

The Coady Connection

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A Message from Coady Institute Director Gord Cunningham

There are many changes and new initiatives to report from the Coady International Institute. We renewed our commitment to the world-class educational programming that has distinguished us by doubling our certificate offerings in 2010 and sending our largest-ever cohort of youth associates on placements with our partner organizations.

Our cutting-edge work in ABCD (Asset Based Community-Driven Development) continues to gain recognition. Starting in 2003 staff have expanded their work to Ethiopia, Kenya, India, Vietnam and the Philippines in 2009, and most recently South Africa in 2010, where they were invited to explore partnerships with sectors ranging from civil society groups and private foundations to academic institutions and local and national levels of government. Our Livelihoods & Markets and Microfinance courses are taking



off under the leadership of new program staff. Please watch our research and publications section of our website for new and exciting publications.

In June of 2010, we launched a valuable new initiative that will allow us to engage with Indigenous women in Canada. Our new Indigenous Women in Community Leadership program will develop the leadership potential of First Nation, Métis, and Inuit women who are involved in economic and social development of their communities.

In July, our longest-serving director, Mary Coyle, decided to step away from her duties and now contributes to the Coady Institute in an advisory capacity. Her efforts over the past 13 ½ years have placed the Coady Institute in an incredible position of strength. We are well prepared to accelerate and enhance our positive influence and impact well into the future.

International Women's Leadership Trust Initiative

Jayshree Vyas is a compelling ambassador for the Coady International Institute.

As the managing director of the SEWA bank – one of India's largest microfinance banking organizations, Jayshree's life's work had involved lifting the poorest working women out of poverty. Her message of resilience, ingenuity and hope engaged many when she crossed Canada this year in support of the Coady International Institute's new initiative on women's leadership.

The International Women's Leadership Trust Initiative seeks to develop a dynamic, new graduate-level leadership

program for women at the forefront of advancing global development. The Trust would be unique in the world in providing high level leadership education for women and creating action-oriented research opportunities.

The Coady International Institute is committed to advancing women's leadership.



We hear from...

Ekaete Okon, CDLW 2003: Presently a member of the Akwa Ibom State Legislature.

Elvis Bande, Diploma 2007: Has been accepted to the Institute of Development Studies at the University of Sussex.

Nathan Nhlane, Diploma 2009: Wrote an abstract on Miss stigma concept, which was accepted for a conference at the International AIDS Conference in Vienna.

Fr. Devasagayaraj Zackarias, Diploma 2008: Leading the dalit rights movement in Tamil Nadu.

J.Najir Ahmed Khan, Diploma 1992: Managing the Oxfam food security programme in Ngorongoro district.

Nabir Abadir, Diploma 1977: Is retiring from CEOSS at the end of September

Soundaram T. Toumiyan, Peace 2009: Is chair of the Sri Lanka YMCA.

McKennedy AzizYassin, Diploma 2007: Has been awarded a UK Commonwealth Scholarship for the MSc Education for Sustainability from London South Bank University.

Rev. Dr. Andrea Zaki Stephanous, Diploma 1988: Is the new Director General of CEOSS

The Coady Institute's Longest Serving Director Leaves Institute in a Position of Strength



After 13 and a half rewarding years, I concluded my term as Director, Coady International Institute and Vice President, St. Francis Xavier University on July 31.

I have made a decision to take some time out for family, study and consideration of the next stage of my career. I have gladly agreed to stay on in an advisory role for a period

of transition.

For me, the time here at St. Francis Xavier University has been profoundly rewarding. It has been a genuine honour to have been entrusted with this leadership opportunity at such an historic period in the evolution of the Coady International Institute.

I have had the privilege and pleasure to work with a dynamic, talented and globally experienced staff team. Together we have focused our efforts on expanding and improving the Coady Institute's leadership education, research and youth programs. We have grown our innovation partnerships and our vibrant alumni networks around the world. We have also successfully built linkages here in Canada with our Extension and XEDC colleagues.

I take great pride in the achievements of our graduates and partners. They are putting their Coady education into action in order to further human development. It has been inspiring to meet and work with so many committed

leaders over the years. Our Coady Youth Associates have never failed to impress me with their dynamism and dedication.

