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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT, ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



Winter is now winding down, although for a while it was a little bit hard to tell

based on the unseasonably cool temperatures in March. How things can change.

In no time at all the academic year will begin to wind down and the class of 2013 will get ready to graduate.

In September, the college celebrated its 45th anniversary and welcomed a record-breaking enrolment of over 9,000 students. The campus has grown considerably since we opened our doors to our first 203 students in September 1967.

As you walk down the halls today you can feel the sense of excitement as we continue to grow.

Preparations for our spring convocation ceremonies in June are well underway as we get ready to welcome another group of students into our alumni family – a family that as of today is more than 60,000 members strong.

Just like the successful graduates featured in this issue of Reflections, I am confident they will make us proud by achieving great career success and making a positive difference in their communities and the lives of those around them.

This is also an exciting time of year for the Alumni office, with nomi-

nations for our annual Alumni of Distinction -Awards being accepted at www.durhamcollege.ca/alumni until Friday, April 12. Please consider nominating someone today!

As always, I look forward to hearing about all the wonderful things you are doing so please remember our door is always open – drop by anytime!

Cheers,

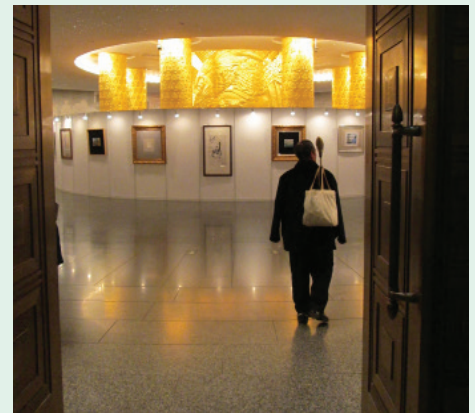


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of 1976*

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OSHAWA HAS SO MUCH TO OFFER – including Durham College. Just ask Mayor John Henry, a business graduate from the night school program, who recently chatted with Reflections reporter Bill Bath about there being much more to the city than the “green walls along the 401.”s

Bill Bath: What made you choose politics?

Mayor Henry: This sounds cliché, but I wanted to make a difference. I was born and raised in Oshawa. This is my home. My wife was born in Oshawa. I really didn't see myself here, but at the end of the day I want to build a sustainable community. The old days don't work. The only thing that is constant in life is change, and what we do here is grasp that each and every day in order to make that difference.

BB: What is one thing that Oshawa has that the average person isn't aware of?

MH: We are home to the world's largest one-of-a-kind climatic wind tunnel (on the Durham College/UOIT campus). It was built for the automotive industry, but it is also being employed to test building materials. National Geographic recreated the Quebec ice storm with it, and Rick Mercer drove the new Camaro in a snowstorm that the wind tunnel created.

Q&A: oshawa's mayor JOHN HENRY *The DURHAM nightschool biz grad says the COLLEGE has a great track RECORD*

BB:

How will Costco affect the city's downtown area?

MH: Costco is a great project. It was 16 months from the time Costco entered city hall to the day the doors opened. We are proud of that. Costco won't immediately affect the downtown core. As people drive through the community on their way to Costco they will see some of the great things we have, and that should bring them back.

BB: What is currently happening in Oshawa that excites you?

MH: A sculpture being donated to Oshawa is coming in by tractor-trailer from the United States, donated by an amazing family (Schwartz) for our gallery. It is 25 feet high, and it is replacing the ash tree that the emerald ash beetle destroyed at the east side of the entrance. We are actually going to replace the tree with a piece

of permanent sculpture. Did you know we have the fifth largest publicly-held collection of art in Ontario?

BB: No I didn't. Do you think this would surprise people?

MH: You need to know that we're a little more than what you think of when you hear of us. We're a manufacturing community that builds automobiles, but we

are also diversified in education and the arts – all the things that make bringing your business here the right thing to do. We have everything for your employees, from health care to education, sports and culture. We are more than the green walls along the 401.

BB: What impact is Durham College having

on the city of Oshawa?

MH: Forty-five years of providing well-trained people to the community where half of its alumni live within the boundaries of Durham Region – this should be celebrated. Many of the grads have become great community leaders, not just in politics, but also in the business world.

We have an amazing alumni list – some of them are my friends – and I am proud to be associated with them, and the school. Durham College has a great track record. I think you will find that the college has trained some of the best people globally in their field. Look at all the tradespeople that are employed at General Motors and Ontario Power Generation that received the education necessary for their trade at Durham College. These people are great success stories.

A WOMAN OF INFLUENCE

by Diana Fuselli

RECOGNIZED AS ONE OF CANADA'S 100 Most Powerful Women in 2007, Kellie Garrett recently added being named one of Canada's Top 25 Women of Influence to her resume.

