

INDIGENOUS EDUCATION COUNCIL (IEC)

Minutes January 10, 2024

St. Clair College Thames Campus Boardroom and Virtual via TEAMS

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Jody Noah, Debbie Dolson, Donna Grayer, Darlene Marshall

ST. CLAIR COLLEGE:

Art Barron (Co-Chair), Tina Jacobs, Muriel Sampson, Dan Chauvin, Mark Benoit

Regrets: Ron Seguin, Cortnee Goure, Bernita Brigham-Jacobs (Co-Chair), Alani Ermatinger

ITEM #	AGENDA TOPIC	ACTION
1.0	<p>Welcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Barron opened the meeting with the land acknowledgement: <i>St. Clair College would like to recognize and acknowledge that it sits on the Three Fires Confederacy's traditional territory of the Ojibwe, Odawa, and Potawatomi nations. We would also like to acknowledge the many other tribes and Indigenous nations that call this beautiful land home. We give thanks to the land and surrounding Water for sustaining us.</i>A. Barron called the meeting to order at 10am	
2.0	<p>Approval of Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Minutes from June15, 2023, 2022Passed with changes (Motioned by Jody Noah / Dan Chauvin)	
3.0	<p>Business Arising from the Previous Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Moving Indigenous Education Forward – The college is moving ahead with the recommendations from the document. We will use our planning retreat on March 6th to discuss the document and the implementation of the Truth and Reconciliation Committee.Smudging Update – A Barron is still working with residence to develop an appropriate policy.Residence Bursary – No further updates	

4.0	<p>Indigenous Counsellor Report – Muriel Sampson Muriel distributed her Counsellor report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are in need of suggestions for Elders to bring on campus. • Jody Noah brought up the idea of having a regional meeting of Post Secondary IEC’s. The University of Windsor has the same vision. The Committee agreed it would be a good idea to pursue. Its good to hear what other institutions do to meet the needs of Indigenous students. Donna Grayer asked if that would be for all Southwestern Ontario. Jody suggested that it probably wouldn’t be all of SWO and may be done as a gathering rather than a formal meeting/committee. • Darlene Marshall asked about the APSIP date that was changed and ended up being a date where their students (WECD SB) could not attend. She was hoping they could reschedule something and also to ensure in the future that the date works for all boards. Muriel suggested they work toward a separate event for the WECD SB students to make up for that day. <p>Indigenous Advisor Report Tina distributed her Learner Advisor report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jody Noah suggested that for events with lack of attendance that she’s had success with offering session in the evening and on weekends. • Jody shared that her niece was a student and dropped. She is wondering if there’s anything we can do for helping students transition into the college like a Mentorship program. Art Barron explained the new Transition Orientation for students with disabilities where they provide extra support for those students. Art suggested working with Danine Depauw to organize a specific transition event for Indigenous Students. Donna suggested that we create an Indigenous FAQ that is Indigenized, perhaps with some slang in it for that transition. • Discussion was held regarding the blanket exercises. We have feedback forms that have been submitted and the feedback has been excellent! The content is powerful and Muriel and Tina have been tweaking it to make it real for the participants by using dolls and making it more regional. It was discussed that a lot of students still don’t know about what happened in residential schools. The Committee members were surprised that some students are still not taught these things in schools. The blanket exercise is being done at the Faculty Retreat so the message is getting out to our teaching staff. Donna Grayer asked to be invited to the next Blanket Exercise. • Darlene wanted to emphasize that we need to have mental health resources for the blanket exercise. We don’t know how some students will react to the content. She also cautioned that staff doing blanket exercises must take care of themselves because it can affect them as well. • Tina discussed that we are looking to post different Indigenous languages throughout the Centre. Jody shared that students that come from BC can’t believe that there’s very few outward signs of 	<p>A Barron to distribute reports with meeting minutes.</p> <p>All members to provide suggestions for Elders to bring on Campus for students.</p> <p>Muriel to schedule an event with Darlene for the WECD SB students.</p> <p>Tina to explore working with Danine Depauw on a transition orientation for Indigenous Students</p> <p>Tina to invite Donna to the next Blanket Exercise.</p>
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	<p>Indigenous culture around the city. In BC its everywhere. Those signs make Indigenous students have a sense of belonging. Tina would like to explore doing that throughout the college grounds. Donna Grayer suggested that she thought we could try to make it fun since Indigenous cultures are very humorous. We tend to talk a lot of serious issues of trauma and so it would be nice to show that side of Indigenous culture.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jody asked how the mental of our students have been. Tina observed that students don't seek help until its overwhelming. In general there has been an increase in the occurrence and complexity of mental health issues. The College has increased in person services through CMHA on campus as well as promote 24/7 mental health online services. We have Gerri General and Muriel Sampson on campus who are Indigenous Counsellors. The College has release a mental health strategy that we will distribute with the meeting minutes. 	
5.0	<p>College Update A Barron distributed a college update document.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Barron presented the College update which is attached. • Welcome Centre is scheduled to be completed by September 2024. That will house all the services that a new student would need with technology to help with automating appointments. • Chatham campus renovated 3 rooms, hallways and rooftop units. Signage has been upgraded as well. • Enrollment is at 16000 students including all campuses. We are still doing a 60/40 split of domestic to international student. • We had a Career Expo in Chatham at the Bradley Centre bringing in Grade 7 to grade 12 students from all three school boards and the Christian School. And then at night, on the Wednesday night the 18th, we had it open for the community and anyone to come through for a job career fair. We had 2000+ students plus 880 people for the evening session. • Mark Benoit would like to increase the number of Indigenous general education courses. We are offering one through the dual credit program and he is looking at offering more to all college students. • The Anishinabek Educational Institute (AEI). St. Clair college in Spring had 48 students in 5 programs. For Fall we offer Native ECE in Muncie, and also in North Bay. We also have practical nursing and personal support worker, so for Fall we had a total of 98 students at AEI, which is really significant. We have seen a huge increase enrollment. Some discussion was had regarding how AEI chooses programming. Mark indicated that if anyone wanted to see new courses there, that he could bring it forward. 	<p>A Barron to distribute report with meeting minutes.</p>