I would like to thank Dr. Riley in particular. He encouraged me to take on this role 13 years ago and his understanding of the role and importance of Coady to the fabric of the University has allowed Coady to flourish. I value greatly the support I have received from my colleagues in senior administration, StFX academic leadership, faculty, staff and our devoted StFX alumni. StFX is a very special place to work.

I appreciate having had the guidance of the StFX Board of Governors and also as a governor myself, participating in many key university decisions. The Coady Advisory Board has become an invaluable resource providing me and the Institute with wise strategic insight.

An incredibly generous and informed group of local, national and international supporters joined us to build a beautiful and functional new home on campus, extend our programming reach and establish a stronger financial base. This expanded Coady "community" believes in the value and impact of our work and will be an important part of the successes experienced by Coady under the next Director and Vice President.

As this stage of my relationship with StFX and the Coady Institute comes to a close, I feel confident in our people, our strong institutional foundation and the high impact strategy that are in place.

I want to thank everyone I have worked with for your generosity, support and understanding.

With great affection and respect,
Mary Coyle

Microfinance expert joins staff at Coady International Institute

The former regional manager of CARE UK's operations in Asia has joined the Coady International Institute as Senior Fellow Microfinance and Development.

Anuj Jain is facilitating programs in microfinance and enterprise development. Mr. Jain has almost 20 years of experience delivering microfinance and development programs across Asia and Africa, most of those with CARE, one of the world's leading humanitarian organizations.

"He has been at the frontline of the development and success of microfinance in Asia," said Yogesh Ghore, a senior program staff member at the Coady. *"His decision to come to the Coady to teach others what he has learned over those years will be a tremendous addition to our programs."*

Some of Mr. Jain's work in Asia has included

overseeing tsunami response projects including 30 multi-year projects worth over \$50 million.

Before taking over as Regional Manager for CARE UK in Asia, Mr. Jain worked out of Atlanta, Georgia for CARE USA where he coordinated CARE's global policy and strategy for microfinance and enterprise development sectors.

Mr. Jain has a B.Sc. from Sambalpur University in India and an MBA from the Institute of Management Technology in India.



Coady graduate Barnaba Okony Gilo elected in Sudan



Barnaba Okony Gilo sent a message to the Coady International Institute to announce a remarkable achievement:

It is only almost 18 months when we left our University STFX and the Coady International Institute in December of 2008. I would like to draw your attention today to the Sudan election.

The leadership characteristics, skill and the knowledge that I learned from Coady has

qualified me to be nominated and contest for 2010 Sudan election to our state legislative assembly. I won.

With those words, “Gilo” as he is known, has taken his leadership to a new level. Gilo credits his experience at the Coady, and the support he received from Coady staff and fellow participants, for his election win.

I learned from you that words carry enormous powers, power to heal, power to speak truth - this became reasons of my success,” said Gilo in his letter. “That skill made me able to address my people for change and brighter future for all.”

In serving as a legislator, Gilo is also at the forefront of nation building. In January of 2011, South Sudan will hold a referendum on independence.

Coady graduate Anselmo (Boy) Mercado leads water cooperative

Anselmo (Boy) Mercado, is a former director of SEARSOLIN, Coady’s partner organization in the Philippines. He was a graduate of the Coady in the late 1960s and was at the Coady Institute for the forum last year. He has now been active in cooperativising local water supply in Cagayan de Oro. A report from the founding of the new cooperative reads:

April 20, 2010 was a historic day in Cagayan de Oro City. It was the day the Water Consumers Cooperative (WATERCCOOP) was born. The organizational meeting was attended by 86 persons on their own personal capacity, many of whom also represented some 24 cooperatives and some 10 NGOs in Cagayan de Oro proper and nearby areas.

The official meeting proper was presided by Dr. Anselmo B. Mercado, chairman of the CCDC and chairman of the study committee that had been undertaking the study of the feasibility to cooperative-ize the Cagayan de Oro Water District (COWD). Dr. Mercado had also been chairing the steering committee that coordinated various civil society groups (i.e., NGOs, cooperatives, business sector, church-based groups, etc.) in their advocacy (which later they termed as a “crusade”) to make COWD a cooperative.

Dr. Mercado “set the tone” for the organizational meeting with a presentation entitled “The Time Has Come”, in which he gave a historical background of the crusade and explained the main reasons and motivations behind the crusade.