The 1986 Public Relations grad received the latest award in November from Women Of Influence Inc., an organization dedicated to the advancement of women in Canada. In 2011 she was named a Durham College Alumnus of Distinction. The senior vice-president of Strategy, Knowledge, and Reputation for Farm Credit Canada in Regina, Garrett is also a professional speaker and is known for both her leadership and communication skills.

She noted that she thrives on helping others shine and bringing out the best in those around her. She attributes being named one of Canada's Top 25 Women of Influence to her volunteer work and reach, two things in life and business she is passionate about.

While she advises those starting out in communication to be fabulous writers, that's not all. "Be even more fabulous at building relationships everywhere you go – inside your organization across business units, outside your organization, volunteering, Everywhere." And that is exactly what she has done.

Garrett has always been an avid volunteer, giving back to her community any way she can. That work is one of the main reasons for her recent title. Currently, Garrett is on the board strategy committee for the Autism Resource Centre, board secretary and director for the Globe Theatre, and is a fundraising champion for Dress for Success, a charity that helps women build a professional wardrobe and network to thrive in the workplace. She is most passionate about helping other women in her community, which is why Garrett has de-

voted her time to Dress for Success, she said.

The urge to help others is only one thing that drives her. "I love learning and I am motivated by curiosity and mastering new skills," says Garrett, who holds a Masters of Arts in Leadership and Training from Royal Roads University and MBA equivalence in Management from Harvard. "Excellence is a big driver. I pride myself in delivering stellar quality, whether that's strategies or speeches, and bringing the best of myself to work and my community endeavors."

Not only is Garrett known for her volunteer work and top-notch leadership skills in the workplace, she is also known as a visionary and a charismatic speaker. A member of the Canadian Association of Professional Speakers, Garrett is sought after to give speeches on topics ranging from business strategy to leadership and brand, and has delivered over 25 speeches in the past few years across North America.

Her plans for the future include starting her own business, offering consulting in business strategy, communications and leadership, as well as executive and life coaching. She recently became an associate professor in the faculty of executive education at Royal Roads University.



Durham College Public Relations grad Kellie Garrett was named one of Canada's Top 25 Women of Influence.

PHOTO COURTESY OF FARM CREDIT CANADA

When she's not busy devoting her time to charities, work, and public speaking, Garrett enjoys travelling with her husband, yoga and lots of gardening. Her pursuit of learning has helped in her success and contributed to being named as one of Canada's Top 25 Women of Influence.

"Actively seek to learn new things throughout your career," she advises. "Michelangelo said at age 89, 'I am still learning.'"

TEACH, TRAIN, TRIATHLON

by Kylie McConnell

SOME PEOPLE RUN. OTHERS ENJOY cycling. And the rest may be completely content doing laps of the swimming pool. However, there are some incredible athletes that choose to conquer all three. Durham College Paramedic professor Kevin Griffin happens to be a part of this small community of people known as triathletes.

Since he began training three years ago, the 43-year-old has competed in a total of eight triathlons with the four most recent being this past summer. Two of these races, the Muskoka 5150 and Guelph Olympic, were the biggest feats of his triathlon career, both being categorized at the Olympic Distance level, which requires athletes to complete a whopping 1,500-metre swim, 40-kilometre bike ride and a 10-kilometre run.

Griffin has completed these gruelling races twice and even finished at the half-way point of the 40- to 44-year-old age group, which also happened to be the largest group at the triathlons. Reaching such a level of fitness has taken an immense amount of training, time commitment and preparation. Some may wonder, is it worth it?

"Competing in triathlons is what has propelled me into being in the best shape

of my life," says Griffin. "Although it's even more satisfying to witness my kids now appreciate the values of being fit and healthy. I feel as though I'm acting as a good role model for them."

Griffin has always been involved in sports, competing in football, baseball, hockey, squash, and running as a young adult. It wasn't until three years ago that friends suggested he try competing in triathlons. The biggest stumbling block was that he had absolutely no swimming background. Regardless, he dove headfirst into his training and has never looked back.

"My training routine changes throughout the year depending on where I am in the season," says Griffin. "For in-season training I usually swim three times a week for an hour each, bike three times a week for three hours and run three times a week for two hours."

Griffin is no stranger to practising exercise and good health. Working as an Advanced Care Paramedic for over 20 years, he realizes the crucial role fitness and health plays in his profession. When the opportunity came to use his knowledge and experience to teach aspiring paramedics, he jumped at the chance of a new challenge. Since joining the Durham



Kevin Griffin, a Paramedic professor at Durham College, is suited up and ready to dive into the swimming portion of a triathlon.