6.0	<p>Membership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Honouring of current council members – St. Clair College would like to thank all the faithful members of our IEC! The College truly values you and your input. I especially want to thank Bernita for many years of serving as Chair of our IEC. She has provided amazing leadership, insight and challenged us at times, which is what we need as an institution. Bernita’s term is up and has indicated that she is not interested in continuing in this role. Thank you Bernita! <p>Thank you to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Bernita Jacobs – Chair ○ Donna Grayer – Indigenous Organization Member ○ Jody Noah – Indigenous Organization Member ○ Louise Hillier – Indigenous Community Member ○ Jenna Morrison/Keegan Addai – Indigenous Community Member <p>Gifts were provided to the members present as a thank you gift.</p> <p>Membership for the next 3 year term - deferred to next IEC Meeting in March 2024.</p>	<p>Action:</p> <p>Muriel will get the gifts to members who where not present.</p>
7.0	<p>New Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ideas and location for Planning Retreat - Retreat will be held on a First Nations site. Jody volunteered to have it at the Delaware Nation. Details to follow. • Windsor PowWow – May 9-11 at the Sportsplex at St. Clair College. We need sponsors to cover the cost for the event if anyone knows of organizations that would sponsor. We would also like to do an honour dance for the members of the IEC during the Pow Wow if members would like to attend. • Other new business <p>Jody brought up a concern regarding sponsored students. Students are getting automated emails that they have a balance and it adds a lot of stress to the student at the time. Art said he would look into why that is happening and see if there’s a way to stop that from happening.</p>	<p>Art to investigate what is happening with sponsored students and investigate if there’s something we can do.</p>
8.0	<p>Next meeting on Wednesday, March 6 at 10am – IEC Planning Retreat</p>	
9.0	<p>Adjournment at 11:57am</p>	



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Counsellor Report

WINTER 2024

Muriel C. Sampson M Ed | Indigenous Counsellor | January 10, 2024

Indigenous Services

SCHEDULE

The Counsellor and Learner Advisor rotate between Windsor and Chatham Campuses.

ENROLLMENT

Fall 2023 – 304 Students (286 with duplicates removed)

SCCA- 18

Mediaplex- 2

South- 230 (13 duplicates removed - 217)

Chatham- 54 (5 duplicates removed - 49)

Winter 2024 – 250 Students (242 with duplicates removed)

SCCA- 19

Mediaplex- 3

South- 183 (6 duplicates removed - 177)

Chatham- 45 (2 duplicates removed - 43)

STUDENT CENTRE USAGE

Students are accessing Student Centres daily. We have student monitors to assist at both Campuses when are away from office.

COMMUNICATIONS

I have individually assisted FNMI students requesting assistance this semester in person, via TEAMS, email, and phone. I email students as a group providing scholarship and bursary information, Indigenous Services events, college updates, FNMI community updates etc.... I share Indigenous PD opportunities with faculty, students, and staff.

