation as well as Chief Party Whip. I have already had the pleasure of travelling up to his riding to meet with constituents and stakeholders. One of

my favourite experiences thus far was visiting a high school where students questioned Mr. Bisson about his political career and current affairs. A couple of projects that I've become involved with include constituency casework and health care on reserves. While this placement promises to be challenging, I will also benefit from the sage advice of an experienced and compassionate politician from the North.



Corrections:

Spring 2010 Queen's Park Insider: The article on the interns' Spring trip omitted attribution to Christiana Fizet



Lisa Marie Williams' keen interest in civics led her to be the first candidate from her high school in Scarborough to participate in the Forum for Young Canadians program in 2004. Throughout her undergraduate experience in Ryerson University's Urban Planning program, Lisa Marie remained active in her community by taking on several volunteer positions in local community organizations. Lisa Marie recently graduated from Urban Planning (with honours) and hopes that OLIP will provide her with an elevated understanding of how politics and planning intersect at the provincial level. In the future, Lisa Marie hopes to pursue studies in law and work as a Senior Planner and Policy Advisor in the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

Charlie on Lisa Marie: If you were to meet Lisa Marie for the first time you would sense that she is professional, positive, confident, and incredibly bright. When Lisa Marie walks into a room, she gives the strong impression that with her help, we're going to get things done. Nowhere is this feeling better expressed than when interns attend meetings; all the best questions come from Lisa Marie because they get to the very heart of the issue. But in the past month or so, I've had the privilege of getting to know other sides of Lisa Marie— like the Lisa Marie who loses her composure during Charades and still manages to get the best score in the game! I've come to know the Lisa Marie who laughs loudly, and listens intently. Lisa Marie is a wonderful asset to OLIP this year and I look forward to getting to know her better in the months to come.



Natalie Desimini on Jean-Marc Lalonde

My first placement is with Jean-Marc Lalonde, the MPP for Glengarry-Prescott-Russell, and Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Health Promotion and Sport. I have learned a significant amount about the issues that individuals face in the riding, such as those concerning long-term care, transportation, energy and finance. I have worked on preparing member's statements, helping to resolve and address constituency issues and concerns, preparing speeches, attending meetings with stakeholders, and preparing press releases and letters. I have also had the opportunity to practice my French language skills as French is the primary working language deployed in Mr. Lalonde's office. Mr. Lalonde has been an ongoing supporter of Franco-Ontarian culture and heritage, as demonstrated by his introduction of the Franco-Ontarian Emblem Act in 2001. As Mr. Lalonde is a Member of the Standing Committee on Social Policy, I have been able to observe his participation in Committee meetings. Mr. Lalonde is genuinely committed to serving his constituents and responding to their issues. His team at Queen's Park have been welcoming and motivating. I look forward to visiting the riding and learning about the constituency first-hand. It is an honour to be working alongside Mr. Lalonde and I hope that I will bring the same dedication and enthusiasm to the job as the rest of his team.

Tom Maidwell on Steve Clark

My first placement is with Steve Clark, Progressive Conservative MPP for the riding of Leeds-Grenville. Mr. Clark is the newest Member of the Provincial Parliament, having been elected to the house in a by-election in March 2010. Yet, Mr. Clark is far from a rookie politician, having served as Mayor of his hometown Brockville at the tender age of 22. He is PC Critic for Democratic Reform. On my first day, Mr. Clark's Legislative Assistant Dianne handed me a huge pile of material related to Democratic Reform and made it clear that this was now my project. As such, in the coming months, my time will be largely spent investigating a variety of tools of direct democracy that are used in a number of other jurisdictions across the world. I am genuinely interested in this area, look forward to immersing myself in further research and improving my knowledge and understanding of the arguments surrounding direct democracy in the coming months. In addition, Mr. Clark has recently been made Critic for Citizenship and Immigration. This is a fascinating portfolio and one that I hope to get involved in over the coming period. Mr. Clark and Dianne have been welcoming, friendly and very enthusiastic from the start, and I look forward to becoming part of their tight knit team in the weeks ahead.



