



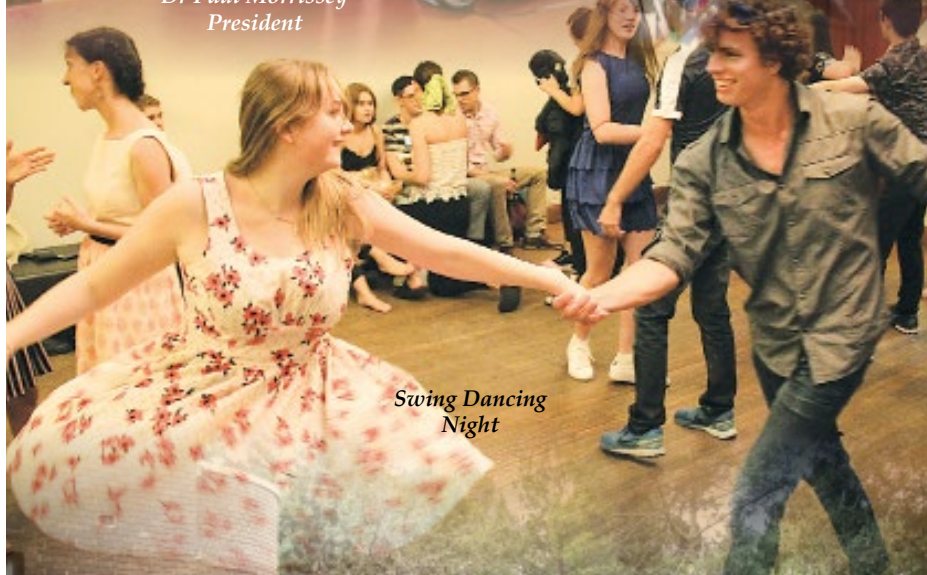
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Where are they now?



Olivia Lee

If you told me at my graduation in 2014 that I would be working for the Church in contentious, vibrant, and important spaces, I would have... absolutely believed you, because three years of study at Campion had made me feel so much love and courage to live out my faith and work for its glory – so of course I wanted to be in the thick of things. Since graduating, I became the Pastoral Associate of Australian Catholic University's North Sydney and Strathfield Campuses for four years; in late 2018, I accepted a role to be the Executive Assistant to the Plenary Council 2020, and I now also sit on the Australian Catholic Council for Lay Pastoral Ministry. I am forever grateful for the academic and social experience of Campion, that opened my mind, my heart, and so many opportunities.

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Interview with Dr Morrissey

By Shaun Hyatt, used with permission from *The Catholic Weekly* 6/5/2019.

What does the Liberal Arts Mean to you?

The Liberal Arts are a study in freedom rightly understood: a freedom from ignorance, falsehood, irrationality and a freedom for understanding and living what is true, good and noble.

Who are your literary influences?

As a theologian I should speak more about theological/philosophical writers. Big heroes of mine include, among many others: Aquinas, Augustine, Pinckaers, Balthasar, Newman and Ratzinger. Writers that have affected me include, among many, many others: Evelyn Waugh, Flannery O'Connor, Clive James, Tom Wolfe, G.K. Chesterton, C.S. Lewis, Malcolm Muggeridge, PD James, and Charles Dickens. If we can stretch the question to popular culture: Bob Dylan, the films of the Coen brothers and Terrance Malick.

What has been your favourite thing about being president of a Liberal Arts College?

Seeing students flourish in an environment that values learning, culture, faith, virtue and friendship.

If you were stuck on a deserted island with three books to read, which ones would you bring?

I'm not sure this is how you are meant to answer this question, but one criterion would be large books! Holy Bible, Thomas Aquinas' *Summa Theologiae*, and, to have some respite from just looking at beaches and forests, a coffee table book of great art.

How important do you think the Liberal Arts are today? What do you think you can gain from it?

Very important, because an authentic liberal education helps us understand who we are in times that are rapidly changing. Today, when identity and what it means to be human are challenged, a liberal arts education gives one a grounding in authentic humanism. A Catholic liberal arts education extends that further into an authentic Christian humanism. What do you gain? In the sense of knowing and understanding all the best that has been thought, written, lived and fought for, you gain an education in true wisdom.

What is something that really annoys you? Red tape bureaucracy.

Would you want your children to do a Liberal Arts Course? Absolutely!

How do you relax? Why do you like this?

At home with my wife and children: reading, playing & watching sport, prayer, gardening, films.

If there was anything you've always wanted to do but never got around to doing, what is it?

Visit Mont St Michel and take my wife to Venice.

