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Portfolios with Panache 2002 Exhibition

by Shelley Hosaluk

Students at Marion Graham Collegiate in Saskatoon hosted their school's premier Portfolio Exhibition on May 14, 2002. Approximately 50 students participated in the event which highlighted student strengths, interests, talents and activities in a variety of areas. Displays included imaginative and professional powerpoint presentations, video clips, charts, and posters.

The Portfolio Exhibition was comprised of two time slots. From 2:00-4:00 p.m. the school's library space was utilized to showcase exemplary models of student portfolios. This session predominantly featured the work of senior students in Grade XI and Grade XII. The majority of the students had prepared for two years for the event. Several Grade X students, learning from the senior mentors, were also present during the afternoon session. A key highlight during the day included approximately one dozen digital portfolios which were on display. After a break for supper, the students returned to the school from 7:00-9:00 p.m. In the evening, the space in the small gymnasium was allocated to Grade X and XI student efforts.

The students were highly motivated to share their career planning process as well as school and community

achievements, activities and contributions with one another and with the guests who attended the event. Each portfolio was unique. The opportunity to see individual students in a holistic fashion was very powerful. Some students utilized technology, while others incorporated display boards or representational objects to support their exhibit. Viewers enjoyed learning about student plans which ranged from engineering future roller coasters to a car racing enthusiast whose writing skills are currently in demand in Internet web-based racing circles.

Guests were welcome to move freely between the student exhibits and the dual venues. Refreshments added to the relaxed and comfortable atmosphere of the occasion.

A professional resources display was available and included books, pamphlets and current journal articles.

Parents, community partners, teachers and consultants from schools in Regina and Saskatoon, and representatives from Saskatchewan Learning, Junior Achievement, and Kelsey SIAST were present for the event. The trophy

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President's Message – Farewell

by Anna Fornal

This will be my last President's message as I will complete my two year term in October at our annual fall conference in Prince Albert (registration forms are available in this issue of *Career Connections*). I look forward to serving the organization in the position of Past President.

I want to take this opportunity to applaud some of the accomplishments of the past two years. As you can see, it has been a busy and successful time.

- Collaborations with organizations such as the Saskatchewan Labour Force Development Board have resulted in the inservice package *Why Not Our Kids Too: A*

Facilitator's Guide and workshops throughout the province have provided a delivery mechanism for these materials.

- Continued work with the Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce has provided a vehicle for provincial communication and collaboration.
- Work with the University of Regina has provided the genesis of a career programs course for this campus.
- As well, the continued collaboration with Saskatchewan Labour, the Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation and Saskatchewan Learning has fueled the working together of the five Practical and Applied Arts in the Ready for Work resources and accompanying inservice for the provinces teachers.

- Further collaboration among the P. A. A. subject councils has resulted in the acquisition of innovative grant funding for the purpose of planning the first joint subject council conference to be held on April 22-23 in Regina, 2004.
- Saskatchewan Learning's release of the new Career and Work Exploration courses provides Saskatchewan students with career development opportunities and community work experiences in grades 10, 11, and 12.
- Get Real and Be Real Game Implementation and inservice supports the new curriculum by providing resources that are readily available to our subject council teachers.

It has been my great pleasure to serve you and represent you. I have enjoyed working on the above-mentioned projects and value the networks and opportunities afforded through these collaborations. I wish you all the best for a very bright future in Career and Work Education!

Cheers,
Anna

Portfolios with Panache

award for "Best of Show" display was presented to Amanda Losonsky-Prentice, a Grade XII student, for her dynamic display and enthusiastic assistance on the student portfolio planning committee. Amanda's portfolio demonstrated her strengths in creative writing and career exploration in the areas of anthropology and archeology. Congratulations Amanda!

The Portfolios with Panache 2002 Exhibition was a result of the commitment, spirit and support of many dedicated people. The planning committee extends a warm thank you to all who contributed to the celebration of our young people.