EVENTS

ONECA AGM

A virtual AGM was held on Tuesday August 15th. The longstanding President of ONECA is retiring and a new President was elected. Natalie Fletcher of Fanshawe College is the new President. Jody Noah is the Regional Representative for our District. They are also in the process of recruiting a new Executive Director who is also retiring.

TRANSITIONS CHATHAM

Participated in Transitions orientation for accommodated Students in Chatham. We made a presentation of Indigenous Services to Students. These were held on Tuesday August 15th and Tuesday August 22nd.

THRIVE IN THE HIVE WINDSOR

Participated in Thrive in the Hive orientation for accommodated Students in Windsor. We made a presentation of Indigenous Services to Students. These were held on Thursday August 24th and Friday August 25th.

ST. CLAIR RESIDENCE MOVE IN WEEK

This year we had an information booth set up at Residence. We had brochures, information pamphlets and promotional items for Students who were interested in more information. This was set up from Monday August 28th to Friday September 1st.

STUDENT MEET AND GREET

The Chatham Meet and Greet was held on Wednesday September 13th and the Windsor Meet and Greet was held on Thursday September 14th.

BLANKET EXERCISE

Tuesday September 19th for 30 students in Windsor.

Friday September 22nd for 46 students in Chatham.

Monday October 16th for 41 students at Downtown SCCA.

Wednesday October 18th for 27 students in Windsor.

MAAMWI HUB LUNCH AND LEARN

The Library Maamwi representative came to give a presentation to the Students regarding the Maamwi Hub. This is the new Colleges Ontario Indigenous Learning Online Portal.

COLLEGE INFORMATION PROGRAM

I participated in CIP recruitment this year. I participated in Week one- Sault Ste. Marie to North Bay. Week two- Thunder Bay to Fort Frances. Week 5- Pembroke/Ottawa to Toronto. It was nice to see students in person again. It was also nice to experience each college campus and visit their Indigenous Student Centres and Cultural spaces.

COMMUNITY PARTNER EVENT

Partnered with the University of Windsor and FNMI organizations to host a Community Information event that was held at the CAW Centre at the University of Windsor on Wednesday October 18th.

TREATY AWARENESS WEEK

Monday November 6th to Friday November 10th, Indigenous Services partnered with the library to have a Pop-up Library of Indigenous Resources available to students who were interested in learning more about Treaties or Indigenous Peoples.

APSIP SWO WEEK

Participated in the events for this week.

ALUMNI POW WOW

St. Clair College is hosting the next Alumni Pow wow on Friday May 10th and Saturday May 11th, 2024. Planning meetings began in August and will continue until the event in May.

Meetings

INDIGENOUS THOUGHT LEADERS CIRCLE

I was invited to become a member of the Indigenous Thought Leaders Circle for OCQAS. OCQAS is the Ontario Quality Assurance Service. This is an Indigenous Circle that gathers to discuss incorporating Indigenous Knowledge/Ways of Doing into the Ontario College Quality Assurance Process. They are looking at incorporating narrative into the QA process. I attended a zoom meeting on Friday December 1st. Discussion continued for quality standards of service for Indigenous Services. SPIEQAA- Standards of Practice for Indigenous Education Quality Assurance Audit. Discussing developing a survey and gathering student stories for quality assurance. All are still at discussionary stages.

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES EDUCATION CIRCLE

I attended the meeting held at La Cite in Ottawa on Thursday October 12th and Friday October 13th. Discussion was held on OPSEU/CEC Kaplan Award and Indigenous Knowledge decision. The TRC Gathering was discussed and Fanshawe offered to host the next Gathering. The last TRC Gathering was just before lockdown in March 2020. The OCAS Data Pilot Project was discussed, and all colleges should have access to the data.

The CICAN Indigenous Education Symposium was also discussed and IPEC members were encouraged to attend. It was held in Regina, Saskatchewan. I would like to attend the Symposium next year. I have never attended one yet.

It was also discussed that IPEC needs a full-time Coordinator. The Universities and the Indigenous Institutes have a funded Coordinator position, however, the Colleges do not. More discussion is needed, and a proposal needs to be drafted and submitted. IPEC outreach and partnerships have grown tremendously over the years and requires a dedicated person full time to do the work.

The next meeting will be in Peterborough on Thursday February 8th and Friday February 9th.