Katherine Preiss on Donna Cansfield

My first term placement is with Donna Cansfield, and I feel extremely lucky to be working in her office. Ms. Cansfield is the MPP for Etobicoke Centre. She is also the Parliamentary Assistant for the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. Ms. Cansfield started in politics in 1988 on the Etobicoke Board of Education, and later served as Chair for the Toronto District School Board, in 2002. She then ran for provincial parliament, and won her seat in 2003. As an MPP, Ms. Cansfield has had the opportunity to serve as the Minister of Energy, Minister of Transportation, and Minister of Natural Resources! Needless to say, Ms. Cansfield's portfolio is both impressive and just a little bit daunting. As my previous studies have all been focused on the federal level, I am really looking forward to viewing both provincial and municipal issues from Ms. Cansfield's perspective. Although I am just a few weeks into my placement, Mrs. Cansfield and her EA Rebecca have made me feel incredibly welcome! I have had the chance to both shadow Ms. Cansfield and attend events on her behalf. In addition, I've contributed research to some of Ms. Cansfield's projects. I am thrilled about meeting interest groups, stakeholders, and public servants— all of whom contribute enormously to decision making within the province. Each day is different and I can't wait to see what tomorrow will bring!



SECOND TERM PLACEMENTS

BOB BAILEY, MICHAEL COLLE, CHRISTINE ELLIOTT, KEVIN FLYNN, HOWARD HAMPTON, YASIR NAQVI, KHALIL RAMAL, JOHN O'TOOLE, GREG SORBARA, JOHN YAKABUSKI



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Erica Rayment on Elizabeth Witmer

My first placement is with Elizabeth Witmer, the member for Kitchener-Waterloo, and I feel so lucky to have the opportunity to learn from such an impressive and experienced MPP. Mrs. Witmer has an incredible wealth of experience, having served as an MPP for twenty years and held cabinet positions in the ministries of Labour, Health, Environment and Education and served as Deputy Premier. I am very much enjoying being involved in the day-to-day life of Mrs. Witmer's office and learning more about the work of her critic portfolios of Education and Women's Directorate - areas that are of great interest to me.

I have already had the opportunity to write statements, bill summaries, do research and to prepare notes for the Member when she speaks to a bill in the house. I really admire her reasoned, fact-based approach to political debate. I have also been able to sit in on a variety of meetings with stakeholders and to attend press conferences and briefings. These activities, along with the guidance I get from Mrs. Witmer's incredibly patient and helpful staff have allowed me to learn a great deal about practical political life and parliamentary process. I look forward to becoming even more personally involved in the projects that the Member assigns to me, and to learning from Mrs. Witmer as much as I possibly can over the coming months.



Michael Smith on Dave Levac

This first term I am placed with the Liberal MPP for Brant, Dave Levac. I could not be happier with the placement. He is involved in a wide array of areas and brought me in as a full team member, or as Dave says, he let's me "get 'er done." Mr. Levac is always exploring new policy ideas, and is willing to consider introducing a Private Member's Bill on almost anything. The largest project I have worked on since joining his office is preparing his new Bill to regulate the ownership of exotic wildlife. I have had to work out language with legislative counsel, communicate with stakeholder groups, and prepare media releases. I have also handled constituency issues and assisted the Member in his position as Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Energy. I am also in the process of assisting Mr. Levac to find ways of do something good for his constituents. Everyone that I have come across, including his staff at Queen's Park and in the constituency office, have been incredibly helpful, allowing me to freely involve myself in the Member's projects. All in all, I am finding the experience very rewarding and look forward to continuing my time with Mr. Levac.

Charlie Thompson on Dr. Helena Jaczek

My placement this term is with Dr. Helena Jaczek, the Parliamentary Advisor to the Minister of the Environment and MPP for Oak Ridges-Markham. Since my office is in the Ministry, I find that the topics in which I get involved are pretty diverse. In a single day, I can find myself working on a constituency issue, a project for Dr. Jaczek, or a Ministry matter. The degree of diversity was actually a little surprising at first, but gratifying nonetheless. Because I end up performing such a wide variety of roles, I'm lucky to have such a great support network to help me out. Cristina, (Dr. Jaczek's Executive Assistant) and Leslie, (her Legislative Assistant) are always around to provide guidance on projects, and backup when things get rough. And of course, there's Dr. Jaczek, who is herself a force to be reckoned with. And the other Ministry staff - who have been nothing but good to me in my brief time there - also deserve a mention; I wouldn't even know where the washroom was but for their patience and goodwill. Suffice it to say that I am looking forward to the opportunities and challenges that will come with working in Dr. Jaczek's office, and I am confident that I will be able to give as much to this placement as I am fortunate enough to receive.



