



FOUNDERS COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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SELF, CULTURE AND SOCIETY

A Message from the Master

Prof. Mauro Bucchini



Dear Founders
Students, Fellows
and Alumni,

I have returned
from my sabbatical
leave intellectually
and physically
reinvigorated, just
in time to be part of

the celebrations of Founders Fiftieth Anniversary. I wish to thank Professor Maria João Dodman for serving well Founders community as Interim Master during my leave, and for her contribution to the planning of the Fiftieth Anniversary, together with Samira Malakpour, Founders Administrative Coordinator and Marco Sestito, Events Assistant.

I consider it a privilege to be the Master of Founders, in a long tradition that began in 1965, as we celebrate the historical milestone of Fifty Years since the College's inauguration.

It is also a privilege to be part of a scholarly and cultural tradition that, over the years, has seen the passionate leadership of eight Masters and the heartfelt participation of thousands of students from the many affiliated programs that constitute the "content" of Founders' mandate *Self, Culture and Society*.

The College has been and continues to be truly a community of students and scholars dedicated to the search for meaning and to fostering the teaching and dissemination of the Liberal Arts. It is in the spirit of their millennial history that I wish Founders a happy Fiftieth Anniversary.

Mauro Bucchini
Master, Founders College



A Message from Founders College Student Council President

Kaitlin Malfara



Hello and welcome back Founders College Students! After a long summer, it's a pleasure to see all of your vibrant faces filling our community once again.

For those students who are new to our community, Founders College Student Council (FCSC) has so much to offer you. Our lounge (RM 004) is a place where you can hang out, play some video games, play some ping pong, or simply just relax on the couches and spend time with your friends. Aside from our spaces, Founders College Student Council offers many events during the year. Our two main events are our annual trip to Montreal which takes place in November, and our annual weekend getaway to Blue Mountain in January. We also host events within the community such as movie nights, wings night, people's auction, and more! We do our best to provide as many social and athletic activities as we possibly can so you can take that much needed break from studying! FCSC looks forward to engaging with our community this year, and will do its best to make this the most memorable year of your university experience!

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

A Message from the President and Vice-Chancellor

Dr. Mamdouh Shoukri

Shortly after our founding in 1959, York University began to develop a unique structure of colleges to provide a space for students to



engage fully in academic life and the community. York's Founders College, established on October 15, 1965, was the first college created on the Keele campus. Named in recognition of its generous founding supporters, Founders College is marking its 50th anniversary this year. This is an important milestone for the University, and an opportunity to celebrate the College and its longstanding commitment to community engagement and academic excellence.

Encompassing 5,000 affiliated student members, 122 active and retired fellows, and more than 20,000 alumni, the Founders College community reflects the rich diversity of York University. The College's distinct orange and green banner, designed by distinguished Canadian artist Harold Town, exemplifies inclusivity, with the University positioned at the centre of a twelve-college sunburst. With the phoenix as its mascot serving as a symbol of renewal, and guided by its theme of 'Self, Culture & Society,' the College connects members in 24 affiliated programs from the Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies and the Faculty of Environmental Studies. Under the direction of seven prior Masters and the current Master, Dr. Mauro Buccheri, Founders has successfully balanced the University's pursuits of academic excellence and community engagement, offering a variety of events, experiences, clubs and mentorship opportunities to support our students' academic success and to enrich their university experience.

As York University expands into the York Region and the Greater Toronto Area with our new Markham Centre campus and the Toronto-York Spadina Subway extension, we continue to advance our reputation as Canada's engaged university, committed to innovative teaching and learning, student success and service to the community. This summer we welcomed the world to our Keele campus for the Toronto 2015 Pan Am and Parapan Am Games. We look forward to extending our reach as a locally and globally engaged university as we build on the legacy of the Games and the diverse strengths of our campus communities.

As we do so, York's oldest college will continue to serve as a touchstone for the University, reminding us of our founding values and encouraging us to look ahead to the next fifty years of engagement and excellence. On behalf of the entire University community, I am delighted to congratulate Founders College on the occasion of its landmark 50th anniversary.

Sincerely,

Mamdouh Shoukri
President and Vice-Chancellor

A Message from the Vice-President Academic & Provost

Dr. Rhonda L Lenton



I am delighted to express my congratulations to the faculty, staff, students and alumni of Founders College on the celebration of the College's 50th anniversary. As the first college on York

University's Keele campus, Founders College has provided a model of student engagement for the colleges that have followed. And as York has grown and evolved over the years to a community of over 50,000 students and 7000 faculty and staff, the Colleges have continued to provide

a welcoming environment for students to engage with other students and with faculty members on a one-to-one basis.

There is no doubt that the Colleges' roles and structures have changed over the last fifty years, but there is also no doubt that, within a university that is dedicated to interdisciplinarity and to student engagement and success, the opportunities the Colleges provide for students to develop friendships and participate in dialogue with students and faculty from disciplines beyond their own have remained important - and perhaps increased in importance - as the University has grown. Founders College brings together students from Environmental Studies and a range of disciplines in the Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies, including anthropology, history, health and society, and several internationally-oriented and language and literature programs. Students' perspectives can only be broadened and their lives enriched by these interactions.

