

BRIERCREST

CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

“BCA Explore Your Career Event 2019” (v3)

Event Theme: “God’s Heart for Our Life’s Work: ‘Whatever you do, whether in word or in deed, do it all for the glory of God’” (Colossians 3:17)

Plenary Presenter: Rick Guenther

Rick was raised on a farm near the small town of Hepburn, Saskatchewan. After earning a BA degree from Providence College and spending 10 years in retail service and management in Saskatoon, he took ownership of the farm and, together with his wife Mary, raised a family of six where they live today. Rick’s curious and energetic nature has led him into a variety of volunteer and vocational roles including town councillor, school board trustee, church leader and manager of a small, farmer-owned grain marketing and value-added food company.

Rick’s varied interests sometimes turn into creative ventures...like turning an old hospital into a house and owning a small airplane for training pilots to rent. He enjoys learning from people in all walks of life and getting behind the scenes when travelling. As a follower of Jesus, Rick enjoys noticing the evidence of God’s work in people’s lives, studying theology and integrating his faith into meaningful expressions of the mission that we are called to in everyday life.

He presently serves as Communications and Donor Relations Director at MCC Saskatchewan, a faith-based disaster relief, community development and peace-building organization. For Rick, every day is a new day to determine who he’s going to be as he’s growing up!

Plenary Sessions: “Finding your Mission--In whatever you do”

The presentations will focus on integrating the mission to which we are called into our everyday routines and vocational choices.

Breakout Sessions (Alphabetical Order by Category):

- Please note that some options are offered in more than one breakout session, as indicated.
- Students will receive their first choice for every session; as a result, pre-registration is crucial in order for us to adjust facilities to accommodate student numbers.
- Options are listed below and on the online form in alphabetical order and according to category.

Focus on Educational Institutions & Apprenticeship Programs:

Briercrest College & Seminary: "Things You Don't Already Know About Briercrest" (Breakout #2 OR Breakout #4: BCS Rm 174, wing)

Presenters: Sean Hilton and Zach Bachmann:

<https://www.briercrestcollege.ca/admissions/advisers/>

Theme: "Things You Don't Already Know About Briercrest"

While at BCA, you learn a lot about Briercrest, but you may not know the variety of specific academic options available to you. With the vast majority of university and college students in Canada living at home, staying in Caronport and starting your post-secondary experience at Briercrest is a great option for you. Come to this session and you will learn about the numerous academic programs and transfer options available.

Saskatchewan Apprenticeship & Trade Certification Commission: "The Skilled Trades in Saskatchewan" (Breakout #1 OR OR Breakout #4: BCS Rm 134, Reimer Hall)

Presenters: Paul Blankestijn and Glynn Wright

Theme: Considering a career in the skilled trades? Come hear how you can get a head-start planning for your career and get access to grants and scholarships.

Website: <http://saskapprenticeship.ca>

Saskatchewan Polytechnic: "Post-Secondary Program Opportunities" (Breakout #1 OR Breakout #2 OR Breakout #3 OR Breakout #4: BCS Rm 178, wing)

Presenter: Marlene Frechette

Marlene's role is a Sask Polytech liaison between prospective students and program areas, often coordinating specialized individual or group visits. In addition, she organizes and delivers on-campus experiences such as INSIGHT events, special events, tours and school visits.

St. Thomas More College (uSask): "Finding Community" (Breakout #4: BCA Rm 200)

Presenter: Linda Huard

As a former student and now as a Recruitment Officer for St. Thomas More College (STM), I'll share with you how I found my "home away from home" on the University of Saskatchewan campus and how STM shaped my university experience. For students considering attending the University of Saskatchewan, this will be a fantastic way to learn about what STM has to offer you.

STM provides students with an inclusive scholarly setting within the larger uSask campus. A combination of smaller class sizes, unique course options, award-winning faculty, social activities, additional scholarship and bursary opportunities ensures that students are supported while they discover the links between their personal and professional ambitions and the needs of our ever-changing society.

University of Regina: Information Session (Breakout #1 OR Breakout #3; BCA Rm 107)

Presenter: Amy Daku

Theme: "What's YoUR Story?"

Amy Daku has a Bachelor of English from the University of Regina through Luther College. With 12 years of campus experience, as both a student and employee, she has acquired a wealth of knowledge on departmental programming, supportive resources, financial aid and living the Queen City life. Feel free to come by and ask questions--she loves to chat!

University of Saskatchewan: Information Session (Breakout #2 OR Breakout #3: BCS Rm. 175, wing)

Presenter: Ally Chertez

Ally is the Current Student Recruitment Officer at the University of Saskatchewan, and former student at the U of S. She convocated with both a Bachelor of Arts and Science with High Honours in Environment and Society and a Certificate of Proficiency in Sustainability from the University of Saskatchewan.