Canadian community leaders visit India and Nepal with the Coady Institute

Ten Canadian community leaders visited with Coady graduates and partners in India and Nepal. The journey began on November 3, 2009 when StFX President Dr. Sean Riley, Coady Director Mary Coyle, Coady Fund Development Manager Lori Ward and the group of supporters arrived in India.

They met with Ela Bhatt, the founder of SEWA, and Jayshree Vyas, the Managing Director of SEWA Bank who spoke about their work and the tremendous success they have had in improving the lives of working women. SEWA provides banking services, financing and education to over one million women and has been a partner of the Coady International Institute for more than 10 years.

The group visited partner organizations such as the Jaipur Jewellery Artisans Development Project with Suryamani Roul of ACCESS, and connected with Coady graduates like Father Susai Sebastian to see th e work he is doing with the rag-picker community in Jehangirpuri. They met graduates in the urban centres of Mumbai and New Delhi who are working on various initiatives from education to advocacy and microfinance to livelihoods.

They then traveled to Nepal and saw the many



changes Coady graduates have introduced in one community including a co-operative community health clinic. The health clinic is being expanded into a 51 bed hospital thanks to a plan developed by Karuna Sagar Subedi as his independent study project during his time in the Diploma in Development Leadership program.

A special part of the tour was having the opportunity to share the Coady International Institute’s 50th Anniversary celebration with those partners and graduates whose work is making a difference in their communities in India and Nepal.

Alumni Insight

Looking back at my great experience with the Coady in Antigonish, my favorite village, I am always very grateful and full of appreciation to the wonderful time, experience, great knowledge, understanding, and skills I gained during my study there.

Many of the questions which I was confronted with in the beginning of my career as Community development practitioner were the focus of our debate, reflections and researchers at the Coady.

I was exposed to so many experiences and models of community development from around the world and how under different political, social, economic and cultural systems approaches and strategies could be shared and applied.

The self-directed learning approach utilized by the Coady teaching staff was a challenge and an important tool which enabled me to research, discover, develop and look critically at the many dimensions of development problems and challenges. The family spirit of the whole institution was very supportive and secure for people who are away from their families and communities.

My accumulated studies starting at the Coady in 1977 with the diploma in social development and in 1984 with a course in social policy and in the year 1991 with KSG Harvard University for a Master in public policy has given me the experiences & qualifications to engage widely as a public leader.

My engagement includes being a volunteer with the following national, regional and international organizations beside my main job as a leader of CEOSS, one of the leading and largest NGO's in Egypt.

- I am a member of the Women Committee of the General secretariat for policies of the ruling party NDP.
- Elected vice president of the Arab Council for childhood & development.
- Member of the board of trustees of the Arab Network for Voluntary organizations.
- Member of a Social policy

committee under the leadership of Minister of social Solidarity.

- Board member of Habitat for Humanity international.
- Member of National council for Women from 2005-2008
- Board member of the Egyptian support center for NGOs.

At the Institutional level, CEOSS has moved strongly based on my experience (and the experience of other colleagues who also studied with Coady in the years after) from being a service delivery organization with some element of community participation to a community development agency focusing on building community governing structure (formal or informal) practicing democratization, process, transparency, full community participation and advocacy.

When CEOSS and Coady started to have joint training programs this opened the move of CEOSS towards the rights-based approach to development, community organization, capacity and institutional development.

After 33 years of being partners with the Coady, I have great memories, am very pleased with our model of partnership and honored with the Doctors degree in laws from STFX.

I am also honored to have lots of friends and carrying a great respect to leaders like late father Topshee, late Dr. A.A. Macdonald, Mr. Eric Amit, my long standing friend Audrey and her late husband Joe Chaisson.

Nabil Samuel Abadir
Diploma, 1977

I was thrilled to receive the 2009 Fall edition of "The Coady Connection." I really got re-connected. The publication took me back to the Coady. It was truly a reunion.

Through the publication, I learnt of the improvements you have made to the infrastructure at the institution (such as the Marie Michael Library – which was next to my bedroom when I was a student) and would like to commend you for a job well done. Re-shaping the face of the Coady

will provide more opportunities for learning.

To hear about Olga and Eric Amit was also quite refreshing. Amit's son supervised my independent study assignment 20 years ago this year! One cannot stop appreciating the Coady and the staff that served there during this time: Wilf Bean, the Scoggins the Camerons and many others. Looking back into yester years, I can unequivocally say that my epoch at the Coady was never in vain.