OUR PLACEMENTS

THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY WHO APPLIED TO HOST AN INTERN

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Sasha Tregobov on Rosario Marchese

Working with Mr. Marchese, I quickly came to appreciate his intelligence, his experience in the legislature, his encyclopaedic knowledge of all things related to education policy and his political acuity. In conversation with Mr. Marchese I've learned so much about the history of Ontario politics and how to communicate in a way that resonates with voters. As member for Trinity-Spadina, Mr. Marchese represents a diverse constituency in the heart of Toronto. My first major project was preparing research and speaking notes for Mr. Marchese's appearance at the Standing Committee on Estimates. He questioned Minister Milloy regarding the estimates of the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities. It was challenging and interesting work that allowed me to become familiar with the major issues in post-secondary education policy. The next major project is planning a press conference to announce a new private member's bill. If my experience so far is any indication of the rest of the term, I look forward to a busy, productive and enriching experience.



Lisa Marie Williams on Ted McMeekin

My placement in Mr. Ted McMeekin's office has been both a challenge and a pleasure, as Mr. McMeekin (PA to Training, Colleges and Universities) and his Executive Assistant, Lyndsay, have gone above and beyond to welcome me on to their team. Since beginning my placement a few weeks ago, I have been immersed in a varied range of activities including trips to the beautiful riding of Ancaster-Dundas-Flamborough-Westdale, Ministry events (Training, Colleges, and Universities) and conferences as well as stakeholder meetings to discuss the MPP's constituency and legislative projects. Mr. McMeekin has been so generous in sharing both his personal and professional experiences with me. On a daily basis it helps me to realize that I still have so much to learn. My time with Mr. McMeekin and Lyndsay has already taught me so much, but one lesson in particular seems to resonate as I anticipate the journey ahead—the importance of having a good sense of humour. So when the office is busy and fast-paced, and people are feeling tense, I can always count on my team for a good joke or 'Tedism' (as Lyndsay calls them) to lighten the mood.

On Angela...

Peter Re kai on interning with Angela Longo

In the MPP's office Angela became a problem solver, speechwriter, researcher, an excellent listener, a sounding board and the best person with whom to exchange recipes. There were never any airs about Angela; she could work amidst much nonsense – but she was no-nonsense about her work. She was a practical, roll-up the sleeve person who prided herself in getting stuff done – and making stuff happen. The bigger the mess the better she did.

Lisa Freedman on meeting Angela Longo

I met Angela in 1975. She was my Don in Residence at Western. I was a first year student and she was working on her Masters in Political Science. She was a mentor to me. She ran my campaign when I ran for President of the Residence and she encouraged me to major in Politics. When I was finishing law school I had a dinner with her and she pushed to get me to apply for the Intern Program. In reality the thought of working at the Legislature terrified me. Her stories fascinated me but I didn't think I had what it took to be an Intern.

Judith Wong on Angela Longo's help with the internship

When I met Angela Longo I was a new graduate and recent intern interested in work in the public service. She provided me with frank and thoughtful advice, critiqued my resume, and introduced me to a director at her ministry that very day. It is in large part thanks to her that I joined the OPS and I am so grateful to her for all of her help.

REMEMBERING ANGELA LONGO

ANGELA LONGO, WHO WAS AN INTERN IN THE FIRST YEAR OF THE PROGRAMME (1976-77) RECENTLY PASSED AWAY...



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Ms. Angela Longo, longtime friend and alumna of the Ontario Legislature Internship Programme, passed away on September 3, 2010 at age 58. Her career with the Ontario Public Service began here at Queen's Park as a legislative intern and culminated with her appointment as the Deputy Minister of Health Promotion. The Toronto Community Foundation has created the Angela Longo Leadership Fund in her honour. Friends and colleagues of Angela share these thoughts and memories.