Since its creation in 1965, Founders College has offered a "home away from home" to thousands of students who have lived in its residence and the many, many commuter students who are members of the York community. It has provided a locus for students to gain an understanding of university life and to get to know each other through new student orientation activities, now in collaboration with YUStart and other institution-wide initiatives. On an ongoing basis, in support of the University's academic mission, the College provides access to a range of student clubs and organizations and supports to help students stay connected, including the advice of the college life coordinator, peer mentoring programs for both domestic and international students, study workshops, sports activities, leadership development opportunities, and social events.

I know that Founders College, as an important component of the York University community, will continue to evolve and thrive in the future as it has in its first fifty years. Again, my congratulations on the achievement of this important milestone!

Yours truly,
Rhonda Lenton
Vice-President Academic & Provost

A Message from the New Dean of LA&PS

Dr. Ananya Mukherjee-Reed



For five decades Founders has been uniting students under its theme of self, culture and society. Most of these students hail from the Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional

Studies. Thank you to current Master Mauro Buccheri, his distinguished predecessors and the many faculty and staff who have supported our students academically and socially during their studies.

Congratulations to Founders College for 50 years of fostering student success and engagement.

Professor Ananya Mukherjee-Reed
Dean

A Message from the Vice-Provost, Students

Dr. Janet K. Morrison

Congratulations to Founders College on their 50th anniversary! What a tremendous milestone. I want to encourage everyone to celebrate the College's unique contributions to fostering student success on our campus.



As a long-standing member of the York University learning community, I remain committed to the College system as a significant contributor to student life. I have witnessed, first hand, the impact Colleges at York have on fostering students' sense of connection and resourcefulness. The Colleges are also an incubator for student leadership; it's been my privilege over the last three years, for example, to work with outstanding Founders College Council members, especially Joanne, Emiljano and Kait. These individuals and other members of council exemplify how earning a degree at York University equips students to stay true to their path, thrive in the world and achieve their goals.

My warmest wishes to all past, present and future members of Founders College.

Janet K. Morrison, Ph.D.
Vice-Provost, Students

A Word from your CALC...

Prof. Monique Adriaen
College Academic Life Coordinator

A 50th anniversary marks an important milestone, one that beckons us both to look back on our past accomplishments as well as forward to our future aspirations.



Founders College has been, and will continue to be, a safe harbor for the students of 23 departments and programs in the Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies and the Faculty of Environmental Studies, within the ever-expanding York University campus.

As Founders' College Academic Life Coordinator, CALC for short, for the past year (2014-2015), I have had the privilege and honour to welcome first-year students and oversee the Peer Mentorship program in which upper-year students are paired with first-year students to provide guidance and support as our new students begin their university journey and career. During this past academic year, we offered in collaboration with many partners across the university a series of academic workshops to provide for all students information and instruction on topics such as academic writing, applying to graduate school, law school and the Faculty of Education, financial resources and employment opportunities, studying abroad, among other topics.

This academic year, we hosted on September 8, 2015, York Orientation Day for all our new incoming York students in affiliated programs. It was a day for new students to become acquainted with Founders College's exciting opportunities to become actively engaged in clubs and activities, and to meet their peer mentors, first-year course instructors and key program people such as their Department's Chair and Undergraduate Program Director.

This important day marked the beginning of our next fifty years! The new incoming class, so different in many ways from the first class of 1965, shares nonetheless the same aspirations, hopes and challenges. By subscribing to Founders' mandate of *Self, Culture and Society*, we will continue through our social and academic programming to strive to help all new students nurture a sense of self, cultivate the meaning of culture

and grow into productive members of society in 2015 and for many years to come.

As CALC for Founders College I look forward to working with all our affiliated students to make 2015-2016 the year that both does honour to our past and anchors us well in a new, exciting direction for the next fifty years!

From Memories to Milestones

Marco Sestito
Events Assistant



Though I have only been at Founders College a short while, it is an honour to be present as the College celebrates the Fiftieth Anniversary of its founding on October 15, 2015.

Anniversaries do more than commemorate the passage of time; rather they are the milestones of life's journey through time. In a world where Global Positioning Satellites have made possible navigating even the most obscure roads, we may have forgotten how important milestones once were.

In the ancient world milestones told a traveler how far they had come and how much further they had to go. A milestone was also an anchor point, a place that one could use to orient oneself in the vastness of the ancient world.

Anniversaries, when looked upon as milestones, are the markers of a different type of travel, of the travel through time; they are the waypoints that invite individuals and institutions to pause and reflect on the road traveled before surveying and embarking on the road ahead.

As Founders College celebrates its Fiftieth Anniversary on October 15, 2015, the time has come to remember all those who walked these halls, who made Founders their educational home and to reflect on all of the Founders Community's achievements and then to survey the road ahead and step boldly forward into the next half century.

Student Awards & Scholarships

At Founders, we have a variety of student awards & scholarships set up through Student Financial Services to recognize our students for their academic achievements and their commitment to the college community. Congratulations to the following recipients for 2014-2015!