I am now retired from full-time paid employment and working on my own. I remain very active in voluntary community work dealing with issue of consumer protection, advocacy, and lobbying in the area of local development.

Charles Nyambe
Diploma, 2007

Thanks for The Connection; it may just have reconnected me with some of my cohort colleagues of the Diploma Programme 1988. I had heard on the news of the honour bestowed on my cousin and PM of Antigua and Barbuda and like his alumni profile. I remember Eric Amit who taught us an Economics course and Olga as well. She has aged gracefully. I remember her zeal and enthusiasm.

I have not revisited all of the photos I brought home with me of my sojourn at Coady, but the memories are still sharp and poignant and the experience a seminal one in my life's journey. Currently, I am struggling to get across the philosophy and praxis of participatory programme planning and collaborative management in a situation where a culture of micro-management and authoritarianism is the dominant trend.

I would dearly love to get in direct contact with other members of my cohort. The totality of the Coady experience was phenomenal - from the cultural exchanges amongst the participants, the exchanges with the host population, the field trips, the sessions both inside and outside the

classrooms. Sadly, though, our level of socio-economic development in the Eastern Caribbean did not seem to warrant that much attention.

Take care everyone and hope to hear from you all.

David Spencer
Diploma, 1988

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It was such a delight to receive a copy of the Coady Connection in which you highlighted the Coady celebration of “igniting leadership”. Congratulations.

I am a graduate of the Diploma program (1991) and still have good memories of the friendly community of Antigonish. After leaving the Coady, I continued to work for the Church of the Province of Uganda in the department of Planning and Development where I currently work as the Human Resource and Administration Officer. I still treasure the experience I gained at the Coady because it is very relevant to the work we do here and it is in-line with our mission to “empower people and communities in order to improve their quality of life”.

Through the Coady Connection newsletter, I would like to hear from 1991 colleagues, especially Catherine Myhia and Margaret Ochoo from Kenya, Fr. Joseph from Ghana and the rest of the 1991 group.

Victoria Kayonde
Church of Uganda
Planning, Development and
Rehabilitation
Diploma 1991

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Dear All,
Greetings from Mariadas Aloysius, a Coady Graduate of 1990.
After graduating from the Coady, I continued to be the Training Manager of the Pondicherry Multi Purpose Social Service Society (PMSSS), the Diocesan Organization for Development in the Archdiocese of Pondicherry- Cuddalore.

We established a Cooperative Thrift and Credit Society under the name, Family Development Cooperative Thrift and Credit Society Ltd. (FAMCO). This cooperative society was registered under the Multi State Cooperative Societies Act in 2002 on the 23rd July, 2009.

The specialty of this act is that the bureaucracy and the politicians are forbidden to interfere with the Society. The membership is given to the Self Help Group. Individuals who promote coops, SHGs and community based Groups can also enroll them as individual members.

Now I am the Chief Executive Officer of FAMCO. Hence, I have relinquished my job at PMSSS. The authorized share capital of the society is Rs.10,000,000/- made up of 100,000 shares with a face value of Rs.100/- Per share. We are aiming to convert the society to a cooperative bank, fully owned and controlled by the SHGs and to be called as the real “Peoples” Bank.

I am pleased to inform you that we have created a website to strengthen the local NGO platform and network. If you would like to join us and follow our activity, please go to the following website: www.ngoalliance.ning.com and create your account.

With regards,
Mariadas Aloysius, CEO, FAMCO
Diploma 1990

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I'm looking back with pride on what I have been able to contribute in terms of changes for Tanzanians with disabilities. Apart from influencing our government to rectify the convention on the rights of persons with disabilities, I have also been instrumental in drafting the corresponding bill. As I'm dropping you these lines, I have managed to secure a significant amount of money for popularizing the CRPD at the grassroots level.

The target is to reach an audience of about 1.2 million in 60 countries.

Two days ago, my first batch of change agents graduated. Indeed, this was a wonderful class. I tried to employ all the techniques I have seen applied by individuals at the Coady. It was miraculous. These teachers thought I was someone of your background.

Affably
Kaganzi Rutachamagyo
Diploma, 1993

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Thank you very much for sending me the Coady Connection which I received today in the mail. The Coady newsletter keeps me up to date with with the developments at the Coady Institute. Such news takes me back to 1981 (28 years ago) and reminds me of so many unforgettable moments.