What to Expect in Your First Year of Post-Secondary Education: "Life After High School" (Breakout #4; BCS Rm 179, wing)

Presenters: Diane Liew and Gabrielle Robitaille

Theme: Tips on surviving your first semester of college...barely. Gabrielle and Diane graduated from Briercrest Christian Academy in 2018. They both are attending Briercrest College and Seminary and have some great ideas on what to consider as you enter life after high school.

Focus on Ministry:

Careers in Humanitarian Service: MCC Relief Effort (Breakout #2 OR Breakout #3: BCA Rm 201)

Presenters: Erica Baerwald, Graham MacDonald, Rick Guenther

Theme: Relief, Development and Peace with Mennonite Central Committee Saskatchewan

MCC is a worldwide organization devoted to Relief, Development and Peace operating in over 50 countries. Join us as we discuss all the opportunities available to youth, young adults & beyond.

Erica Baerwald has worked with MCC Saskatchewan for 9 years in the Human Resources role. Having previously lived and worked in both the Middle East and in South America, she understands the desire to serve in an international context. Sharing about MCC's work and all the opportunities that are available for youth and young adults is a favourite part of her work with MCC.

Graham MacDonald has worked with MCC Saskatchewan for two years in the Material Resources Coordinator role. Graham works with MCC because it allows him to serve in a meaningful capacity and to build a community of people who are passionate about responding to global needs.

Careers in Leadership and Missions (Breakout #1 OR Breakout #2: BCA Rm 202)

Presenter: Carl Cripps, Leadership 555

Theme: "The Power of Leaders with Great Ideas"

There are many leaders in the world who are hiding in plain sight. They have a great idea for change, for pioneering new initiatives and for leveraging influence, but find themselves often struggling to know how to implement their idea and draw others to it. In this session, you will be introduced to leaders around the world who are implementing great ideas for missions. You will learn about Leadership 555, an organization that focuses on equipping catalytic leaders around the world.

Carl has been involved globally for over thirty years in several regions in Asia. He has been involved in numerous pioneering initiatives, as well as working in the classroom, community development and mentoring. Recently, he joined Leadership 555 to join their team with a focus on developing catalytic leaders around the world.

Website: www.lead555.com

Careers in Pastoral Ministry (Breakout #4: BCA Rm 201)

Presenter: Josh Knowles, Caronport Community Church

Theme: What does a pastor do and how might you become one?

Josh grew up in a Christian family but really began his faith journey in grade 11. At the end of high school, he sensed a call to ministry though it took some twists and turns before ending up in the pastoral position where he is now. Josh holds a Master of Arts degree in Theological Studies from Briercrest Seminary, and has been on staff at Caronport Community Church as Lead Pastor since August 2018. In that position, he preaches and performs pastoral care, as well as oversees the other church staff.

Josh is married to his wife, Dochelle, and the couple are currently expecting their first child through adoption from Haiti. Outside his pastoral role, Josh is an artist. In his spare time, both he and Dochelle enjoy gardening and hiking.

Focus on Service Through Careers:

Careers in the Canadian Armed Forces: Primary Reserve (Sask. Dragoons): (Breakout #1 OR Breakout #4: BCA Rm 129)

Presenter: Sgt. Steven Cox

Theme: Careers in the Canadian Armed Forces: Saskatchewan Dragoons Military Reserve's Sgt. Steven Cox has been a member of the Sask. Dragoons since 2009. He started his career as a Vehicle Technician with the 16th Service Battalion. Sgt. Cox has completed a variety of training here in Canada as a member of the Arctic Response Group tasked to Arviat, Nunavut. He has also completed his Swedish Winter Warfare course in Arvidsjaur Sweden with the Norrbotten Regiment. Sgt. Cox currently informs students and civilians alike on the benefits of the Canadian Armed Forces Primary Reserves and how it can help pay for education, build life experience and contribute to the community.

Careers in Education (Breakout #1: BCA Rm 106)

Presenter: Joyleen Podgurksy, CES Principal & Multilevel Teacher

Theme: "So You Would Like To Explore Being a Teacher?"

We will look at the many dimensions that being an educator has to offer. Joyleen is a talented and experienced educator who has worked in a variety of fields and levels within the educational realm, including teaching at the elementary, high school and university levels, as well as working as an Educational Psychologist and as a consultant for Prairie South School Division and with the Ministry of Education. If you're interested in entering the field of education, come hear Joyleen share about the wide variety of opportunities available to graduates today!