HIGHER EDUCATION SUMMIT IEC GATHERING

Assisted in the planning for this meeting that was held in Toronto on Tuesday November 28th. Three main issues were discussed: Indigenous Identity, Indigenous Knowledge and Observance of Truth and Reconciliation Day. The meeting was structured as breakout sessions for each topic and follow up sharing to the entire group. This was the first time the meeting was held during a weekday and not on the Saturday it is usually held on.

ONTARIO COLLEGE COUNSELLORS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The next AGM is on January 22nd.

ONECA AGM

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SOUTHERN FIRST NATIONS PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE

I was unable to attend the meeting on Monday December 11th due to exams. I plan on attending the next meeting.

The next meeting will be in the Spring.

Student Supports

COUNSELLOR

I continue to provide support in person, via Teams, email, and phone.

ELDER/CULTURAL CONSULTANT

We are currently seeking an Elder/Knowledge Keeper. We would like to offer students access to Traditional Elders and Knowledge Keepers. We would welcome suggestions from the IEC Committee.

TRADITIONAL MEDICINES

Students can request traditional medicines for self-care. They can be picked up in person or mailed to the students upon request.

WALPOLE STUDENT HUB

The Hub continues to be accessible to students by contacting Employment and Training.

Respectfully Submitted,

Muriel C. Sampson

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Learning Advisor Report

FALL 2023

Tina Jacobs | Indigenous Learning Advisor | December, 2023

Indigenous Student Services

Schedule – Thames Campus Indigenous Centre

July 13, 2023 - Chatham

August 15, 22, 29 – Chatham

September – 7, 12, 13, 26 – Chatham

October 3, 5, 10 – Chatham

November 9, 28, - Chatham

December 19, 21 – Chatham

January 2024 - Chatham

Student Centre Usage

Student Visits to the Centre.

DETAILS:	JULY-AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
Study/Computer/Printer	39	61	47	34	21
Visit “Hangout”	1	36	11	5	5
Food/Water/Coffee	32	65	38	27	23
Counsellor/Advisor		8	2	1	
Guest(s)	2	6	1	1	1
No Reason Stated	1		1		
Other: H&S Check, Visit	2	13	3	1	

NOTE: number of visits monthly taken from sign in book

Communications

1. Indigenous Student Support Meetings – Attended weekly meetings held every Wednesday at 10 am, with the Director Student Services – Windsor Campus, the Manager Student Services – Chatham Campus and the Indigenous Counsellor. Weekly only when everyone is available.
2. Email – Indigenous Students – Opt Out of Health Insurance reminders, Various Scholarships Available, Meet & Greets for Chatham and Windsor, Student Orientation, APSIP College & University,
3. Facebook Posts – Shared scholarship, bursary, Indigenous Services events and FNMI community events and updates
4. Communication – assisted students with OPT Out of Health Insurance, local Indigenous Artist for Ribbon Skirt Kits Quote, Iroquafts for Blanket Exercise Dolls, assisted student with Scholarship Application

Student Events

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY – JUNE 21ST

EDUCATION HUB — JULY 19TH

INDSPIRE Workshop – Walpole Island Site

MEET & GREET – SEPTEMBER 13 & 14TH

0 Students (Chatham)

10 Students (Windsor) with Presentation by Library on Maamwi Hub
<https://tlp-lpa.ca/maamwi/home>



ORANGE SHIRT DAY – SEPTEMBER 30th



SISTERS IN SPIRIT – National Day of Action MMIWG – OCTOBER 4th



HALLOWEEN DECORATING CONTEST – OCTOBER 31st



CONVOCATION – Capital Theater – Chatham Campus – October 5th

INDIGENOUS STUDENT ORIENTATION – October 18th

ABORIGINAL POST-SECONDARY INFORMATION PROGRAM (APSIP) INFORMATION SESSION – November 21, 2023

Meetings

1. Indigenous Education Advisory Committee (IEAC) - October 2
2. APSIP AGM - June 30th - Online
3. Orange Shirt Day Committee - August 9, 22, 31, September 8, 15, 29, October 17th
4. ONECA AGM - August 15, 2023 - Online
5. Annual Student & Alumni Pow Wow Circle
 - a) Core Operating Committee – August 16, September 11, October 16
 - b) Full Working Circle – December 4, 2023
6. Summer Transition Program – Chatham Campus - August 22