I attended the Credit Union Course. I still remember Ms Mary O'Keefe, Mr. Tony Scoggins and Mr. Eric Amit.

I am 72 years old and still working. Soon after I returned home from the Coady, I was appointed the General Manager of the Credit Union Central of Indonesia in Jakarta. I resigned as GM in 1988. Later I was elected as President of Credit Union Central of Indonesia. Again, I was elected as Secretary of Asian Confederation of Credit Unions (ACCU) in 1982, whose HQs are in Seoul, South of Korea.

Last but not least, a hearty congratulations to the Coady International Institute on completing 50 years in 2009. I will never forget my experience at the Coady; it has inspired me in many aspects of human life.

Thanks again and best wishes to the Director of Coady International Institute, Ms Mary Coyle and to all the students of the beloved Coady Institute at the 50th Anniversary

With warm regards,
Pintaraja M.Sitanggang
CU Course, 1981
North Sumatra, INDONESIA

Coady Institute Youth Associates Engage with the World

The Coady International Institute's youth programs have received a significant vote of confidence from the Canadian International Development Agency's International Youth Internship Program.

The Coady Institute's Youth In Partnership program (YIP) has received funding to offer 60 international internships to qualified university and college graduates during 2010-12. It is the maximum number of placements that CIDA's program will approve per organization.

Since 1997, the Coady Institute's Youth In Partnership program has given 176 recent Canadian university graduates experience working with development organizations in their field of study, to help them increase their understanding of development issues and participate in their roles as global citizens.

As part of the learning experience associated with a Coady Institute internship, our youth associates are asked to communicate their experiences to the public, both in their home communities in Canada and in their adopted communities around the world.

The perspectives they put forward were interesting and informative. Youth associate and Toronto resident Micah Nelson, is working with Coady Institute partner, the Youth Health Organization in Botswana. A project she is working on is the creation of music videos. She wrote:

It is wonderful to see innovative ways this organization uses to educate the public about HIV/AIDS prevention and other important issues. Through their songs they touch on important issues such as HIV prevention, family breakdown, personal transformation and the treatment of women. In collaboration with these talented young artists, we are about to shoot 11 music videos in order to have an equally powerful visual impact to support their positive message. I admire organizations and individuals who take innovative artistic approaches to solving issues within their own community.

Ilka Fedor from Ottawa is in Ghana working with the Africa 2000 Network on producing and exporting shea butter.

Part of my role is to learn from the women how they make their shea butter, from picking the nuts straight through to packaging their shea butter for export. I'll live with one of the communities for about a week, learning their processes, but more importantly, assessing how much work they put into making their shea butter so that I can calculate a fair price for them.



2010 Youth Associate Ilka Fedor at her placement in Tamale, Ghana

AUCC – SFD

The Coady International Institute also conducts a youth program in partnership with the Association of Universities and Colleges in Canada – Students for Development.

In 2009, four students travelled to South Africa, Kenya, Rwanda and Zambia to work with Coady Institute partner organizations on issues of governance and health.

Former Coady Youth Associate Follows Her Dreams

After participating in a Coady Institute internship in Botswana in 2008, Jen MacPherson began a Masters in Public Health with a Global Health focus at Simon Fraser University in British Columbia. Jen says the experience she gained in Botswana gave her the confidence to further pursue her passion and provided her with practical knowledge and experience.

Currently Jen is in Montserrat, West Indies, as a Young Professional with the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) on an initiative called Faces, Voices and Places which aims to empower vulnerable populations to achieve the Millennium Development Goals by highlighting inequities and giving those vulnerable groups a voice through a participatory process.

"I find that my Coady experience keeps me especially sensitive to local considerations, on-the-ground workers, and ensuring progress is achieved equitably. My passion for HIV/AIDS activism has also strengthened and I will be returning for my final year of my Masters Degree as President of the AIDS Awareness Network at Simon Fraser University."

Since returning from the Coady I have done my best not to forget the lessons I learned in Botswana and hope to continue to pursue a career which involves tackling health inequities, both locally and globally."



Scholarship Opportunities

Iromi Amit Memorial Scholarship

The family of Iromi Amit has created an endowment at the Coady International Institute that will provide a \$1,000 scholarship annually to a deserving participant.

The Iromi Amit Women Leaders' Scholarship Fund will be awarded each year to a female community development leader from the developing world to enable her participation in the Coady International Institute's educational programs.