Sayjon Ariyaratnam (left)

Criminology and Human Rights and
Equity Studies

The LA&PS Outstanding Student
Leadership Award
Recipient of President for a Day - 2015

Aleeza Freedman (right)

Criminology and Human Rights and
Equity Studies

The LA&PS Outstanding Student
Volunteer Award

The Gina Feldberg Prize
YUFA Undergraduate Scholarship
Dean's Award for Academic Excellence
York University Continuing Student
Scholarship

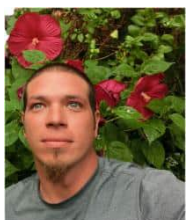


Kendra Janelle Camille Campbell

2015 Arthur Haberman Award in History and Humanities

Metamorphosis

Richard Rizzo



In consultation with Founders College, I wanted to create a mural depicting both transformation and transnationalism in a manner that was visually interesting and also inclusive to York University. Metamorphosis is an elusive and multi-layered term like the miraculous transformation from caterpillar to butterfly as well as connotations that relate to the inner psychological 'transformations of being' and identity. 'Identity', although it has long been one of the most slippery concepts in the social scientist's lexicon, can suggest ways in which people conceive of themselves and are characterized by others. Taking inspiration from Founders College's mandate, *Self, Culture and Society*, the mural plays with these three concepts and morphs from one to another through imagery and

technique. The mural was meant to be a playful interlude when walking between colleges and maybe "a distraction" from the everyday, in hopes of providing a moment of self-reflection. The mural depicts children planting a tree of knowledge; in the centre panel is an image of symbolic hands representing all of us being connected, and in the last panel is an inclusive world in which we support each other to reach our goals and dreams!



"Metamorphosis" can be viewed on the first floor of Founders College.

Social Orientation 2015

Karl Ngo

Orientation Chair



It's unbelievable how fast Social Orientation has gone by. Kait and I have spent all summer preparing for this event, and we couldn't be more proud of the way

in way in which the 9 days unfolded. I am beyond thankful for having been given the opportunity to be at the forefront of this life changing event. In saying so, I would like to thank every person who was part of making this possible, and who supported Kait and me along the way. A lot of obstacles were met and overcome throughout Orientation Week. As much as I tried my hardest to anticipate all the challenges that could have come across our path, some of them were unimaginable. Throughout the week, Mother Nature was extremely uncooperative, which took a toll on specific events, such as the YU Pride event as well as our trip to Wasaga Beach. Thankfully, all of these challenges were minimal. On a brighter note, the effort and level of preparation put into this event could be felt throughout the week.



In spite of the ups and the downs, the week was executed perfectly, none of which could have been done without the efforts of all participants. To all, thank you!

DID YOU KNOW...

Food4Thought is the only on-campus food bank at York University, all students are welcome to use this service, including undergraduate and graduate, full-time and part-time, York and Seneca@York students who have finished their meal plan or members of the student community requiring emergency food relief. It is located in room 337 of the Student Centre. For those members who would like to contribute, we gladly accept donations of non-perishable food items throughout the year.

YORK FEDERATION OF STUDENTS
FOOD BANK

MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY

FEATURED STUDENTS

Jeremy Cooper

Anthropology



In short, friends, some paths. So many stories, nearly all of them pleasantly memorable. So much excitement, joy, learning and more than a few growing pains. True to its name, Founders was my beginning, my

support, my foundation, you might say. The experiences in my first year, as a result of Founders College, nurtured me; second year inspired me; third year challenged me and fourth year has tested me. From the first days, playing with Gadda, Aaron and Dave at the Founders talent show, joining clubs, going to parties, meeting people and picking classes, all the way up to getting published, visiting two continents and drumming on the pickett lines this past spring. Through it all, the Phoenix has been the banner I march under. There isn't much left to say except thank you Founders for an excellent start, a windfall when I needed it and the inspiration I needed for the best four years of my life!

Jessica Darlington

History



My connection to Founders College began before I even knew it. I've been a York U student since 2012, when I began my History degree. However, my attachment to Founders came 31 years before that.

Back when the university had a pub in every college, many Founders students hung out in the Cock and Bull pub, which is now the Haberman Room and surrounding area. On a cold winter night, my mother (not a university student), was set up on a blind date by her best friend, who was, in fact, a university student. She met the swarthy, young man (again, not a York Student), in the basement of Founders College. They talked, and drank, and danced to "Heart of

Glass," and even though they are not together, they both attribute that moment to their falling in love, eventual marriage, and three children, (the last being yours truly)! In some weird way, I feel as though I owe at least a small part of my existence on this earth to the basement of Founders College. A basement in which, in 2013, I would work, unaware of what transpired there many years before. That is why I love Founders.

Jamie Rudberg

East Asian Studies & History

As I already start to think about the Summer and warmer days, it is hard to believe my first year at Founders is finished. It has been an amazing first year, and one which I will never forget. Like all human beings, everyone has their obstacles, which in life we must overcome. My major obstacle in first year was essay writing. Thankfully, Founders has been not only a place of academic advising, but more importantly a place of community and family. I would like to give a huge thanks to all faculty and professors who provided guidance in terms of writing, solving issues, in a very positive environment. These Professors and Founders faculty are Monique Adrian, the College Academic Life Coordinator, Samira Malakpour, the College Administrative Coordinator, Maria João Dodman, the interim Master, as well as Marco Sestito, the Events Assistant. I believe without those four Founders Professors and assistants, my first year would have been not only more stressful because of York University's overwhelmingly gigantic campus, but most importantly I would have felt isolated. Founders College has become my second home not only due to the amount of help and resources available for students, but also because of the amazing people I have met throughout my first year. Without my friends and support systems offered through the College, I don't think I would have been able to maneuver through first year with decent marks. Frosh week was one of the most amazing and influential experiences I have had at York University, in terms of cracking out of my shell and meeting new people. In addition to this, I would highly encourage first year students to get involved not only in Frosh Week, but also more importantly through York University's vast choice of events. Lastly, Founders College has not only opened up more doors for me in terms of resources available at

York, but also given me more confidence in my academic ability to succeed.