In Memoriam of Angela Longo

By **Graham White**

Angela Longo, who was an intern in the first year of the programme (1976-77) recently passed away. From her first day at Queen's Park it was obvious that Angela was special – opinionated, strong-willed and ambitious yet warm, funny and deeply committed to her many friends. Not surprisingly, her long career in public service culminated in her appointment as a deputy minister in the Ontario Government. Nor was it surprising that time and again over the years Angela gave extensively of her time and energy to help others, mentoring OLIP interns and new recruits to the Ontario Public Service, volunteering for all manner of good causes and supporting those in her wide network of friends. That she touched so many lives so positively was evidenced at the memorial service held for her, with the cavernous Great Hall at Hart House jam-packed with friends and colleagues wishing to honour her memory.

As the only woman among that first crop of interns, Angela took it upon herself to look

after 'her boys' and did so in fine fashion. Most memorably perhaps, while we all certainly got on well with one another, it was at Angela's instigation that we all took in the Santa Claus parade as it passed Queen's Park and adjourned to her place for refreshments and dinner. It was at this gathering – most of which, like so many subsequent get-togethers, occurred in Angela's kitchen – that we really jelled as a group. After the memorial service those of the 76-77 interns still in Toronto spent a wonderful evening fondly recalling her accomplishments, her foibles and her readiness to see the humour in all situations – toasted of course with Italian red wine.

At Queen's Park, she quickly made herself indispensable to the MPPs she worked for: Larry Grossman, who held a downtown Toronto seat for the Conservatives and Pat Reid, the Liberal-Labour Member for Rainy River – about as

far from downtown Toronto as it gets for interns. In retrospect, this geographic contrast symbolized Angela's wide-ranging interests and abilities. Angela's time as an intern was marked by two characteristics that would suffuse her entire career: a no-nonsense, 'let's get the job done' attitude and a marvellous ability to make, foster, and keep friendships.

As she rose steadily through the ranks of the OPS, taking on and solving the toughest problems, she never lost sight of the need to keep people first. Her accomplishments in the public service were almost as legion as her friends and admirers. It is appropriate then that the Ontario Government has taken the unusual step of naming an employee award in her memory and her friends have created the "Angela Longo Leadership Fund" at the Toronto Community Foundation to support the youth initiatives so dear to her heart.





ORIENTATION MONTH

SOUNDS DAUNTING, DOESN'T IT?

Many of us have had “first jobs” with only a single day of orientation; in university we had a week. We had no idea, prior to arriving at Queen’s Park, that an entire month would be necessary to get our bearings. That being said, I’m certain that the knowledge and insight gained over this past month will be invaluable to us as we navigate our fall OLIP placements.



The nine other interns and I arrived at the Pink Palace, bright eyed, bushy tailed, and a little bit terrified. Our fears were quickly allayed, however, with the incredibly warm reception we received by the Legislative staff. The Legislative Clerks, Deborah Deller, Todd Decker, and Tonia Grannum, gave us an overview of their positions, as well as their own unique take on the goings-on of the House. Susan Swift and the legislative research service, Donna Burton and the library staff, Lisa Freedman with Journals and Procedural Research, and Vicki Whitmell of the iDivision, all helped us learn about the numerous resources available in Queen’s Park for the Members and their staff. Finally, Debi LaMantia of Public Relations and Parliamentary Protocol thoroughly trounced us with her Queen’s Park quiz. I must pause here to mention that, having just finished various university degrees, all ten interns lamented about not having access to these incredible people sooner!



We also had meetings with

Security, including the Inspector General, Rick Boon (and his marvellous collection of hats!) and Dennis Clark, the Sergeant at Arms (who let us up close and personal with the ceremonial mace).

Arleigh Holder from Broadcast and Recording not only illustrated how the cameras in the House and Amethyst Room worked, but also took us up to the attic! Nancy Marling explained the inner workings of the Legislature’s Human Resources Branch to us.

David Warner, former Speaker of the House and an honorary intern, gave us a great overview of the life of an MPP, and was very forthright in his recollection of his experiences in Queen’s Park. Red Wilson, a force unto himself, inspired us all to embrace all of life’s opportunities. We had several meetings with former interns, who provided us with very helpful advice, as well as very interesting discussions with Robert Benzie of the Toronto Star, and Robert Fisher of CBC Radio 1.

Orientation month gave us the incredible opportunity to meet with the independent officers of the Ontario Legislature. Greg Essensa and Loren Wells, Chief and Deputy Chief Electoral Officers for Ontario engaged us in a thoughtful debate on the value



and implementation of electronic voting. Our meeting with Jim McCarter, the Auditor General, was very informative. Having no prior background in finance or accounting, we had little idea what value-for-money audits were, let alone how they functioned to hold government services to account. We also met with Gord Miller, the Environmental Commissioner. Mr. Miller addressed our questions with serious and frank observations, including a rather fitting analogy to Dr. Seuss’ Lorax.