Iromi passed away in August of 2009. The daughter of Coady Institute director emeritus, Eric Amit, and his wife Amy. Family, friends and colleagues created the fund in her memory in January of 2010.

She was a well-respected colleague at Canada Mortgage & Housing Corporation, and devoted her considerable talents and effort to promoting sustainable housing in Canada and around the world.

Scholarship for Antiguan and Barbudan residents

The Prime Minister of Antigua and Barbuda announced that his government has made a five-year commitment to fund a full scholarship at the Coady International Institute beginning in 2010.

Prime Minister Winston Baldwin Spencer attended the Coady on a scholarship from the Canadian International Development Agency and has now created a similar opportunity to others from his country.

"He believes in our approach to leadership development and community building," said Institute director Mary Coyle. *"His government's initiative will ensure community leaders from Antigua and Barbuda come here to train with us. It is an incredible compliment to the Coady and to Canada."*

Spencer said the \$15,000 scholarship will be given annually for the next five years and will be facilitated by the Silver Jubilee Scholarship initiative established in the Office of the Prime Minister

"with the expressed intention of ensuring that every young person in Antigua and Barbuda is given the opportunity to attain university level education."

The Prime Minister told an audience of Coady participants, staff, faculty and donors that his experience at the Coady International Institute had a significant impact on his life.

"My time at Coady over forty years ago has helped to shape my understanding and thinking about education in a way that will continue to foster my efforts as a head of state to empower the people of Antigua and Barbuda and the wider Caribbean," said Spencer.

"Studying here at Coady has broadened my understanding of people and cultures, opened my mind to the complexities of leadership and broadened my vision of the world."



Katherine Fleming International Development Award

Coady staff and participants were joined by approximately 100 StFX alumni and friends during the 2009 Homecoming weekend to mark the 10th anniversary the Katherine Fleming International Development Award, and present the award to Inviolata Mmbwavi of Kenya.

The award honours the memory of an exceptional women leader and StFX alumna, Katherine Fleming, by supporting a Coady scholarship for an African woman who has dedicated her life to improving the economic and social well being of her community, and addressing pressing issues in the areas of poverty, health, gender equality, and social justice.

The award has inspired recipients to great heights. In corresponding with Inviolata six months after her graduation from Coady she reported, *"As we speak, Ten girls, poor and*

orphaned are in high school because of the award I received and because of the Coady quote "The people will use what they have to secure what they have not" (at the ceremony) I told the audience that I would strive to live by Kate's interests in Africa, the interest of fighting poverty in children, and sure am doing just that because education is power and is one of the best ways of getting oneself out of poverty. I am so committed to this course and I hope my dream like Kate will be realised. I feel obligated to do this, and like I said, I have to be accountable to the words that come out of my mouth. If I don't make it for whatever reason, I must explain!

In 2010, the StFX class of 1985, Katherine's class, will be celebrating their 25th year reunion and have indicated that they plan to continue to build the award endowment so that other leaders like Inviolata will use their Coady education to improve the lives of their communities. We at the Coady applaud Katherine Fleming's family and friends who have chosen to honour her memory with such a meaningful and impactful gift.



MasterCard Foundation

The Coady International Institute has renewed its partnership with The MasterCard Foundation's Scholars Program to provide \$200,000 in scholarships to global community leaders participating in the Coady Institute.

"With the generous support of The MasterCard Foundation, we will be able to provide financial support to approximately 70 participants in our Community-Based Microfinance and Livelihoods and Markets programs," said Mary Coyle, Director of the Coady International Institute.

"Thanks to the investment of the MasterCard Foundation and other generous supporters, the Coady International Institute is able to remove financial barriers that might otherwise prevent talented community development leaders from accessing capacity-building education," said Coyle.

The MasterCard Foundation is an independent charitable foundation based in Toronto. It was established through the generosity of MasterCard Worldwide at the time of the company's initial public offering in 2006.

Coady Institute graduate wins award for work on land rights

Coady International Institute graduate Jagat Basnet and his organization, the Community Self-Reliance Centre (CSRC) of Nepal, have been honoured with a 2010 Farmer Voice Award. The award was presented by the Agricultural Learning and Impacts Network at the Institute of Development Studies at the University of Sussex in the UK.