First Riddle

Fourth in line, here before and after;

I am here all the time, always present in more ways than one;

I was once very artistic and loved to read and listen...

My artistic side may have dwindled, yet I am now more fit.

What am I?

FEATURED PEER MENTORS

Farjana Aktar

International Development Studies

As a transfer student from the University of Toronto, I can proudly say that I have made the right decision to make the switch to York. Confused and unsure of what direction I wanted to go with my university career, being part of York and Founders College has led me to picking a program that best suited my passion and interests. Within the past three years, I was able to grow and explore my options as an undergraduate student not only academically but socially as well.



This year was my first year volunteering in the Peer Mentorship program and I can honestly say it was one of the best experiences of my academic career so far. I was able to meet, interact and help many great students as well as have the opportunity to meet some wonderful professors and staff of the Founders community. This program has allowed me to improve myself, and at the same time also learn while assisting my mentees. I enjoyed

my experience as a peer mentor so much, that I will definitely be returning next year and hope to meet and work with some of you as well!

Founders College is an awesome college that has many helpful and approachable staff and faculty that are always ready to go above and beyond to help students with their concerns. There are many useful academic workshops as well as social events that take place during the school year, which is an excellent opportunity for students to meet people, network and have a good time!

Cormac Linehan

Linguistics

I am entering my fourth year at York U, my final year as a Linguistics undergraduate student. As I have retained the same major program, I have been a Founders member



for my entire York experience. I found it a welcoming environment from year one, and the Founders students I met through orientation and Frosh week have been some of my closest friends throughout my degree. Though I have never required tutelage, I knew I could have found it at Founders had I needed to. In my third year, I decided to offer that same assurance to the newer students of Founders, and volunteered as a Peer Mentor. A few students were able to make good use of me last year, which was a deeply gratifying experience. I will be continuing as a Peer Mentor and hope I can be of even more help in the upcoming year.

FEATURED STUDENT LEADERS

April Cho

History



Hello Founders Constituents, my name is April Cho and this is my second year on Founders College Student Council. Founders College has become a home away from home and my journey here has been nothing but warm, self-

discovering and empowering. Having the honour to serve and represent many

Founders Students through FCSC, I was provided with the opportunity to grow and develop as a leader who lives her life everyday with integrity, resilience and diligence. Being on Council has opened up many doors, giving me the chance to work with other leaders, not only in the Founder's Community, but at York University as a whole. For instance, I was given the privilege to represent Founders College, with the support of the Master's Office, to attend a leadership conference, *Leadershape Inc.* The last three years have definitely been an emotional rollercoaster ride, however, I am grateful that Founders College has been the strong pillar in my life that has helped me navigate positively through all the changes whilst discovering my best self. I hope to inspire and dedicate my time to other constituents and incoming students. Thank you Founders College, there is truly no place like home.

Joseph Gitman

Geography

"Founders is Legit" "Founders is Legit" that is the cheer that dominated Frosh. It was the cheer of Frosh and the cheer I can't stop shouting inside of me until this day. Yeah, Founders is "Legit" and I can write a whole



book on why it is. Coming to York straight from high school, and being affiliated with Founders, I thought was going to be a nerve-racking experience as I was a shy first year student. All I can say is I'm a completely different person now compared to when I came to Founders back in September of 2014. Because of Founders I can say I've met my second family. The friendships and support I have gained from only one year has greatly impacted on my life for the better. All this is the reason why I have joined council for this upcoming year and hopefully many other years as well. The hard work and dedication I've seen from Council and the fellow constituents inspired me to want to do the same. I want to know I have helped make the experiences of present and future students' at Founders and York as amazing as the experiences I have had so far. I cannot wait to start my first term as Social representative alongside my fellow colleagues VP Social Victor Melgar and Social representative Tali Atran.

Victor Melgar-Garcia

History



My journey at Founders College began in 2012 with an honest exchange of chocolate chip cookies for friendship and stories. That simple exchange opened the doors to enriching my

life with memories, family and a new place to call home. My first steps at York didn't begin as a student, but rather with the encouragement from a college professor who suggested that I continue to pursue my studies. That one moment of wisdom would change my life forever as it was one of the reasons I would come to Founders. Since beginning at York, I've had several different trials and tribulations, yet each one strengthened my resolve to continue here and push through. Having been changed by my new environment, I sought to do the same for others who would join York and our College. I joined Founders College Student Council almost 3 years ago; doing so has fostered my leadership skills and allowed me to provide an environment for students to help not just to attend classes but also engage with other students and discover themselves. As I enter my 4th year in pursuit of a History degree, I've learned two important things that have helped me move forward: 1) it's ok that not everything goes our way and 2) it's ok to make mistakes and ask for help. And with that wisdom, my journey at Founders has been incredible and has provided me with countless opportunities that have really demonstrated the College mission of *Self, Culture and Society*.

FEATURED FELLOW

Prof. Lorna Weir

Sociology



I've been a member of Founders College since 1998 and have had my office in Founders since then. I've enjoyed and benefited from the spirit of cooperation at Founders. Having served on many Founders' committees, I

feel strongly about the place of Founders and other Colleges in undergraduate education, specifically their capacity to give students a

sense of belonging to York. In the current academic year I hope the administrative decision will be to renew the colleges and build on our strengths.