7. Residence Move-In Orientation - August 23
8. New Faculty Orientation - August 23
9. Faculty R & R
 - a) Discussion on Cultural Topics, Workshops, for Faculty – April 20th, June 12th
 - b) Event Date: June 23rd
 - c) September 19
 - d) Debrief September 25
10. Saints Thrive in the Hive - August 24, 25

11. Education Hub Partnership - July 19th Walpole Island Site – Inspire Workshop
12. Indigenous Speakers Series Partnership with U of W - September 11, 25
13. Maamwi Hub with Library - September 12
14. Recruitment Meeting - September 12, 19, November 9
15. Sisters In Spirit - October 3, 17, 2023
16. Indigenous Students Orientation Partnership with U of W - October 16
17. Staff Evaluation - October 31, 2023 – 6 Month Probation ended October 3rd YAY!!
18. Treaty Week Booth with Library – 12-1pm - November 6, 10, 2023
19. APSIP Planning with U of W - November 9, 15
20. St. Clair Open House – Chatham & Windsor - November 18, 2023

Assigned Tasks/Projects - Ongoing:

1. Language Signs - *ongoing*
2. Partnership Planning with UofW – Guest Speaker Series - *postponed*
3. Recruitment – October 23 – 27, 2023 – Ottawa, Kingston, Belleville, Whitby, Peterborough
4. Recruitment – November 14, 15, 2023
5. Treaty Week Power Point – Completed
6. APSIP Recruitment – November 22nd – Chippewa, November 23rd - London
7. Proctoring Week – December 11 – 15, 2023
8. Blanket Exercise Team – September 19, 22, October 16, 18, November 21, 22, December 8

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Tina Jacobs



A lot has been happening at the college since our last meeting...

St. Clair College Names Michael Silvaggi as 7th President



St. Clair College Board of Governors is proud to announce the appointment of Michael Silvaggi as its 7th President. This appointment follows an extensive nationwide search conducted by the executive recruitment company of Odgers Berndtson, and it has been unanimously approved by the Board of Governors. Michael Silvaggi will officially assume his new role as President on June 1, 2024.

Michael Silvaggi's journey at St. Clair College is a testament to his dedication and commitment to the institution. Starting as a Clerk in the Accounts Payable Department in November 2000, he swiftly progressed through various roles, demonstrating his exceptional leadership and management skills. Over the years, he has held pivotal positions within the College, including Associate Registrar and Associate Vice President, Student Services and Registrar. In April 2022, Michael was appointed as the Vice President, Academic and Registrar, a role in which he has excelled.

A staunch advocate of St. Clair College's role in the community, Michael is deeply committed to nurturing the minds and vocational competencies of students to help them succeed in society. He firmly believes in community engagement and has actively supported local elementary and secondary schools through leadership and service. Currently serving as a Board of Governor member at Assumption University and as a member of the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board's Parent Involvement Committee, Michael has demonstrated his dedication to education at all levels.

New Era of Nursing in Chatham-Kent



Nursing students studying in Chatham will no longer have to travel down Highway 401 to complete their degree thanks to a revised agreement between St. Clair College and the University of Windsor.

Leadership from both institutions signed the memorandum of understanding (MOU) at the Chatham-Kent Health Alliance Thursday, ushering in a new era for nursing in Chatham-Kent.

Initially, students enrolled in the program completed their first two years at the college's Chatham campus, followed by the third year at the University of Windsor and culminating with fourth-year clinical placements. However, with the signing of the new MOU, the entire four-year BScN program will now be available at the Chatham campus, eliminating the need for students to travel to Windsor for their third year.

Super Saturday for Three St. Clair College Saints Nation Teams in October

The **St. Clair College Men's Baseball** team put an exclamation mark on their 2023 season winning their third consecutive Provincial Gold Medal Saturday at the OCAA Championship hosted by Seneca College at Stewart Burnett Park in Aurora, ON.



The **St. Clair College Women's Softball** team had to sweep three games on Saturday at Connorvale Park in Etobicoke to earn their second consecutive OCAA Championship Gold Medal hosted by Humber College. **The St. Clair College Women's Softball team also went on to successfully defend their Canadian Collegiate Softball Association National Championship.**

The **St. Clair Saints Football** team hoisted the Teddy Morris Memorial Trophy and successfully defended their Ontario Football Conference title on Saturday night, beating the London Beefeaters 32-31.



St. Clair College facilitates Centre for Innovation in Campus Mental Health Forum: Western Region



The Centre for Campus Innovation in Campus Mental Health (CICMH) successfully brought together post-secondary institutions and community organizations, to champion campus mental health. Attendees utilized the unique platform to showcase impactful initiatives, paving the way for potential partnerships and exploring new avenues for growth and synergy.