College Paramedic program as a professor seven years ago, he believes it is his responsibility to emphasize nutrition and fitness while preparing his students for the fast-paced, physically and mentally demanding life as a paramedic.

"Being physically fit is important to staying healthy and injury-free. Lifting and moving patients are a large component of the job on a day-to-day basis. Also, you are exposed to many sick people and living a healthy and active life will boost your immune system and prevent illness," says Griffin. "One must also be a leader and be able to organize a group of people quickly and efficiently for the best possible outcome for your patient."

The key, of course, is determination, something Griffin knows all about, having gone from having no swimming background whatsoever to racing in Olympic-distance triathlons in only three seasons of competition. But he's not stopping there. Griffin will continue to train hard, improve his skills in all three sports and set new personal goals. In fact, he is looking forward to competing in four more triathlons this spring with hopes of securing a Top 15 finish. No one, especially his students, will be betting against him doing just that.

A VOLUNTEER'S DREAM

by Alex Down



PHOTO COURTESY OF MEREDITH WALKER

Sports Management student Meredith Walker sightseeing the River Thames in central London on a day off from volunteering at the 2012 Summer Olympics.

MANY YOUNG COLLEGE GIRLS DREAM OF meeting Prince Harry, but not Meredith Walker. Though she met the prince, this student's dream really came true when she got to volunteer at the London Olympics.

A proud Canadian, she achieved her goal after winning a Garfield Weston Scholarship, which provides funding for students to travel overseas and do volunteer work. "It was actually amazing, just being on the tube in my Canada gear. Many people would stop me and ask me questions about Canada," said Walker.

While in London she was often mistaken for an Olympic athlete. The former field hockey player did not shy away from the compliments. "It was really nice to be a Canadian there. Everyone treated me really well and I had a great time."

She landed in England July 21, 2012, with Olympic buzz in the air. Her job was to help set up Canada Olympic House so it was ready for the athletes and their families, and to provide hospitality while they were there. She was also responsible for overseeing access and accreditation into Canada Olympic House in Trafalgar Square, the hub of it all. "I think it's great that they had a house for [the families] to come to," said Walker.

It's there that she got to rub elbows

with the prince because he came to visit the house. "I wasn't too celebrity-struck over him, but it was exciting," she said. Although meeting Harry was brief, she still saw the full effect the prince's presence had on everyone in the house.

"Just being in the house for the Olympic opening ceremonies, seeing all the Canadians together and cheering on the athletes as they walked in the stadium, that whole atmosphere of everyone together [was the most memorable experience]," said Walker.

"I kept trying and trying and doing everything that I could and it did end up coming true."

It wasn't all work and no play. She got to see an array of exciting events, including the match between Milos Raonic and Jo-Wilfried Tsonga. "I saw Milos' match, which was the longest one in history," she said. She was booked to see three other matches that day, but because of the rain and how long that match took, she was happy with what she saw.

"Just with luck of being a volunteer in the house and meeting a lot of people, I got tickets to see football, tai kwon do, and

field hockey," she said. She also attended free events, such as road cycling and track.

The 21-year-old set her sights on going to the Olympics early in her college career. "In my first year at Durham College I decided I wanted to do the Olympics – it's always been a dream of mine. I applied, it was a really long process, and then I ended up finding out I would be going over to London."

It took one extensive application form plus several phone interviews and conference calls, but her hard work and determination paid off. For Walker, who said she's interested in event planning, working at the biggest sporting event in the world will look great on her resume.

Interning at the University of Toronto's Athletic Department in the fall, she helped plan the 2013 Canadian Interuniversity Sport national women's ice hockey and field hockey championships, hosted by the University of Toronto.

"Do not give up on your dream," advised Meredith. "I kept trying and trying and doing everything that I could and it did end up coming true."

Check out Meredith's daily blog from her time at the London 2012 Summer Olympics at www.meredithwalker7.tumblr.com.

PHOTO STUDENT SNAPS

by Erin Webb

ASK ALMOST ANYONE WHAT'S ON THEIR bucket list and they'd probably say travelling and meeting celebrities. Digital Photography student Lisa Hughes managed to do both last summer. Whether it was going to Costa Rica in May to volunteer to save the turtles or spending her summer taking concert photos of stars like Carrie Underwood at Mosport Park, Hughes has been spreading her wings, both professionally and personally.

In the first year of Durham's photography program Hughes overheard a girl in her class talking about going to Costa Rica to volunteer with the International Volunteer Headquarters (IVHQ) to work with the turtles. A bit of research and \$1,400 in flights and other fees later, she was in San Jose, Costa Rica, staying in a local family's home with her camera in hand. It was her first trip outside of Canada.

"It's really cool in San Jose because you have this city, and it kind of looks grungy, but it's so family (oriented) and you can tell it's safe."