Careers in Financial Services & Banking with the Royal Bank of Canada (Breakout #1 OR Breakout #2: BCA Rm 105)

Presenter: Bradley McClanahan

Theme: Being a Practical Life Counsellor/The benefit that a good financial planner can be in helping people at the key junctures in their life.

I will discuss the typical education requirements, places one can find employment, rough salary potential and what we are seeing in the industry going forward in terms of changes in technology and society needs.

I am originally from Boise, Idaho. I am a graduate from Briercrest Bible College and Briercrest Seminary. I started at Briercrest in the Fall of 1989. I also studied at University of Saskatchewan, Saskatchewan Polytech (back when it was SIAST), and Alberta Vocational College. I always had an interest in money and finance. I started buying individual stock shares when I turned 14 years old. I have been in the industry for about 15 years. I have worked for personal insurance companies and sold investments for some of the investment companies in Saskatoon. In 2005 I started my own brokerage firm (Edward Jones) and was the chief stock broker and trader for my branch. Shortly afterward, I worked as a Financial Advisor and Financial Planner for The Bank of Nova Scotia, Bank of Montreal, CIBC and have spent the last 5 1/2 years with Royal Bank of Canada in Moose Jaw.

Careers in Fine Arts: Writing & Publishing (Breakout #1: BCA Rm. 103)

Presenter: Chrissy Dennis

Theme: "Life as an Author"

"Chrissy M. Dennis is a Youth Pastor in Saskatchewan, Canada, and carries a Masters of Divinity in Youth and Family Ministry. She loves working with teens, and has felt the call of God to minister to the needs of youth in this culture. She hopes to continue writing, specifically regarding issues relevant to today's teens, offering a message of salvation and hope. Her first novel, *The Lion Cubs*, received positive reviews and deals with themes of abuse and abandonment." Excerpted directly from: https://www.goodreads.com/author/show/5826990.Chrissy_M_Dennis
Chrissy has recently signed a deal for her second novel and is awaiting confirmation of her first movie deal for her novel, *The Lion Cubs*.

Websites: <https://www.amazon.ca/LION-CUBS-Chrissy-Dennis/dp/1770694315>
<https://www.amazon.com/Chrissy-M.-Dennis/e/B00JNH743C>

Careers in Fire Fighting & Front Line Services: MJ Fire Department (Breakout #1 OR Breakout #2: BCA Rm. 203)

Presenter: Rod Klippenstein

Theme: Learn about careers in the front line services, including fire fighting.

Websites: <https://moosejaw.ca/fire/fire-department>
<https://www.facebook.com/MJFireDept/>

Careers in Law Enforcement: Moose Jaw Police Service (with Canine Unit) (Breakout #1 OR Breakout #2 OR Breakout #3 OR Breakout #4: BCS Rm. 179 wing and then Rm. 175 wing)

Presenters: Rodney Zoerb and Chad Scheske with Police Service Dogs from the Canine Unit

Website: <http://mjpolice.ca/>

Careers in Law Enforcement: RCMP Information Session (Breakout #3 OR Breakout #4: BCA Rm 105)

Presenters: Corporal Owen Third

Theme: The RCMP offers an exceptional career, letting you make a real difference in your community and your country. No other police force in Canada provides the levels of services and variety offered by the RCMP, as well as opportunities for continued learning and growth.

Website: www.rcmpcareers.ca

Careers in Massage Therapy (Breakout #1 OR Breakout #2: BCA Rm 200)

Presenters: Carl Sowden, RMT and PJ Adkins, RMT

Carl and PJ are both Registered Massage Therapists who work and live in Caronport.

Carl Sowden, Biography: Carl worked in the Five Hills Health Region for nearly 30 years in many different capacities but has always had the idea of massage therapy in the back of his mind.

When he was in nursing school, a friend of his who was a Registered Massage Therapist found himself in need of a massage. Instead of paying a massage therapist for something that he himself was a professional at, his friend taught him how to properly massage and would trade Sowden training for massages once a month. This deal continued for 10 years.

When Sowden was eyeing retirement from nursing, he returned to school in 2004 to become an RMT. Once he was in the last legs of his schooling, he found a need in Caronport that fit his talents perfectly.

Since graduation from the RMT program, Sowden has put in eight years of work with Briercrest athletics, and now goes into his eleventh year treating Briercrest's college teams with pre- and post-game mini-treatments as well as year-round treatment for anyone interested in his services.

Carl graduated from CHS in 1972.