I'm appointed to the Department of Sociology and a member of graduate programmes in Social and Political Thought, Science and Technology Studies, and Nursing (University of Toronto). Most of my research and teaching falls at the intersection of health, the life sciences and social theory. I also have a long history of contributing to community groups such as Science for Peace (where I'm now a board member), the Toronto Centre for Lesbian and Gay Studies, the International Women's Day Committee, and the Body Politic Free the Press Fund. My earlier research focused on sexuality and technoscientific transformation of pregnancy. More recently I turned to investigate (with my colleague Eric Mykhalovskiy) innovations in global public health governance (1990-2005) associated with the invention of the concept "international public health emergencies." This project drew my attention to the field of biosecurity and the integration of security into genomics, research that is still ongoing. I'm currently putting together a series of essays on contemporary biopolitics (the integration of biological thinking and practices into the political), a book with greater breadth than my prior empirical research.

"It's been a pleasure working with all my friends at Founders College over the years! You have been great supporters of CSBO Grounds and have made my job easier as a result. Happy 50th Birthday and I wish you all much happiness and success for the next 50 years!!!"

**Tim Haagsma, Manager,
Grounds, Fleet & Waste
Management**

SPECIAL MOMENTS

Prof. Inês Cardoso



I arrived from Portugal in October 2013 to teach in the Portuguese & Luso-Brazilian program. As a native speaker and a language specialist, I was delighted to find myself in a city where

so many cultures and languages co-existed in a harmonious multicultural society. Coming from a language used by over 250 million people worldwide, I was amazed to find a thriving and large Portuguese-speaking community and invigorated by the experiential opportunities it provided to those interested in the culture and language. After all, it only takes a subway ride for our students to find themselves immersed in Toronto's Little Portugal!

Early on, I started coming to Founders College where I discovered another home for, among other languages, also my own since the program has been a Founders affiliated program since 2008. Founders College is another site for immersion, for interacting with other cultures and languages and where I always find like-minded colleagues and students. Working closely with Founders has provided our students with another set of experiential opportunities towards the enrichment of the student experience: lectures, workshops, cultural events, book launches, and much more. Like our students, I have enjoyed coming to Founders to learn and to share knowledge with others in a different format other than the classroom because the university experience does not start and end with just courses.

One event at Founders that I fondly remember is the very first Lusophone Studies Association International Conference. Founders did not only provide financial support, but also assisted with promotion and logistics. There I met many Founders fellows and students, who like me, enjoyed the college as a site for cultural understanding, language negotiation, diversity and a truly global community.

Prof. Maria Figueredo

Over the years, Founders College has become a second home to many of the Spanish Program events that I have helped to coordinate and organize at York University. Ever since



coming to York in 2006, I have worked closely with the Office of the Master of Founders to host international scholars and poets from Uruguay, Argentina, Canada, Hungary, Colombia, Cuba and Mexico and to bridge our cultural and academic ties with institutions abroad and by promoting community relations and student engagement at York, such as with the trilingual student literary magazine, *Entre Voces* (2007-2014). Poetry readings, musical performances, workshops and information sessions for students, and community outreach have greatly enriched the co-curricular aspects of my teaching and research. This year Founders College generously welcomed the Poet-Tree 2015 art installation, an Ignite community partner of the Toronto 2015 Pan/Parapan American Games, by housing it from February to August 2015 in the Junior Common Room, and has supported its iterations in several events on campus. These collaborations are an example of the kind of relations that we seek to establish between the university, the various Canadian communities and international partners.

Second Riddle

Thirteen pieces of one puzzle,
Some new, some recurring.

Embodying diversity, academia,
friendship and guidance.

Representing all who roam the
halls...

Who are we?

Prof. Michol F. Hoffman

Happy 50th Birthday Founders! The Spanish and Portuguese and Luso-Brazilian Studies Programs are delighted to celebrate this milestone.

Founders College has always had a special relationship with our programs, a relationship that has become stronger over the past few years and continues to grow. We are grateful for the support we have received and for the connections we have made with Founders' help. For several years, Founders College has sponsored and hosted our Academic Speaker Series and the launch celebrations for our student literary magazine, *Entrevoces*. *Entrevoces* means "between voices" in both Spanish and Portuguese.

Watching our students present their creative work in Founders College Assembly Hall is a moving experience for me: literary work and visual and performance art are media for very personal expression. When students have the courage to realize their voices and exchange their experiences and hard work, I know that we are contributing to their success and to society's. Thank you, Founders, for offering us a home to nurture and share our voices.

Musings of the Interim Master

Prof. Maria João Dodman



In 2014-15 I had the pleasure of serving our College as Interim Master. Now, reflecting back on the year, I am thankful for the opportunity and for some simple lessons I learned. "Life is short.

Eat cupcakes," a cheerful plaque in my office that always gets a chuckle from colleagues and students alike became the motto for the year. A good disposition, with several cups of laughter, a pinch of adventure and an ample dose of curiosity were the key ingredients of the many "cupcakes" I enjoyed with staff, students and colleagues. By the way, did you know that several of the leaders in our Student Council are great bakers? I was also able to confirm what I already knew: that the college is not a department and cannot be treated as such. Although our office staff leaves at 4:30, much activity goes on into the evening. There is even talk of a resident ghost who might roam our hallways well into the night. I also learned that everything works out better when there is an

open door policy; when fellows and students interact on a regular basis and when students are encouraged, just like the cupcake metaphor, to be curious and explore new adventures.