These comments from students who participated in the Exhibition

illustrate the learning and growth experienced during the process:

"I found the Portfolio Exhibition to be very informative. I learned a lot about myself and where I'd like to be in the future. However, the best part was learning about my fellow students and getting to know them on another level. Building portfolios helps us all to learn and grow." Shannon C.

"The portfolio was a great representation of who I am and what I have accomplished over a period of time in my life. It helps promote my personal growth in areas which I outline for myself. Now I am planning on creating a goal-oriented five year plan before I graduate from Grade 12." Ivy A.

"I believe choosing to do a portfolio in my Grade X year was a good decision. It taught me organizational skills, creativity, and how to organize my time. It also gave me time to think about my accomplishments and how to express myself in different ways. Since I was young I have been taught to write stories, but

through my portfolio I learned how to express myself through poems, songs, creative writing and pictures. If I were asked to participate in this assignment again I would do it. Although it took quite a bit of my time, it was worth it in the end." Whitney P.

"I decided to do a portfolio with the hopes of becoming more organized and pushing myself more. It definitely helped me in these areas. I was able to keep all my school work organized and everything on time. It helped me to naturally try harder and to a little extra even if it wasn't required. I also set, maintained, and achieved goals which was not something I had done much of before. I would recommend that people make their own portfolio because it is not very hard and it is very beneficial." Teegan B.

The school is planning to host their second Portfolio Exhibition in May, 2003. Why not consider attending? Watch for specific dates and times in a future issue of *Career Connections*.

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SCWEA Conference

October 3-4, 2002 • Marlboro Hotel, Prince Albert

67 13th Street East, Prince Albert, Saskatchewan Telephone: 1-800-661-7666 www.marlbtoropa.com

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: SHEILA COLES, CBC RADIO

Thursday, October 3

- 10:00-3:00 Get Real Game Pre-Conference Session (See attached information and Registration Form on page eight)
- 6:30 Registration
- 7:30 Sheila Coles, CBC Radio
- 8:30 Social and Displays

Friday, October 4

- 8:00-9:00 Breakfast and Registration
- 9:00-9:15 Opening Remarks
- 9:15-10:30 Career and Work Exploration
- 10:30-10:45 Break
- 10:45-11:45 Concurrent Session 1: Choose one of Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition or Women Entrepreneurs of Saskatchewan
- 11:45-1:15 Lunch, AGM, Election of Board, and Awards
- 1:15-1:30 Break
- 1:30-2:25 Concurrent Session 2: Choose one of SLFDB Skills Connect or Portfolio Showcase
- 2:30-3:30 Concurrent Session 3: Choose one of Connecting With the Community Through Career and Work: The Nutana Experience or Lands West School Division K-12 Career Planning Model

Happy Travels!

Registration Form

Registration fee: \$100.00

Includes Conference, Thursday Social, Friday Breakfast & Luncheon.

Don't delay! When making hotel reservations, mention that you are with SCWEA.

Marlborough Room Rates (single or double occupancy) \$66.00 plus taxes

Make cheque payable to SCWEA Conference 2002.

Mail cheque and registration form to:

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SCWEA PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP

The Get Real Game: Grades 11-12

TEACHER INSERVICE

Thursday, October 3 10:00 - 3:00

Education Center, Saskatchewan Rivers School Division
545 11th Street East, Prince Albert, SK

Workshop Cost: \$40.00 per participant. Lunch not included

"The "Get Real Game" provides students with a wide variety of work and learning options and lets them simulate a five year school to work transition as they try to achieve their chosen short and long term goals."

-Facilitators Guide, Get Real Game

The Get Real Game is the most recent release in The Real Game Series. It provides up and running, interactive teaching materials that would fit with Life Transitions and other high school courses that have a career exploration component.

Wayne Sawka, facilitator of this workshop is an accomplished presenter and Master Real Game Series trainer.

Make cheque payable to "SCWEA CONFERENCE 2002."

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