



COUNCIL OF 3M NATIONAL TEACHING FELLOWS COMMUNIQUE

It has been a busy year for the Council Executive, as we have been promoting teaching and learning in Canada through a variety of projects.

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First, we welcome ten new Fellows: Marshall Beier, Adrian Chan, A.R. (Elango) Elangovan, Sarah Forgie, Marjorie Johnson, Charles Lucy, Toni Samek, Susan (Sue) Vajoczki, Connie Varnhagen, and Fiona Walton. Welcome! We look forward to celebrating your success in Montreal this summer when you are presented with your Fellowships at the STLHE Conference Banquet.

This year marks the inauguration of the 3M National Student Fellowship, a new award to recognize outstanding leadership in the areas of teaching and learning by students from across Canada. A committee of 3M Fellows and STLHE members developed guidelines and application procedures over the past year, with the first call for nominations going out in 2011. The winners were announced on March 29; to read more about this year's student cohort, [please visit the Society's website](#). These outstanding students will also be recognized at the STLHE Conference in Montreal this June where they will be featured in a closing plenary discussion on the future of higher education in Canada.

The 2011 3M Fellows' project has been a very successful advertising campaign to support teachers and teaching in Canada. The "Thank Your Teacher" initiative was launched a few months ago, consisting of ads in the Globe and Mail in which each of the 2011 Fellows reflect on and thank important teachers in their lives. The ads invite and encourage the public to do the same by filling in the online form at www.thankyourteacher.ca. We encourage other 3M Fellows to join this very worthwhile and important project.

We continue in our partnership with studentawards.com, a site that assists Canadian students and parents with questions about higher education in general, and scholarships and other

funding opportunities. This year many Fellows from diverse disciplines have contributed ideas, tips, and information on their areas, in answer to the studentawards "question of the month." We invite all 3M Fellows, past and present, to contribute to this worthwhile endeavor. You will directly assist students by answering some of the most difficult questions they may face in their educational careers.

At this year's STLHE Conference, 3M Fellows will be offering a variety of "master classes." In these sessions, 3M Fellows will demonstrate their techniques and discuss their teaching strategies; all teachers and educational developers who would benefit from seeing Canada's best teachers in action are encouraged to attend. The Master Classes will be offered throughout the conference schedule, so please try to catch some sessions by your fellow 3M award winners.

We will be seeking new members-at-large this year for the Council Executive. Please consider serving the Fellowship in this way, or nominating a 3M Fellow for one of our positions. Information from the nominating committee will be sent out shortly. All the members of the Council Executive can attest that serving on the 3M Council executive has (and continues to be) one of the most rewarding experiences of their careers.

In our next Communique—More information on events for 3M National Teaching Fellows during the STLHE Conference will be provided as well as the announcement of new and developing 3M Council projects.

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