Meeting Dr. Ann Cavoukian was inspiring. The Information and Privacy Commissioner is a brilliant professional. Her two Deputy Commissioners, Brian Beamish and Ken Anderson, as well as Dr. Cavoukian herself, helped us to understand both privacy and access to information. Last, but certainly not least among independent legislative officers was Ombudsman, Andre Marin, and Deputy Ombudsman, Barbara Finlay. Their thoughtful discussion on the reappointment process, and the functionality of ombudsman reports gave us an inside look into the important work that the ombudsman’s office performs.

Orientation month would not be complete without mentioning our meetings with the three official party leaders, Premier Dalton

McGuinty, leader of the Opposition Tim Hudak, and leader of the third party, Andrea Horwath. All three took the time out of their busy days to sit down and discuss policy with us. It was at once inspiring and a little bit intimidating to be at the same table with the men and women who help to make this province tick. We were glad to have the opportunity, and hope very much to engage all three party leaders again over the duration of our internship.

Finally, we met with Speaker Steve Peters only a few hours after introducing us in the House. Talking with Mr. Peters was eye opening; after having watched the antics of Question Period, it was very interesting to learn why the Speaker makes the calls that he does. Our meeting with Mr. Peters gave us all a deeper appreciation of the role of his office, and of the purpose of the house.

Orientation month was tough, but I'm sad to see it go. Over the past twenty three days I've learned more about Ontario politics than I ever have before. I hope the knowledge that we are now equipped with will serve us well over the coming months!





MEETING OUR SPONSORS

DURING THE SEPTEMBER ORIENTATION, INTERNS MEET SOME OF THE GENEROUS OLIP SPONSORS.

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Our first month and a half as Ontario Legislature Interns was not just about getting to know the legislature itself, but also getting to know the generous sponsors of OLIP. We have had the opportunity to speak with some of the individuals and organizations that sponsor OLIP, and each meeting has been both challenging and enlightening for us as a group.

Early in September, we met with Ted Wigdor of the Certified General Accountants of Ontario. Mr. Wigdor was our first official meeting; his genuine manner and frank conversation quickly put us at ease, and we learned a great deal regarding the legislation CGAO is working towards.



Mark Smithyes of Novartis discussed the merits of pharmaceutical companies; after discussing their role in both the province and in Canada as a whole, we came away with a very different view of the pharmaceutical field.



Dr. Alex Barron of the Churchill Society engaged us in a thoughtful discussion of the state of our democratic institutions, and we are all eagerly awaiting the Churchill Society annual dinner in November!



We enjoyed meeting Sheena Weir of the Law Society of Upper Canada. Ms. Weir taught us about both the function of the law society, and the newly regulated paralegal field, which - as many of us have an interest in the legal profession - was very instructive.



We met with Cheryl Fullerton of the Ontario English Catholic Teacher's Association, and really enjoyed our discussion regarding the benefits and drawbacks of standardized testing.



Henry Mandelbaum, Mark Rosenfeld and Graeme Stewart from the Ontario Colleges and Universities Faculty Association took the time to discuss the state of education in Ontario, and how the role of Colleges and Universities is evolving through the use of the Internet.

We also had the opportunity to meet with our education sponsors. We met with Craig Brockwell from the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation. Our conversation regarding his role as a lobbyist was fascinating, and we all look forward to meeting up with Mr. Brockwell again while watching Question Period.



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OVER THE COMING MONTHS, THE INTERNS HOPE TO MEET WITH THE REMAINDER OF OUR SPONSORS.

Kathleen Waters of LawPro provided an interesting insight into the presence of fraud in the legal profession, an issue we had heard little about prior, but is a very real concern for those in Ms. Waters' field.



Graham Murray, of G.P. Murray Research Limited, impressed us with his breadth of experience, as well as the plethora of resources he had available to us - I'm certain that they will come in handy as we write our intern papers.

We had the pleasure of meeting Ryan Clarke of Advocacy Solutions, who described the steps to effective advocacy to us. We all thoroughly enjoyed his presentation, and now view the role of advocacy from a completely new perspective.

