

OUR BROCK newsletter

Connecting You To Your University And Community

General Brock, we salute you.

Katie Daniel

On Friday, Oct. 14, the Brock 1812 Bicentenary Committee held the General Brock Commemoration and flag lowering ceremony in front of Schmon Tower.

Brock's namesake, Major-General Sir Isaac Brock, played an integral part in the War of 1812. This annual ceremony honours Gen. Brock, who died on October 13 during the Battle of Queenston Heights.



General Brock Commemoration and Flag Lowering

Photo by Katie Daniel

The Fort George Fife and Drum Corps and soldier re-enactors marched down University Road and ended in front of Schmon Tower at 11 a.m. The soldiers honoured Gen. Brock with a three shot salute and the musicians played a song for students, staff and guests.

The master of ceremonies for the event was Renee Lafferty, assistant professor in the History department. Guest speakers included Rudi Kroeker, Chair of the Board of Trustees, President and CEO of Whiting Equipment Canada Inc., Daud Grewal, BUSU president and Dr. Andre Basson, Faith and Life Centre Chaplain. The bugle player was Tim White of the General Brock Bugle Call and Jennifer McKillop sang O Canada.

Students give a helping hand to their community

Josh Grant-Young

Service is a virtue that pays back in hope and on Oct. 1, Brock students had an opportunity to not only volunteer for Brock Day of Service but to understand the greater value of volunteering to better the community around them.

Brock Day of Service saw students volunteer at a number of organizations across the region. Some volunteered at the Hope Furniture Bank, with the goal of bettering the community and themselves through acts of kindness. The Hope Furniture Bank provides furniture to the Niagara region on a daily basis. Based out of Welland, the Hope Furniture Bank represents a unique opportunity for those who have little to fill their home

without emptying their wallets. Patrons won't be able to browse and buy items; donated goods go directly to those who need them the most for free.

Other projects include Port Cares (Port Colborne Community Association for Resource Extension) the Welland Hope Centre and a number of others aimed at lifting Badger and community spirit.

Port Cares runs many programs assisting the community. Students attending this project helped outfit the Reach Out Food Centre with some gardening and a fresh coat of paint to lighten the tones and spirits of staff and the community.

The Hope Centre is an asset to the Welland community, offering

a number of services geared to the basic needs of the less fortunate and pushes for greater dialogue between churches, politicians and residents on the issue of poverty and how to eradicate it. Students took to the kitchen to serve up some hot meals and learn about the visible and seemingly invisible disparity in communities surrounding Brock.

The underlying message of the day was not simply service, but compassion, an essential to encouraging the change various projects hope to achieve in the future.

Those interested in making a contribution of gently used furniture or household items in the Niagara Region may contact the Bank when they want the items to be picked up. The donor pays a \$25 fee for the furniture to be picked up (or \$50 if the items need to be taken out of the home). If you are interested in making a donation or wish to volunteer with the Hope Furniture Bank, visit hopefurniturebank.com for more information on how you can make a house a home.

Students are also encouraged to donate their service to Port Cares and the Hope Centre in Welland, which will need foodstuffs and volunteers as the holidays approach.

Photo by Omar Mosquera



Recipes needed to further Breast Cancer awareness

Josh Grant-Young

As autumn leaves fall, many associate the season with tones of orange, but Brock is urged to think pink this October.

October is Breast Cancer Month, a time to reflect on a tragic disease that claims the lives of many Canadians, but also to celebrate those courageous individuals who fought and continue to battle against breast cancer. One effort in particular at Brock seeks to raise awareness by swapping good eats and high spirits in support of a good cause.

Along with the annual Rankin Run, Relay for Life and other community events, Student Life and Community Experience (SLCE) are compiling a cook-

book aimed at raising funds for the Canadian Breast Cancer Association through sales of the book. Students, staff and members of the community are called to the kitchen to craft and concoct their favorite appetizers, main courses and desserts with friends, loved ones and full stomachs in mind.

Recipes are still being compiled and SLCE urges individuals interested in donating their dishes to either submit them online via their submission form located on the SLCE Student Community Outreach page, drop them off personally in Decew Residence room 209 or through inter-office mail.

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Opportunity: Get your voice heard

Katie Daniel

From October 17-20, Brock University Student Union (BUSU) will be promoting awareness for the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA) and give Brock students the opportunity to provide their input to CASA through the on-campus CASA delegate, Luke Speers.

The mission of CASA is advocating for students to the federal government through awareness campaigns, policy development, research, government relations and partnerships with fellow stakeholders. It is member-driven and is a "grassroots" approach to lobbying.