Who do you think is one of the most important writers?

In the Catholic context I think John Henry Newman and Joseph Ratzinger are perhaps the most important in our present age. Both are modern thinkers grounded in tradition. Thomas Aquinas is perennially important.

Which Literature character, or philosopher/historian, do you most relate to?

Not so much relate, but I aspire to Aquinas and Chesterton's sense of wonder at reality.

If you could ask any author/philosopher/historian a question and get an answer, who would it be and what would you ask?

To C.S. Lewis: How close were you to 'crossing the Tiber'?

What do you think of Australia's current generation of students?

Like all generations they are inquisitive, but they are burdened with unparalleled distraction in the form of the computers they carry around in their pockets. Technology has been great for information at your fingertips but disastrous for deep thinking and learning.

How important do you think the Liberal Arts are in relation to faith?

The Liberal Arts must connect with faith at least to the degree that they incorporate the study of big questions: what is a good life? Why is there something and not nothing? Does God exist? Etc. I would argue that a Liberal Arts education is an extremely important way to understand and grow in the Catholic faith. We believe all that is true is found in and comes from God. The truth is integrated, broad and deep; it is not narrow, or shallow. To see the glory of God in all things is at the heart of a Catholic vision of education.

If you were Prime Minister of Australia, what is the first thing you would do?

I would, very tentatively, seek to introduce national public holidays for major Christian feast days – at least for the Ascension! This should motivate the bishops to restore the celebration of the Ascension back to its rightful place! I would then turn to education policy ...

What problems do you think the liberal Arts face today?

The liberal arts are simply not valued as they ought to be. So much of the modern approach to education is about success (mostly ill-defined) and is riddled with ideologies that see learning as a pathway to change and political identity. You only have to look at the controversy surrounding the Ramsay Centre for Western Civilisation to see how maligned a classical approach to the liberal arts is in the humanities departments of our universities. I also think there is, more broadly, an undervaluing of wisdom in education today.

Who is your patron Saint, and why did you pick them?

My name is my patron so I believe St Paul chose me and not the other way around!

Is there anything you would say to students considering undertaking a Liberal Arts Course?

I would say, like the old Nike slogan: Just do it! A liberal arts education is a real point of difference today in whatever path your life may take. It is a point of difference that will enable you to integrate ideas, solve problems, think critically, respect and understand human dignity, understand society and work for the common good. For good reason, employers and graduate programs really want and value liberal arts graduates.

Matriculation

Students commencing the *Bachelor of Arts in the Liberal Arts* and the *Diploma of Liberal Arts - Foundations of the Western Tradition*, arrived on Monday 25 February 2019 along with their families and friends to celebrate the Matriculation Mass and Ceremony followed by a BBQ lunch.

Matriculation is the formal process of enrolling at a college or university as a candidate for a degree. The new students were presented and robed with their new academic gowns and signed the Register of Students.

Mass was celebrated by Fr Piotr Kruk OP, College Chaplain, with Rev Dr Luke Holohan SM, Lecturer in Theology. Mr Bernard Kirkpatrick conducted the Campion College Schola during the Mass.



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Sam Rebbechi

I graduated from Campion in 2015, where I majored in Philosophy and served as the president of the Campion College Student Association. I later completed a Masters of Marketing, and worked for Performics Australia, a digital marketing company with clients such as Toyota, Snowy Hydro Group, and the Victorian Government. I also served as the president of the Campion Alumni Association in 2017. I have recently moved into politics and now work as a media adviser to a Federal Member for Dunkley (Victoria). In January this year I married Campion graduate, Christie Schumann.

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in Memory of Dr Felice Zaccari

13 September 1927 – 19 January 2019

who passed away peacefully on 19th January 2019. Aged 91 years.

Dr Felice Zaccari OAM was a great supporter of Campion College Australia and many other good causes. He believed deeply in our mission of providing a foundational education in the Liberal Arts that integrates the insights of faith and reason. He generously funded a lectureship in Catholic Theology over a number of years. He is survived by his wife Del, and his children and their families.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul rest in peace. Amen



Campion's Wish List

Campion opened its doors in 2006, this means our equipment has aged and requires renewing and replacing. We have created a wish list of new items that we are seeking, just to name a few:

- Air-conditioning system upgrade
- Sporting equipment
- Recording studio equipment

Please consider donating any of the above mentioned items (or participate in funding parts of them.)

For further information on how you can support, or a detailed Wish List, please contact Yvette Nehme, Director of Development 02 9896 9318 / y.nehme@campion.edu.au



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