The forum's agenda featured engaging activities such as a Needs/Wants/Desires exercise, a workshop on loneliness and connection, and insightful 10-minute presentations. The interactive aura attracted participants passionate about campus mental health and community well-being. The event aimed to encourage collaboration and create a healthier and more supportive community. Ultimately, the forum successfully became a catalyst for positive change in the mental health landscape, uniting stakeholders for collective efforts toward a healthier community.

Saints Esports celebrates **FOUR** Championships



President Dr. Patti France awarded St. Clair College's Esports team their National Championship rings in the President's boardroom. The rings celebrated the victories of the Saints Overwatch, Call of Duty and Rocket League teams in the 2022 Canadian Esports Nationals and the iRacing team's North American Championship victory in the Collegiate iRacing League.

St. Clair College Students Shine in Global Digital Marketing Competition

Students from the Advertising and Marketing and Communications Management Program at St. Clair College have emerged as finalists in the prestigious Digital Marketing Competition & Summit hosted by Purdue University Northwest's College of Business.



creativity, and strategic thinking in the digital marketing realm.

This global competition, featuring 271 university and college teams from around the world, saw the St. Clair College team's outstanding performance earn them a coveted spot among the top 4 finalists. The team members, Team Captain Emma Carosella, Sara Rupert, Zach Dillen, and Dalton Drouillard showcased their skills,

St. Clair College to Bestow Honorary Degree to Mehari Hagos (MH 100) at Winter Convocation

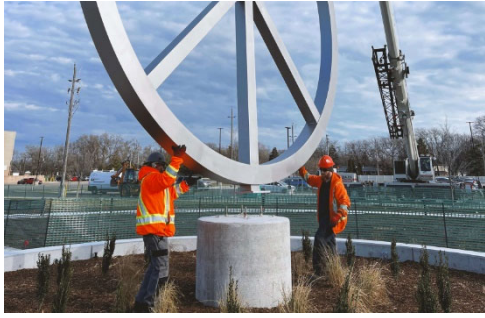
"Mehari Hagos epitomizes the type of person who merits the sort of recognition associated with an honorary degree," said St. Clair President Patti France. "For over a decade, he has dedicated



his life – personally and professionally – to mentorship, advocacy, the delivery of life-lessons, and inspiring the youth of our community. His personality is the definition of the word 'educator', so the College is elated to present him with a degree which symbolizes that."

The College will be bestowing an Honorary Honours Bachelor of Applied Arts in Social Justice and Legal Studies Degree to Mehari Hagos at the 56th Annual Winter Convocation on February 22nd at 1pm at the St. Clair College Chrysler Theatre.

Peace Parkette



The Peace Parkette, located in the physical center of our Main Campus in South Windsor, is easily seen from our Anthony P. Toldo Centre for Applied Health Sciences, Quittenton Hall Residence and SportsPlex.

The parkette has sidewalks that are in the image of the peace sign, connecting the campus to the centre point. It is complemented by benches for seating as well as a centre bench surrounding the statue. The stainless-steel peace symbol was manufactured locally by Cunningham Sheet Metal. The parkette was designed by ROA Studios and constructed by Alliance General Contracting. St. Clair's horticultural program students added the plants and landscaping in the inner and outer circles.

In the new year, we will be installing lights in the area. This parkette will be a comforting and peaceful area for students, staff and our community to use.

Library Food Drive



Library services have just completed another successful Departmental Food Drive competition and benefitting the SRC and TSI food banks this holiday season.

Departments across all campuses collected boxes of food items in a competition with each other to see who could bring in the most items. Many departments came together to donate to this cause and foster a little friendly competition within the college community. The library plans to keep this tradition alive each holiday season, as it

fosters teamwork and a sense of community on campus for a good cause.

In tandem with the Departmental Food Drive, the library runs a "Food for Fines" campaign wherein library patrons with library fines can come in with a food donation and have their fees waived in exchange for the donation.

Together with the Departmental Food Drive, which ran for the second consecutive year this year, the college community was able to collect a total of 8,402 items!

The College has run a variety of campaigns this holiday season to benefit the SRC and TSI food banks, and these generous donations have allowed them to provide holiday meals to 55 single students, as well as 55 parents and their 95 children!

For more stories about student achievements, community and provincial impact, and other updates on what's going on around the college, visit <https://stclaircollege.ca/news>