Students can share their ideas on an interactive idea board that will be showcased in the halls of Brock during the campaign week. Brock TV will be filming students giving their input and will be putting together a creative video that will be available for viewing online on their and BUSU's websites.

All participants will be given a canned good to promote healthy living amongst students.

For more information about CASA or the upcoming campaign, please contact Luke Speers, vpua@busu.net, 905-688-5550 ext. 4198 or see www.busu.net for the latest event details and information.

Are you a student leader on campus?

3M National Student Fellowship

Up to \$50 000 in student awards available!



The 3M National Student Fellowships will honor up to ten full-time, college and undergraduate university students who have demonstrated qualities of outstanding leadership and who embrace a vision where the quality of their educational experience can be enhanced in academia and beyond.

For details about these student awards and how to apply online, visit: <http://www.stlhe.ca/awards/3m-national-student-fellowships>

Deadline to apply is January 7th, 2012

Student Profile: Brock TV's Spencer Johnson

Katie Daniel

Brock provides its students with many opportunities to get involved and be a part of something that interests them and benefits them in a positive way. Spencer Johnson will agree.

Johnson, a fourth-year Film Studies student, started with Brock TV last year as a producer and has since worked his way up to senior producer. He is now in charge of the entire news division, although his main focus lies with *The Brief*, a weekly news show that covers noteworthy events both on and off campus.

He says his days are full of research, emails, corresponding with volunteers and organizing shoots. Being a senior producer is "more hands-off" than the producer position, where he went to every shoot.

He manages a producer team and takes care of their training, makes sure they have proper equipment and that their sets are booked and set up properly.

"It's a lot of legwork," says Johnson. "It's a lot of administrative stuff but then again I devote a fair amount of time to production because that is where my true interest lies."

According to Johnson he has more camera time than any other Brock TV employee or volunteer - including the hosts - even if he technically shouldn't be.

"I guess I've always just been comfortable," he says. "It's a lot of fun for me.

"I've sort of cultivated a bit of a

persona, at least an on-camera persona anyway, for being outgoing and confrontational."

On top of his senior producer responsibilities Johnson has his own show, *Spencer Johnson vs. Brock*, where students compete against Johnson in various challenges. They have done two episodes so far and are currently working on the third.

Johnson pitched the idea last year and over time it became a show to help get the student body more involved and give them the opportunity to rally against Johnson.

"They don't tell me what the challenges are," says Johnson. "That isn't reality television."

A career in film is on the horizon for Johnson, who picked up his first camera at the age of 16.

"It's really the only thing I'm good at," he jokes.

During his time at Brock, Johnson has been busy building his skills and gaining experience in film by being a part of many different things.

In his second year he started the Brock University Independent Filmmakers Cooperative. He wanted it to be a completely independent club without any restrictions to what content they could shoot and without censor.

"It was important to me to instill a training ground at Brock so kids can flex their creativity without fear of reprisal," he says. "They are free to do what they want and try as many things as they can."

He has since handed off the reigns to the "new generation" and it is now called Brock Film Group Productions.



*Photo Submitted
by Brock TV*

In his fourth year, Johnson received a grant from BUSU to do a television pilot called *Couger Colt*, a detective drama that Johnson says he worked really hard on and put everything on hold for.

Brock TV has provided Johnson with even more experience and knowledge of the film/television industry. He says it is great for resume padding, making additions to demo reels and being involved in the school.

"If you want to get involved then get involved," he says. "If you are doing good stuff then chances are we will find you."

Anyone can volunteer with Brock TV. Depending on a student's skill set, training in editing, camera, boom or grip will be provided. However, many volunteers are hosts on the shows.

"That is great for people who want to do personality things," says Johnson. "We've had people do wonders with being a host at Brock TV. It's a great springboard for non-production related aspects as well."

To get involved with Brock TV or learn more, visit www.brocktv.ca.

participation passport

Attention Brock Students:

If you are looking to become more involved in your community, Participation Passport is just for you. Passport offers many great opportunities to volunteer and contribute to your new community. For those of you who have already participated, thank you!

If you have SIX or more swipes from visiting Passport events you are eligible to pick up one of our prizes this week. Prizes can be picked up at the SLIC office located in MCA204. This week's prizes are gift certificates for Shoppers DrugMart.

Thank you again,

The Student Life & Community Experience Team

Disclaimer: In order to ensure that all Participation Passport members have equal opportunity to benefit from the weekly prizes, individuals are only eligible to win a prize every other week.

