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FHS Welcomes Student Leaders

By Jenifer Melvin
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Jeremy vanSlyke, a Grade 12 student at Fredericton High School, and Kristal Mahar, a Grade 12 student at Fundy High School in St. George, have had a fascinating job planning for what will be one of Fredericton's biggest events.

Jeremy, the 17-year-old son of Stephen and Deborah vanSlyke, and Kristal, the 17-year-old daughter of Henry and Leah Mahar of St. George, are the co-chairs of the 22nd Canadian Student Leadership Conference. More than 1,000 student leaders as well as teachers from across the country are expected to attend.

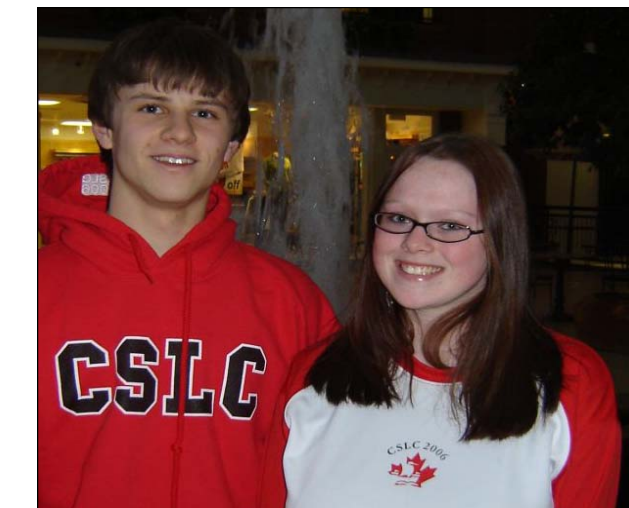
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Developing good leadership invaluable, FHS principal says

On behalf of Fredericton High School, the co-chairs Carolyn Barnhart and Heather Malco, the entire organizing committee and the many volunteers who worked tirelessly to make this event a reality, we wish you a fantastic time as you visit Fredericton High School and our community. As Canada's first high school, we are very



Ann Krause



STUDENT LEADERS — Jeremy vanSlyke of FHS and Kristal Mahar of Fundy High School are the co-chairs of the 22nd Canadian Student Leadership Conference, being held at FHS Sept. 19-23.

pleased and honoured to host the 22nd CSLC. It's wonderful to see so many visiting students and teachers from across Canada joining us to participate in this special leadership conference.

I am sure your theme, "Ordinary Youth Doing Extraordinary Things," will be reflected in your extensive program of activities planned for this conference. The importance of good leadership will be stressed by several keynote speakers who are internationally recognized for their exper-

tise and dedication to our society. In addition, a variety of workshops will allow students to select topics of interest and of relevance to them. We encourage you to participate in as many activities as possible.

You will have many memorable experiences that we hope you will share with your student body and your community. Above all, have fun and enjoy the FHS "down east" hospitality.

Ann E. Krause, principal, Fredericton High School

Greetings from District 18

Dear Participants:

We are very excited to welcome students and student advisers from across Canada to Fredericton High School. Organizers have put together a tremendous program that will challenge you on the importance of your leadership role in your school and community. It also appears that there are plenty of opportunities for social gathering and fun!!

Have great discussion, make friends, enjoy Fredericton and share your experience back in your own school.



Alex Dingwall

Bienvenue aux élèves, aux participants et participantes en leadership

Cher participants et chères participantes:

Nous sommes très heureux de vous souhaiter la bienvenue à l'école Fredericton High. Permettez-moi de féliciter tout le personnel qui a assuré l'organisation de cette conférence. Je suis convaincu que l'événement sera un succès à tous points de vue. Au cours des prochaines jours, vos discussions seront axées sur le leadership que vous pouvez amener à votre école et à votre communauté. Vous aurez l'occasion de prendre un peu de temps pour explorer ce que nous avons à vous offrir et ainsi goûter à cette joie de vivre qui fait notre renommée à travers le Canada.

J'espère que vous profiterez de votre séjour à Fredericton et que cette conférence sera des plus fructueuses. Ayez de bonnes discussions, faites de nouveaux amis, et partagez votre expérience à votre retour dans votre école.

Alex Dingwall, Superintendent, School District 18

Barnhart dedicates herself to all students

By Elisha Lakin
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Carolyn Barnhart has gained a reputation as being a bustle of energy at Fredericton High School, teaching science during school hours and helping with all kinds of student activities afterward.

This week marks the culmination of several years of effort for Mrs. Barnhart and her team of teachers, students, and parents.

The event, of course, is the 22nd Canadian Student Leadership Conference at FHS.

The five-day conference is expected to draw some 1,000 delegates in Grades 11 and 12 — 870 from outside the province and another 130 from New Brunswick.