PJ Adkins, Biography: I grew up here in Caronport. I've lived here for 34 years. I moved here when I was six and went to school here from grades one through 12. I grew up in a home that was a lot of fun. It was a place I went to when I got bored with friends...it was a place my friends loved to come hang out. I married young and had six kids. They are 21,19,14,13,11, and 9. Some of you will know I'm Matt and Faith's mom. I am a very laid-back kind of person who loves to laugh. I am the kind of person who can always see the positive things in life even when life gets really hard. Our society teaches us to rely on feelings instead of truth. Learn to rely on truth--know your beauty and worth even when you don't feel it. Learn this when you're young and you will do well in life regardless of what is thrown at you. I say all this because this is how I got into massage therapy. I found myself in a life-changing situation. I suddenly became a single mom to six very active kids. At the time, all six were still at home and involved in drama, basketball, football, gymnastics, baseball, and hockey. I had been a stay-at-home mom for 18 years and didn't want to miss out on one moment of my kids' lives. I wanted to be able to be at every practice, every game, every tournament, and every drama performance. I decided I needed a job where I could still be at every possible event and still be "home" as much as possible not working nights and weekends and never home--that's why I chose massage therapy.

Careers in Medicine: “Compassionate Care” (Breakout # 3 and Breakout #4: BCA Rm 103)

Presenter: Dr. Susan Bell, Family Physician and local provider of medical care at Caronport Medical Clinic.

Theme: Dr. Bell will explore her calling and training, as well as her educational journey towards becoming a family physician. She will share her heart for healing and caring for people through her chosen profession.

Careers in Nursing (Breakout #2 OR Breakout #3: BCA Rm 106)

Presenter: Evelyn Nelson, R.N.

Theme: Join Evelyn as she shares her very interesting journey into the career of nursing. Evelyn earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing later on in her life from the University of Saskatchewan, has worked at Moose Jaw Union Hospital and is now employed for the Five Hills Health Region as a registered nurse (R.N.) for Pioneer Lodge in Moose Jaw. Evelyn also has a heart after God for the wider mission field and has used her training in nursing to serve in third-world countries, including Africa, helping children in orphanages receive the medical care they so desperately need.

Careers in Nutrition (Breakout #1 OR Breakout #2: BCA Rm 102)

Presenter: Heather Kayler

Heather is a nutritionist who works for “Hunger in Moose Jaw”. She lives in Caron with her husband.

Careers in Personal and Professional Development: Public Speaking with Toastmasters (Breakout #2: BCA Rm 103)

Presenter: Donna Friesen

Theme: Communication is the most needed and neglected skill in the workplace. Do you want to become a confident public speaker and a strong leader? If so, Toastmasters is the place for you. You’ll find a supportive learn-by-doing environment that allows you to achieve your goals at your own pace.

Donna started her Toastmaster journey in May of 2016 when she wanted an independent study to round out her electives towards her Masters in Leadership and Management. The goal was to complete 30 speeches in 10 months. Over the last two-and-a-half years, Donna has completed four speaking designations, two leadership designations and Level 2 of Innovative Planning in the new Pathways program. She was Rookie of the Year in 2017 at the Area and Division Level, and Toastmaster of the Year at the Area Level in 2018. Donna currently lives on a farm near Drake, SK where she enjoys time with her husband, two grandchildren and five children.

Website: Toastmasters Moose Jaw: <https://tap.toastmastersclubs.org/>

SPECIAL INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS:

Students will gather at 8:30am and again at 12:30pm directly in Edwards Chapel for the main sessions; attendance will be taken by your CE teachers for these two main sessions. For each of the four breakout sessions, attendance will be taken by the supervising teachers. Lunch will run from 11:30am to 12:30pm; the day will conclude at 3:30pm.

“Explore Your Career Scavenger Hunt”:

In addition to attending the main session and the four breakout workshops, you will have the opportunity during the breaks to interact with a variety of the presenters introduced above at their booths. The “Scavenger Hunt” activity will invite you to provide input from your experiences at the sessions, as well as to meet and acquire information from a number of the presenters at their booths.

2019 CAREER EVENT DOOR PRIZE:

In order to be eligible for the draw, students must arrive at all of their sessions on time, have verified attendance at all sessions and submit their fully completed "Explore Your Career" Scavenger Hunt card at 3:10pm just prior to the draw!

At 3:15pm, all students will gather in Edwards Chapel for the conclusion of the event. At this time, a draw will be made for a MICROSOFT SURFACE GO with TYPE COVER*: <https://www.costco.ca/Microsoft-Surface-Go-with-English-Type-Cover%2C-4415Y.product.100424248.html>

The staff and students of Briercrest Christian Academy would like to warmly thank all of our presenters and booth representatives for working with us to make this day a meaningful and inspirational day for all of us! See you next year!