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### Economic Challenges To Be Focus Of Queen's Conference

The critical economic development challenges facing eastern Ontario's rural communities are the focus of a major conference today at Queen's University.

The keynote speaker is Robert MacKinnon, vice-president of the University of New Brunswick's Saint John campus. The event will highlight how the Queen's School of Business is helping eastern Ontario make the transition into the new economy.

The conference runs from 10 a. m. to 4:30 p. m. in Goodes Hall Atrium, Queen's School of Business, 143 Union St. The program and list of speakers are available at www.easternontarioknowledge.ca.

### MEDICAL TRAINING PROGRAM EARNS PROVINCIAL AWARD

For the second time in three years, a medical training program in Kingston has won a prestigious provincial award for excellence.

The anesthesiology postgraduate program at the Queen's University Faculty of Medicine won the PAIRO Residency Program Excellence Award by the Professional Association of Internes and Residents of Ontario.

The award singles out the Kingston program as the best among 200-plus residency programs offered at the province's six medical schools.

Anesthesiology residents are trained at Hotel Dieu and Kingston General hospitals. The university's general surgery residency training program won a PAIRO award for excellence in 2006.

### NEW LECTURE SERIES KICKS OFF WITH ALTERNATIVE ENERGY TALK

Kingston "present, past and future" is the topic of a new community lecture series sponsored by the Kingston Kiwanis Club.



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The series launches April 27 with two speakers, Don Young and Joshua Pearce, who will discuss "alternative energy opportunities for Kingston."

Young is dean of applied science at St. Lawrence College and chairman of SWITCH, a non-profit organization that promotes sustainable alternative energy.

Pearce is a professor of mechanical and materials engineering at Queen's University.

Each lecture will be 45 minutes long and refreshments will be served after the first one. The first lecture will be held in Room B201 of Macintosh-Corry Hall on the Queen's campus. Admission is free.

HOLY CROSS STUDENTS RAISE \$3,100 FOR SHARELENT

More than 70 students and staff at Holy Cross Secondary School took part in this year's ShareLent Thinkfast last Friday.

ShareLent is a fundraiser for the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace, which supports grass-roots development projects throughout the world.

The Holy Cross event, which included a scavenger hunt, prayers and presentations, raised over \$3,100 for ShareLent.

#### MONEY MANAGEMENT IS TOPIC OF FREE WORKSHOPS

Kingstonians can learn how to manage their money in two free workshop series organized by the local United Way.

The first series, co-presented by Kingston Credit Counselling and the Kingston and District Labour Council, involves four workshops held in April and May at the Union Centre on Sutherland Drive.

The workshops will cover such topics as real-life money management, surviving a financial crisis and tips for the unexpected. The schedule is:

\* Tuesday from 7 to 8:30 p. m.

\* Saturday, April 18, from 10 a. m. to 11:30

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\* Tuesday, April 21, from 7 to 8:30 p. m.

\* Saturday, May 2, from 10 a. m. to 11:30

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The second series will be co-presented by

Kingston Credit Counselling and Chapters and feature certified financial planner Jeff Maracle. Five Thursday evening sessions on managing money in today's economy are planned between April 23 and May 21.

Advanced registration is necessary. Call 613-549-7850 or e-mail [kccc@k3c.org](mailto:kccc@k3c.org), to register or for more information. You can also register or find out more by calling 613-542-2674, ext. 0, or email [uway@unitedwaykfla.ca](mailto:uway@unitedwaykfla.ca).

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