This is only the second time that New Brunswick has hosted the national conference; it's the first time for the capital city.

"It has been phenomenal," Mrs. Barnhart says. "We've been working hard, with financing and organizing. It has been a team effort, and I can only encourage teachers to become involved. It's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity."

One challenge for organizers has been finding families to billet delegates. Fredericton has come through, acting on appeals through the media, churches and elsewhere.

Retired B.C. Teacher To Receive Award At Conference

Bill Conconi of Victoria, B.C., will receive the 2006 Barry Sharpe Award during the 22nd Canadian Student Leadership Conference.

Mr. Conconi will receive the award at the opening ceremony tonight at the FHS main gym.

Mr. Conconi had taught secondary high school for three decades before retiring in 2001. Since then, he has worked with the Canadian Association of Student Activity Advisers (CASAA).

The Barry Sharpe Award was instituted in April, 1995. It is handed out to CASAA directors who have given outstanding service to that organization. During its January, 1996, meeting, the CASAA board of directors indicated that the award should be awarded "sparingly" because it is intended to be something special.

Barry Sharpe was an activity director at Yorkton Regional High School. Sharpe, along with

his students, ran the first Canadian Student Leadership Conference.

The award is the highest recognition that an adviser can receive in the realm of student leadership and activities. It is given in recognition of exemplary effort and inspiration to a person who has furthered the cause of student leadership and activities. The last recipient was Tam Fawcett of Halifax, who received the award in 2003.

Steven Lewis Among Keynote Speakers At Student Conference

Steven Lewis, the United Nations Secretary-General's Special Envoy for HIV/AIDS in Africa, is just one of the guest speakers who will be appearing at the 22nd Canadian Student Leadership Conference this week at Fredericton High School.

Mr. Lewis will be addressing more than 1,000 participants as well as students from FHS on the morning of Thursday, Sept. 21.

Mr. Lewis is an outspoken advocate for helping Africa overcome the HIV and AIDS epidemic on that continent. He has been working with the UN in one capacity or another for 20 years. Lewis has 24 honorary degrees from Canadian universities. He is an honorary fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada.

The keynote speaker on the morning of Wednesday, Sept. 20, will be **Craig Keilberger**. He became a spokesperson for children's rights when he was 12 years old. He was honoured with the 2006 World Children's Prize, commonly referred to as the "Children's Nobel Prize."

With his brother, Marc, Mr. Kielberger co-founded Leaders Today, a unique international organization that provides leadership training to more than 100,000 young people every year.

On the morning of Friday, Sept. 22, **Phil Boyte** will be the keynote speaker. He has been traveling North America for the past 20 years, talking to young people and the adults who support them. During this time, Mr.

Boyte has witnessed acts of great leadership and endured examples of miserable leaders.

Mr. Boyte is the creator of the Link Crew Orientation program being used in schools across Canada and in 40 states in the United States.

Georgette Reed, a Canadian Olympian, will be the keynote speaker on the afternoon of Friday, Sept. 22.

On the morning of Saturday, Sept. 23, the keynote speaker will be **Mark Black**, a heart and double-lung transplant recipient as well as a marathon runner.

Also speaking at the conference will be **Andy Thibodeau**, who has given thousands of fun, inspiring presentations.

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Both are enthused about what is in store for the next five days.

"I am looking forward to seeing the school and the city support the event," Jeremy says.

Fredericton certainly has reason to support the conference. Many potential students to the University of New Brunswick and St. Thomas University will tour the two institutions as well as the city during the conference. Moreover, there is an estimated economic spin off of \$1.2 million to \$1.4 million.

For Jeremy, however, the importance of the conference is seeing his hometown can host a national event of this size. He also underlines the professional development opportunities awaiting students and teachers. From his point of view, today's students need to be mentored in leadership because they, indeed, will be the leaders of tomorrow.

"People should talk and act on what they learn," he says. "If they do, there will be positive effects for people all over the nation."

Jeremy and Kristal have been working toward the conference since 2003. Last year, the two attended the Canadian Student Leadership Conference in Lloydminster, Alta. The year before that, he attended the national conference held in Abbotsford, B.C.

Kristal brings media savvy to the conference: she is editor of the school newspaper, *The Harbinger*.

The Doves

A statue known as the "Doves" will be presented to a London, Ont., high school, host of the 23rd Canadian Student Leadership Conference next year. The statue will be presented to next year's hosts during the closing ceremony of this year's conference on Saturday, Sept. 23. Raymond Smuk, a Yorkton, Ont., Regional High School student, carved The Doves to represent youth, participation, development and peace in 1985, the United Nations International Year of Youth.