We met with Heather Mack of the Insurance Bureau of Canada, and were all impressed with her experience and her ability to make insurance understandable. With the recent changes to auto insurance, it was a very timely meeting, and we were grateful to hear the perspective of the insurance companies represented by the IBC.



Matthew Thornton of the Ontario Real Estate Association, a former OLIP Intern, helped us not only to understand the problems facing the real estate community, but also gave us some very helpful intern related advice.

The greatest thing about sponsor meetings is that it gives interns the opportunities to talk with organization leaders in fields that we would not otherwise have the opportunity to explore. We are able to pick the brains of those knowledgeable individuals in a wide variety of fields, from pharmaceutical companies to education to insurance, and everything in between. Furthermore, we know that many interns go on to work for sponsors; it's great to get a feel for these institutions early on in our programme. Thank you to all the sponsors that we have met, and the sponsors that we will meet over the duration of our internship. You have enriched our experience not only by keeping the internship operating year after year, but by taking the time to discuss your organization with us and answering our many questions.



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ALL AROUND THE WORLD

A FOCUS ON OUR ALUMNI IN THE FOREIGN SERVICE

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What do Canada's ambassador to Thailand, Cambodia and Laos, the Deputy Head of Mission at the Canadian Embassy in Beijing and Canada's Foreign Service Officer in Ethiopia have in common? A lot of frequent flyer miles—and the fact that they're all alumni of the Ontario Legislative Internship Program. Over the tenure of the program, interns have gone on to leadership positions in a vast array of fields, but none as glamorous as the Foreign Service. This year's crop of interns thought it was high time to profile these high flyers.



Ron Hoffmann (OLIP 84-85), now based in Bangkok, has just started his third decade as a Canadian diplomat. He currently serves as Canada's Ambassador to Thailand, Cambodia and Laos, and also has responsibility for Burma. He last served as Ambassador to Afghanistan, and has had postings in London, Beijing, Johannesburg and The Hague. At headquarters in Ottawa, he was an advisor to two Foreign Ministers and held a variety of positions involving security policy, international trade and economic relations.

Upon moving from Kabul to Bangkok in the summer of 2009, Ron was somewhat concerned about adjusting to a quiet posting. He started to realize that "quiet" was the wrong word as he oversaw the temporary closure of the Canadian Embassy during the Red Shirt Crisis of early 2010. He is now spearheading a whole-of-government local response to a dramatic upsurge in migrant smuggling to Canada, is at the forefront of Canada's policies on the troubled Burmese elections and the de-listing of Aung San Suu Kyi's NLD as a political party.

He has also seen the first prosecutions in Cambodia's Khmer Rouge trials. Quiet indeed! Ron has also worked closely with Canadian companies to see a near doubling of Canadian investment in his area of responsibility. He is involved in initiatives to foster improved outcomes in education and build stronger relationships with Canada. The next couple of years promise to be as active and high profile as the one he just completed.

Ron feels that his OLIP experience over 25 years ago has contributed tangibly to his successful diplomatic career. It honed his ability to understand and navigate politically complex situations, communicate effectively, build coalitions of support for Canada and stretch budget dollars. He came to appreciate early in his career that provinces have significant and growing international interests and that parliamentarians have an important and valid role to play in contributing

to foreign policy and advancing Canadian interests on the world stage. Ron says that he still thinks back often to his year as a legislative intern and how it helped launch him in this direction.

Jeff Nankivell was an OLIP intern in 1987-8. He began his international career with the Canadian International Development Agency working in China. He moved on to the Foreign Service, and is currently working as the Minister and Deputy Head of Mission at the Canadian Embassy in Beijing. The internship played a key role in setting Jeff on his illustrious ca-



reer path, but it made an impact on his personal life as well. His wife, Alison Nankivell, was also an intern in 1987-8. She too is doing government work abroad, based in Beijing. She is currently working for Export Development Canada (EDC) as Principal for Funds and Asia Region.

Alison is responsible for EDC's Equity and global private equity fund investment programs. She travels frequently to Shanghai, Delhi, Mumbai and Singapore, seeking out new portfolios. Her work focuses on establishing partnerships with Canadian organizations to make them globally competitive. As she explains it, "the way globalization works now and the international supply chain, you need these types of partnerships to extend your reach."