And now Founders is 50! Well, I also learned lessons about ageing. In addition to the usual attributes associated with this stage of life, it seems that growing old also brings unexpected adventures, sometimes a chance to realize old dreams, soulful pursuits. Therefore, I no longer see the worn carpets, stairs or furniture, but rather the beauty of the beaten path of all of those who have walked on our carpets, who have climbed our stairs, who have sat on our furniture and who have exited leaving a bit of their hearts and their souls in the College. I say let's celebrate with more cupcakes! Life is short!

Third Riddle

I began my journey here at York in 1966, majoring in music and minoring in dance.

I graduated in 2007 and have been missed by students, faculty and aspiring artists and musicians ever since.

Some parts of me still remain both in your hearts and etched on the walls, although some say I am now unrecognizable.

What am I?

1965-2015
FOUNDERS COLLEGE
50th Anniversary

Tuesday, October 13th:
9:30AM Celebratory Breakfast
(First Floor, In Front of Central P.A.R.C.)

Wednesday, October 14th:
11:00AM Founders Birthday Celebration (FC 152)
4:30PM Masters & Student Leaders Round Table (FC 305)

Thursday, October 15th:
6:00PM Dinner Gala & Keynote Address (FC 152)

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF MEMORIES

Paul Prebble Economics, 1968

"I was one of the early pioneers at Founders in 1965. What I remembered most was the smell of new construction in the dorms and dining facilities. All of the class rooms were freshly painted and the furniture in the commons was right out of the package. What I am trying to forget was the walk to the parking lot in January where the wind was howling and the snow drifts were piling. Enjoyed the experience."

Ray Vezeau Physics, 1983

"This poster from 1980 shows our "in house" band of Founders Alumni: Steve Paterson (Physics, 1983), Tom Walsh, Ray Vezeau (Physics, 1983) and guest drummer. Founders Keepers played a couple of times per year in the residence games room, the cafeteria and the Cock 'n' Bull patio. Guests were warned to buy their tickets in advance, lest they have to pay and an extra 50¢ at the door".

Fourth Riddle

Eight of us have graced these halls, now you will find us on the walls.

Some of us are no longer here, but if you listen closely our wisdom and presence is still near.

The second floor is our home, both past and present.

Who are we?

"Mmmm erere memm
mrrr merre mammm
mmmere mmme
mmmere mmm."

Translation:
"Congratulations to the entire Founders Community on its 50th Anniversary. It is an honour to be part of this wonderful community."

Phoeny, our College Mascot



ALUMNI NEWS

Attention all Founders Alumni!

The newly formed Founders College Alumni Network would like to welcome all Founders College Alumni to join us in connecting again! The Alumni Network exists so that we can maintain and grow the Founders College friendships, community, and spirit we all shared during our time at York University. Throughout the year we hold various social outings and networking events. Events we have held to date have included our opening Alumni Reunion event, a BBQ day on Center Island, and a recent outing to a Blue Jays game. For more information on how to connect with the Alumni Network and attend events, join our Facebook group "Founders College Alumni Network" or e-mail us at YUFCAN@yorku.ca.

We hope to see you all soon!

Cheers,
The Founders College Alumni Network



"My connection to the College is from a facilities operational perspective. I had the pleasure of supervising custodial staff that worked in the college during the early 1990's. There was one staff person in particular - Rosa Scarcelli - one of the first Custodial Staff who worked in Founders College in 1965. Rosa, as a recent immigrant to Canada, spoke of how the college was able to make her feel a part of the Founder's community. Upon listening to some of Rosa's work memories and experiences, I found I also experienced the same welcoming culture. As a young supervisor new to the university, Founders welcomed and offered assistance and support. Today, this 'welcoming culture' continues to be emulated by the College opening their arms to all our Custodial Staff for community events and celebrations."

Joseph Sanguedolce, Custodial Services, Campus Services & Business Operations

Happy 50th Founders!

Poets « In Residence »



**Priscilla
Uppal**

From a Professor to a Student at the Start of the Year

Don't just take up a seat, own it.
Make it feel the weight
of your purpose & determination,
whisper your secret wishes
into its steely poker face.

Even in this age of technology,
bring at least one pen.

Be ready to be challenged,
be inspired,
be bored,
or amazed.

Use two alarms every morning.

Ignore my impatience with
the "will there be a test on this" refrain,
I will ignore your
pyjama pants during exam period.

Choose a protein bar over a power drink.

Think of your timetable as
a pill dispenser of knowledge.

Respect deadlines:
they keep you honest.
(If you miss a deadline,
please don't lie.)

Learn my name and I'll learn yours.

Don't be afraid to show excitement.
It's contagious and will make assignments
a lot more fun.

Multitasking is an illusion.
Yes, oh yes, this applies to everyone.

I won't teach you how to conquer the world,
but I will teach you to open doors—
where the choicest keys are hidden,
how to crack the toughest locks.
So buy a retro hat.
Visit the library.
(What's in those stacks
is a non-stop carnival. Seriously.)

It never hurts to share a book, or a look,
or a smile.

Cut down on the number of hours
spent on reality TV and video games—
you'll soon understand that
life is very short.

Quit smoking. (I won't bug you about it,
but do it before you graduate.)