<http://www.brocku.ca/passport>

Recreation Services

Fall/Winter Intramural Registration: Oct. 31 – Nov 2
Register as a team, or individually for the next set of Intramural activities, including Women's, Men's and Coed Basketball, Coed Indoor Soccer, Men's Floorball, Mixed (Coed) Curling, Tues. morning Coed Volleyball, Coed Ultimate Frisbee, Coed European Handball, Squash. Registration opens at 8:30 am on Monday, Oct. 31, and closes at 8 pm on Wed. Nov. 2. The captain's meeting is Thursday, Nov. 3 at 7 pm. For details, please go to <http://www.brocku.ca/recreation-services/intramurals/leagues-and-tournaments/fall-winter-sports>

Zone prices for Brock undergraduate students drop at the beginning of each month

So, you've decided that you would like to use the equipment in the Zone, and/or participate in spin or fitness classes? The cost drops at the beginning of each month. Drop by the Welcome Desk to sign up, and start working out!

On Friday, Oct. 14 Brock held the annual **Relay for Life**, a Canadian Cancer Society fundraising event that happens all over Canada each year. The relay started at 7 p.m. and lasted until 7 a.m. the next morning on-campus near Lowerberger Residence. This year 16 teams participated in the event, 160 people altogether. The event raised \$12, 658 for cancer research.

Make sure you pick up
The Brock Press
every Tuesday for the
best on-campus
news coverage and all
your up-to-date
specialty news,
sports, opinion and
entertainment needs



Upcoming Events

Film Viewings

Wednesday, Oct. 19: 7 p.m.
Empire Theatre, Pen Centre
BUFS presents: Beginners starring Ewan McGregor and Christopher Plummer. Tickets can be purchased for \$10 from the BUFS Box Office Table in the theatre lobby after 6 p.m. (cash or cheque only)

Wednesday, Oct. 26: 7 p.m.
Empire Theatre, Pen Centre
BUFS presents: Sarah's Key starring Kristin Scott Thomas.

My Future Niagara Summit

Friday, Oct. 21: 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.
MacBain Centre, 7150 Montrose Road, Niagara Falls
The event will connect current and future leaders in a conversation about the direction of the region and how our collective efforts will inspire future generations in Niagara to "live, work, and STAY." For more information and to register, visit: <http://myfutureniagaracummit.eventbrite.com/> The registration fee is \$35.

SDC Workshop

Wednesday, Oct. 26: 2-3 p.m.
Learning Commons classroom B
"Introductions and Conclusions"
This workshop guides you through the process of composing effective introductions and conclusions for your essays.

Trick or Eat

Monday, Oct. 31: 4-8 p.m.
Meet in Schmon Tower lobby.
The Student Life and Community

Experience Department is looking for enthusiastic volunteers to collect non-perishable food items from neighbours in the St. Catharines community. The food that is being collected will be sent to Community Care of St. Catharines and Thorold. If you would like more information or you are interested in volunteering, please R.S.V.P on the Participation Passport website or email community@brocku.ca.

Fun Run Walk for United Way

Monday, Oct. 31: 12-2 p.m.
Participating students will complete 2 laps of a 2.5km route around campus in their best Halloween attire. There will be prizes for students that collect the most donations as well as those students with the best costume. Sign up for the FUN Run Walk today and wear your costume to showcase your Badger Spirit. For more information on the event and how to register or volunteer visit www.brocku.ca/SLCE.

Blood Drive

Friday, Nov. 4: 10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Ian D. Beddis Gymnasium
In 2010 Brock University donated 310 units of blood, so far in 2011 collectively we have donated 163 units of blood. Any students or staff interested in participating in this year's blood donor clinic can sign up on line at www.blood.ca, by calling 1-888-TODONATE, or in

person in SLIC located MCA 204. Reasons why you should donate: the average patient requires 4.6 units of blood, an organ transplant can require up to 100 units of blood and cancer patients require up to 8 units of blood per week. Sign up today to save a life.

Random Acts of Kindness Dsy

Friday, Nov. 4: All Day.
Happening all over campus
We are looking for groups/clubs to participate in RAK! Come up with your own Random act of Kindness! For more information on this program, please contact Laura at community@brocku.ca.

Health Fair

Monday, Nov. 7: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Ian D. Beddis Gymnasium
The Health Fair is an educational event with approximately 100 interactive displays presented by students, organizations from within Brock and the St. Catharines community. It is designed to provide health information, and encourage a healthy lifestyle. Learn stress management skills, evaluate your health, test your nutrition knowledge, play games, win prizes and sample free food.

Club Meetings:

Brock Toastmasters
Every Wednesday: 12-1 p.m.
GLN 212 (573 Glenridge Ave.)

RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT:

Sunday, Oct. 23: 1 p.m.
Campus Quest: Meet in the Marketplace to begin the race!

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