Alison's time as an intern helped her gain insight into the policy process, into how government really works. Her first OLIP placement was J. Bradford Nixon, then serving as Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Financial Institutions. She also worked with Mike Harris, a decade before he became Premier. As an intern, her research centred on fiscal policy and accountability, as well as Ontario's pension system. It was an experience that moulded the career she has today.

David MacDuff, from the 1996-7 cohort, is another alumnus currently on the Asian continent. He is working with the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade as Canada's regional economic advisor in Southeast Asia. Based in Singapore, he covers the principal economies in the region: Singapore, Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, the Philippines, and Vietnam. David's role is to analyze

PICTURED FROM LEFT: RON HOFFMAN, ALISON NANKIVELL,
DAVID MACDUFF, TRISTAN E. LANDRY AND KAILA MINTZ

the economic policy and performance of those countries in order to determine the implications for Canada's international economic interests. The economies in David's purview represent a spectrum of development, from Singapore, one of the richest countries in the world on a per capita basis, to the Philippines, a newly industrialized country moving from agriculture to manufacturing and services.



From his time with OLIP, David was able to develop skills that continue to play a part in his career. He told us that "the programme helped to develop practical public policy research, networking, and engagement skills which are useful in advancing Canada's interests abroad."

Tristan E. Landry, intern from the OLIP class of 1997-8, has been a Foreign Service Officer since he completed the internship, holding a number of posts. He served as Consul (Public Affairs) in San Francisco, Counsellor (Public Affairs) and Spokesperson in Washington, and Counsellor (Political) in Damascus. He most recently returned from a temporary assignment at the Embassy of Canada in Damascus, Syria.



Tristan finds broad similarities between his work in the Foreign Service and in OLIP. As it was in OLIP, there are no typical days. His work is diverse. It includes briefing Ambassadors, writing reports and responses, attending diplomatic meetings and functions, and networking with the broader diplomatic community.

He suggests that, "a key part of the job is to network and seek information from credible sources to ensure that you are on top of every key issue."

Tristan's placements with OLIP included Gilles Bisson of the NDP, and Ted Chudleigh, a PC member. Both placements provided him with the opportunity to learn from "talented networkers and gifted solution-seekers" in their offices and constituencies. Landry says, "in many ways, my work as diplomatic representative for Canada is very similar in scope—except that I don't need to get elected every four years!"

A more recent intern, Kaila Mintz (class of 2004-5), is currently working as a Foreign Service Officer in Ethiopia. She's the Second Secretary (Political) to the Embassy of Canada in Ethiopia. Kaila found out that she had been accepted into the Foreign Service Development Programme only six months after finishing her OLIP internship. The adaptability and flexibility she developed as an intern were immediately put to the test.

Kaila was soon assigned to the Eastern and Southern Africa division where she was a desk officer for six countries in the region. She was also placed on temporary duty in Cape Town, South Africa, where she helped facilitate the official visit of former Governor General Michaëlle Jean. Her understanding of the legislative system came in handy while working closely

with South Africa's Parliament to coordinate the visit. As she describes it, "time and time again, I've been thankful for the leadership experience OLIP provided in terms of team-building, event-planning and problem-solving."

Her next assignment was as a policy advisor in the Humanitarian Affairs and Disaster Response division. Her day-to-day responsibilities included drafting policy papers and briefings, writing speeches, developing talking points and assisting senior officials in high-level meetings. She travelled to New York with the Canadian Permanent Mission to the UN to negotiate



humanitarian resolutions, as well as travelling through Ethiopia and Kenya to gain first-hand insight into the challenges of providing food aid and assisting refugees in insecure environments. She is currently posted at the Canadian Embassy in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, and covers a wide range of Ethiopia-Canada bilateral relations including human rights, governance and democracy, and visits of senior officials, amongst others.

The Ontario Legislative Internship Programme is immensely proud of its alumni in the Foreign Service. They represent a commitment to public leadership on a global scale. The possibilities arising from an OLIP experience really boggle the mind, and it's exhilarating to contemplate as a current intern. Perhaps members of this year's programme will soon find themselves struggling with global challenges in diplomacy, development, aid and governance. Wherever we do end up, we can be confident that OLIP has prepared us well.