For goodness' sake, bring a pen.

Read more. Laugh more.
Tell your Mom or Dad you love them
and you're proud to be here.
Be proud to be here.

Know that I love you.
Who you are, who you were,
But especially who you will become.
Your professor wants you to leave here
ten times more you than when you arrived.

There will not be a test on this.
Dear Student, life is always multiple choice.
And only you can decide when you've
passed.



**B.W.
Powe**

Para mi Alma, Para mi Amor (for Auxi)

Wherever I walk without you
I keep an open space beside me
that is yours

Reader

Come quietly with me
into silent letters again

fellow falling cipher
in the alphabet marking

the shaman calls this page
an image skin

they'll call it
the dead tree medium

Come quietly with me
to decode the dust

in the speck
of a single word

how we could be breaking
breathing through

Midnight

The veils
between this world
and the others
are thin

Wait wait
the veils are torn
what passes through
looks like you



**Patricia
Keeney**

Roman Time

Into the Etruscan morning
of the world, we leap

find the centaur of you
stone-chested, rough flanked
cock, full face forward

race black
around the red vessels
beaming like Hermes
ringing the Gorgon's head
with rhythmic hissing curls.

Balanced as Apollo
on our plenitude
chariots churning, spring breezes
fluting the air, robes flowing
riding the sun steeds that
squander our youth
carelessly courting Attic time
we invent first things.
By afternoon in the waning
high-arched park
dark Caravaggio pines
tacking late Borghese light
to its silver height

we've grown old.

Dazed by the gleam
of bodies in marble
female torsos eternally

poised to please I wonder
would you prefer me
smoothly seductive

but silent and shut?

Ignoring David's twist
to sling the stone
his fury and his stopping

unwilling to accept
this torment of a man
has anything to do
with your anguish

your hidden Hamlet

I watch
Persephone flee Apollo
writhing into tree
leafy hair loving the sun
woody limbs polished hard.
Where are you my green boy?

Persephone twirls
from Pluto's raping arms
pushing at his face
while bony fingers
dig her thigh.

Get off me with your illness
your dark threats
I will not go
there.

Exhausted Hermaphrodite hides
all the engines of generation
on a covered couch
beneath ballooning buttocks
legs coyly tangling
Carrera sheets.

Eventually vibrant in Italian
thronging the cobbles of Popolo
vulnerable keeper of 'carnaval'

we buy dusty rose nighties
for grand-daughters

finding at last
our sweet stinging
seed.



**Robert
Fisher**

Ceiling of the Sistine Chapel

Necks crane
century upon century,
vertigo and lorgnettes,
journeys of thousands of miles
to gaze
awestruck
at a smoky ceiling,
to gaze
at a nothing,
a gap
between God's crook'd finger
and Adam's,
the billions of lives
of our lonely species
about to fill the void,
and return to it,
prefiguring
the pen hovering
above the blank page,
lowering, not quite touching
the whiteness,
the charge,
building
till that first word
leaps across
to ignite the page
with all its joy and woe,
wonder and horror,
stories from a creature
part god, part man.

Every Waking Hour

Every waking hour I used to fill the air with
words.

Now I hesitate to break the silence.

The geese overhead honk at the moon, then
diminish in the dusk.



**Maria
Figueredo**

Founders

Sonnets have two quatrains followed by
two tercets, like the legacies meet
contemporaneously, before the foundations
breaking forth into networks of languages
and histories.

Five decennia, wide fields and aspirations
part the seas of unknowing.

Voices, soundscapes of ideas, exchanges,
critical charismas build the commons,
its reach and places of projection
into other berths.

Mapping dichotomies, communities, inside
outside weathering the lists of authors,
cosmopolitanisms, new heroes, cultural
living forms.

We draw from spaces, give back resounding
choruses,
deliberations, drumming, stands, advice.
Beyond the walls, the center speaks to all of
us, each year, anew.

Etymology of a College

Found beneath each step I take inside these
walls, a tree grows in concert
with the green-filled courtyard.

Dreams fuse on the murals lit by readings
taking flight

above the gateless fields beyond.

We enter one by one yet find collective
imaginings here.

Arriving as the seas, the overflow to reach
ever-expanding
contemporaneous sights.

The greatest legacy to leave changed
and to return in gratitude, in celebration.

Fifth Riddle

I was once ever flowing, now ever evolving and growing...

Some might say I was reincarnated. After all, I was for a time away...

I am the third of my kind, to soar way up high...

Some may refer to me as the author of our time...

What am I?

**"My heartiest congratulations
to Founders College on its 50th
Anniversary of academic
excellence!"**

**Fahim Quadir, Associate Dean,
Student Affairs, Faculty of
Graduate Studies**



**Mauro
Buccheri**

Perhaps the Remedy

Prelude

Pessoa,
Somehow
Individuated,
Between heteronyms
And oronyms,
Like a frog dissected
In a Biology lab,
Writes: "The sun shining
Over the field
Perhaps could be the remedy."

I

Perhaps the remedy
Is not the Sun
Shining over a field,
Or the owl
Of Minerva
Taking flight
Early in the evening
Or, venture of all ventures,
Appearing
At Noontide.

II

Perhaps the remedy
Is Eurydice's return,
Her cosmic dance
To the Sun-God,
Her blue-green gaze,
Dionysus late at night.

III

Not reified labour,
But diaphanous Nymphs,
Unrestrained love,
Is the remedy.