CSRC is one of nine recipients of the annual award, which celebrates leading examples of development organizations that are successfully nurturing and responding to smallholder farmers' own efforts to improve their lives and livelihoods.

Basnet's organization is leading a national land rights campaign with landless and tenant farmers in Nepal.

Olga Gladkikh, a senior program staff member at the Coady, has been working with Basnet's group since he first came to the Coady in 2001 as a participant in the Diploma in Development Leadership program.

"CSRC organizes and educates farmers about their rights. It also helps them to exercise those rights by using various strategies to put their issues on the political agenda," said Gladkikh.

As a result of CSRC's local level activism, Nepal's government now includes a representative from CSRC on its land commission and as of last year over 13,400 petitions have been settled in favor of the landless and land-poor.

In addition, more than 200,000 families have been reached through the group's educational activities. Gladkikh has connected CSRC with graduates working on land rights issues in other countries who together have formed an international Land First movement.

"CSRC's award is well-deserved," added Gladkikh. *"Its activism is breaking the cycle of poverty experienced by small landholders and landless farmers in Nepal."*

More information on the CRSC is available online at www.crsnepal.org



Happy Anniversary Silver Jubilee Grads

For over 50 years Coady graduates have been promoting sustainable development worldwide. In this issue, we would like to recognize the Coady Graduates of 1985 and join them in remembering and celebrating the 25th anniversary of their graduation. If you see your name, please get in touch with us to share your memories of the Coady Institute and let us know what you are doing now.

Happy Anniversary!

BANGLADESH Mr. Symon Adhikary, Mr. Shanti Ranjan Baidya, Mr. Daniel Baroi, BELIZE Mr. Winston George Henderson, Mrs. Rosita Rosado, Miss Laren Kay Simon, BOTSWANA Mr. Simon Magowe, CANADA Mr. Claude Perras, COLOMBIA Mr. Alfredo Ghiso Cotos, EGYPT Rev. Bishoy El Antony, Mr. Ibrahim Ghattas, Miss Martha Amin Missih, Mr. Raouf Tawfeck Rezk-alla, ENGLAND Mr. Caesar Odong, ETHIOPIA Mr. Gollo Huqa Liben, Mrs. Tsegie Tafesse, GAMBIA Mr. Abba Eban Gibba, Mr. Michael Jamanka, GHANA Mr. Peter Gyarko, Rev. Solomon Osei-Bonsu, HONDURAS Miss Lucila Aldana, HONG KONG Ms. Hedda Schuurman, INDIA Mr. S. Devaraj, Mr. Maria Joseph Devasagayam, Sr. Irene Fernandes, Mr. Francis, Mr. George Joseph, Mr. Edward Kirubakaran, Mr. Natarajan, Rev. Kulandai Raj, Mr. Ratchaganathan, Miss Saraswati, Mr. Gabriel Selvaraj, INDONESIA Mr. Abdul Chamid, JAMAICA Sr. Shirley Ago, KENYA Mr. Timothy Ikiara, Mrs. Sophie Elizabeth Kibuywa, Mr. Orestes Munene, Mrs. Judith Obiero, LIBERIA Mr. Tunde B. Johnson Spencer, Mr. Benedict Nimely, NIGERIA Miss Christiana Drenkat, Rev. Michael Nwodo, PAKISTAN Mr. Krishna Bahadur K.C., SOUTH AFRICA Mrs. Buyiswa Mofokeng, Mr. Thabo Ndlovu, Rev. Nyabela Amos Nhlapo, Rev. Zebedeus Sekwati, TANZANIA Mr. Vuai Haji Hassan, Mr. Hussein Kinguyu, Mrs. Lucy Lyamba, Mrs. Rogate Meena, Mrs. Adolphina Mtenda, THAILAND Miss Patchara Katikul, UGANDA Mr. Dominic Amooti, Mr. John Ouma Ayiko, Mr. Wallyson Bitaka, Mr. Peter Claver Lubwama, USA Rev. Thomas Becket D'souza, ZAMBIA Mr. Craphel Champo, Mr. Michello Ennias, Mr. William Nkandu Mulenga

We remember those who have passed away this year

Ms. K. Mama M. Devine from Liberia, ABCD Certificate 2008
Mr. Peter Mpagi from Uganda, Diploma 1966
Mr. Raphael Ihinolurinjan from Nigeria, Diploma 1980
Rev. Finley Maclella from USA, Diploma 1962