Alumni Spotlights

Recent alumni appointments

Annette Boucher, Q.C. (1983-1984) Assistant Clerk and Legislative Counsel, Nova Scotia House of Assembly.

James Cairns (2001-2002) Assistant Professor of Political Science, Wilfred Laurier University, Brantford, Ontario.

Igor Delov (2008-2009) Executive Assistant, Provincial Building and Construction Trades Council, Toronto.

Paul Di Ianni (2009-2010) Legislative & Issues/MPP Liaison, Minister of Consumer Services, Government of Ontario, Toronto.

David Docherty (1984-1985) Senior Advisor, Multi-Campus Initiatives, Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, Ontario.

Lisa Clements (1995-1996) Associate Director and Corporate Secretary, Art Gallery of Ontario, Toronto

Ana-Maria Bohorquez (1992-1993) Employment Advisor, Mississauga Community Connections, Toronto District School Board.

Julia Deans (1985-1986) Advisory Board, Mowat Centre for Policy Innovation, School of Public Policy and Governance, University of Toronto.

Karli Farrow (1998-1999) Director, Office of Strategy Management, Credit Valley Hospital, Toronto, Ontario.

Rosemary Hnautiuk (1988-1989) Homeopath and Naturopath, Toronto.

Peter Hargreave (2001-2002) Policy Advisor, Minister of Revenue, Government of Ontario, Toronto.

Jonathan Malloy (1992-1993) President, Canadian Study of Parliament Groups, Ottawa.

Leslie de Meulles (2009-2010) Issues Manager/Legislative Assistant, Minister of Northern Development, Mining and Forestry, Government of Ontario, Toronto.

Chris Morley (1992-2000) Chief of Staff, Premier Dalton McGuinty, Government of Ontario, Toronto.

David Michon (2007-2008) Junior Managing Editor, Monocle Magazine, London, England.

David Donovan (2008-2009) Executive Assistant, Bob Bailey MPP (Sarnia), Ontario Legislative Assembly.

Kayla Monteiro (2007-2008) Executive Assistant, Director, Federal Development Agency Ontario (FEDDEV Ontario) Cambridge, Ontario.

Audrey Lemeiux (2004-2005) Senior Special Advisor, Deputy Minister's Office, Ministry of Transportation, Government of Ontario, Toronto.

Dan O'Brien (2005-2006) Special Advisor, Issues and Policy, Office of Andrea Horwath, Ontario NDP Leader, Toronto.

Peter Sampaio (1995-1996) Manager, Policy and Program Development, Ontario Victim Services Secretariat, Ministry of the Attorney General, Toronto.

Emma Stanley-Cochrane (2008-2009) Operations Coordinator, The Cabinet Office, Executive Council Office, Government of Ontario, Toronto.

David Taras (1976-1977) Ralph Klein Chair in Media Studies, Mount Royal University, Calgary.

Jonathan Trentadue (2009-2010) Responsible Gaming Analyst and Stakeholder Manager, Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation, Toronto.

Natalie Tutunzis (2009-2010) Research Analyst, Hill & Knowlton, Toronto.

Meghan Warby (2005-2006) Community Manager, Cabinet Office, Government of Ontario, Toronto.

Gordon Wong (1991-1992) Regional Public and Government Affairs Manager for the Americas, ExxonMobil Production Company, Houston, Texas, USA.

Gemma Zecchini (1998-1999) President & CEO, Stewardship Ontario, Toronto.

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CIBC applauds this year's interns for their commitment to furthering their knowledge and experience in Canadian politics. Their contributions, both now as interns, and in the future as participants in Canada's political process, will no doubt serve to enrich life in Canada for all.



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We believe it is very important to support programs that provide an educational and practical experience for young Canadians to learn about the parliamentary process and the development of public policy, as well as to gain a greater understanding of national and regional political dynamics. We are helping support future leaders who, we believe, will have a direct positive impact on our society. Internship program graduates better understand the principles of our parliamentary system, and are well positioned to provide a long-term benefit to the province and country. It is money well spent.

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The Ontario Legislature Internship Programme is providing first-class experiences to Ontario's best and brightest emerging civic leaders, and Vale is proud to support such a high-quality program that aligns with our commitment to enhancing education in the countries in which we operate. Vale looks forward to watching the program grow over the next several years, and we wish each of the 2010/11 interns the best of luck.



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