IV

The remedy
Is the union of the Elysian
And the Chthonian,
Late at night,
Perhaps.



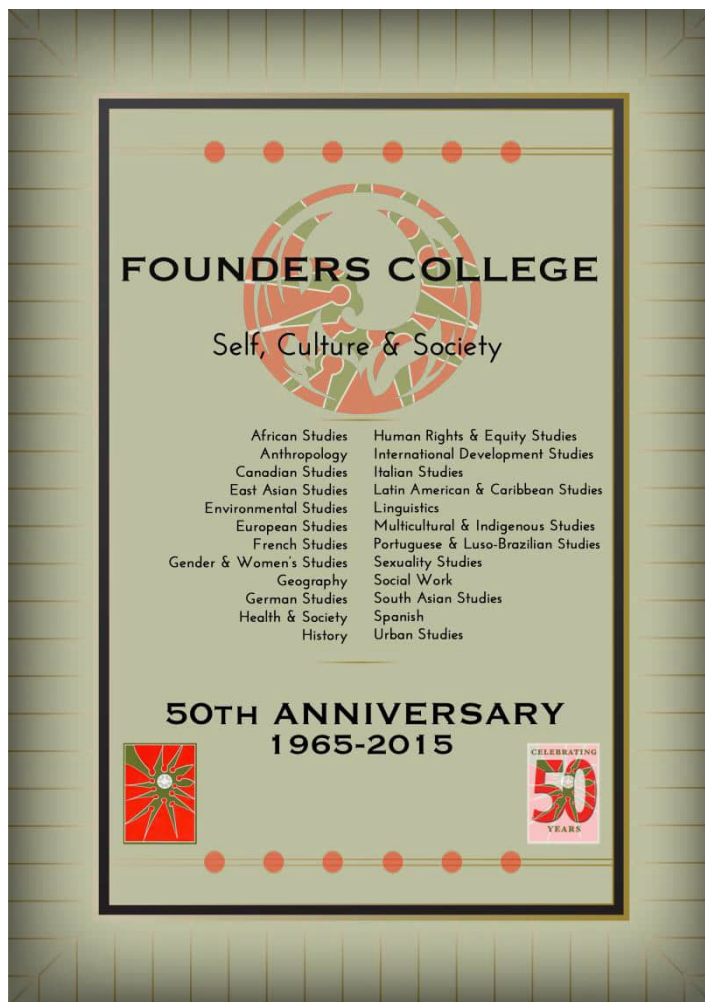
Warmth by Emmanuel Adarkwah

Winner of the 2015 *We Love Founders* Contest

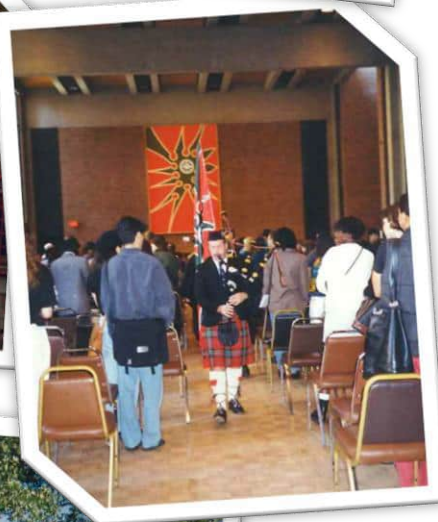
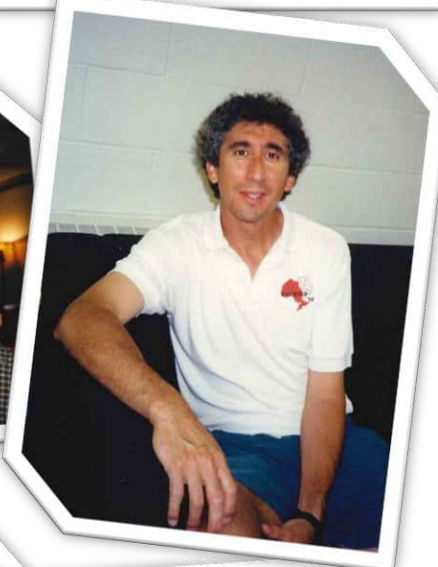
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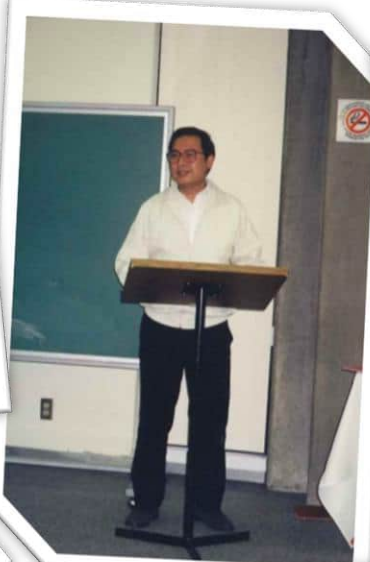
This commemorative plaque was unveiled at the *Masters & Student Leaders Roundtable* held on October 14, 2015, as one of the events celebrating the College's Fiftieth Anniversary.

The plaque will be installed on the main floor of the College to mark Founders' first half century.



PICTURES WORTH 1,000 WORDS...







Riddle Me This...

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2. Founders College Student Council
3. The Cock and Bull Pub
4. The Masters of Founders College
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