They were there during the arribada. It's a three to four-day period during which thousands of Olive Ridley turtles come to the shore at once. All 14 of the volunteers travelled seven hours by bus to the turtle resort in Ostional, where they split into two groups. Her group was researching by tagging the turtles, counting their eggs and measuring the length of their nests.

But what is a trip to Costa Rica without exploring a little? While in San Jose they took a two-hour hike up a mountain where they could see the whole city, and then zip-lined down. They also went on an excursion in the jungle, crawling through vines and across manmade bridges suspended over alligator-infested water.

"The whole trip was amazing, just everything. I went zip-lining, saw the turtles during the arribada, got to see a volcano, a natural waterfall and a natural lake in the middle of Costa Rica. It was really cool to see."



PHOTO COURTESY OF LISA HUGHES

Durham College Digital Photography student Lisa Hughes gets up close and personal with a toucan in the jungles of Costa Rica.

Once she was home, she started working for her uncle's Port-O-Potty company to pay for school in the fall. The company was hired to work a three-day country music festival at Canadian Tire Mosport Park, and through her uncle's contacts, she got a job working for Mosport taking photographs on the floor for the concert.

"In the day I would work for him [my uncle], and at night I was in front of the stage taking pictures of Sheryl Crow and Carrie Underwood, so I had two paying jobs while getting to listen to the concert."

Hughes has always loved photography. She took three semesters of photography in high school, two in a darkroom with film and one semester of digital photography, and would always take pictures of events for her friends and family members. After graduating from high school, she took two years off to save money and figure

out what career path she wanted to take. Knowing she wanted to do something she loved, she applied for Durham College's new Digital Photography program, which has definitely improved her photography skills, she said.

Her volunteer experience was life changing, helping to expand her mind and her portfolio, and she is already planning the next trip. In June, she and her best friend will travel to Kenya for three weeks through the IVHQ to volunteer at an orphanage and, as always, her camera will be by her side.

For more information on the Digital Photography program, visit www.durham-college.ca. For more information on volunteer opportunities around the world, visit www.ivhq.com.

UP OPPORTUNITY



Top Left: A stunningly sharp photo of a hummingbird. Top Right: An amazing burst as Lisa Hughes takes a picture of a popping water bubble. Middle Left: A close-up picture of butterflies on a leaf. Middle Right: An Olive Ridley turtle digging a hole to cover her eggs. Bottom Left: Carrie Underwood performing at Mosport Park last summer. All photos by Lisa Hughes.

To see more of Hughes work go to.
www.maketimephotography.weebly.com.

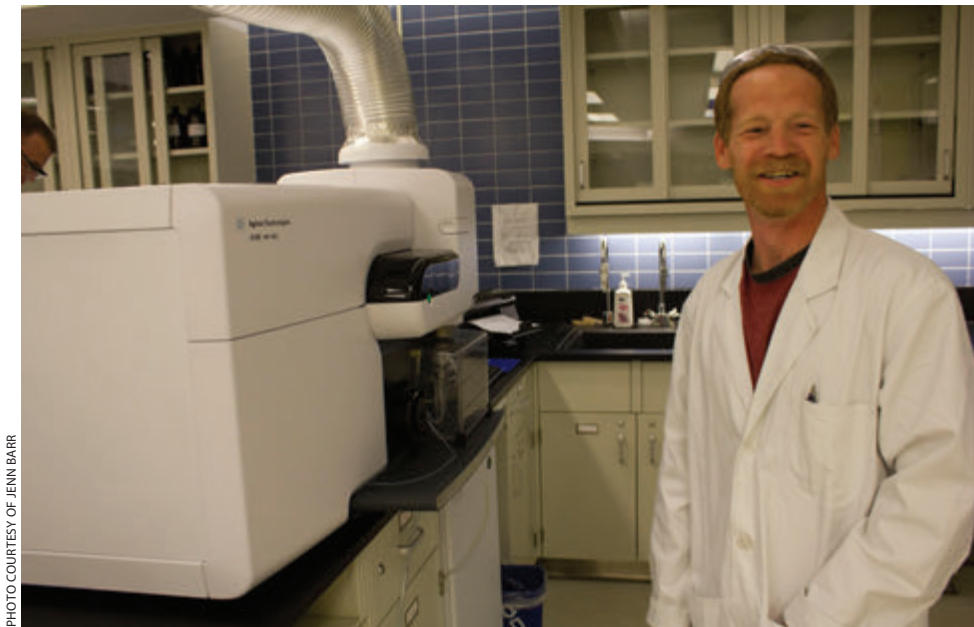


PHOTO COURTESY OF JENN BARR

Rob Taylor, the first Durham student to simultaneously complete two three-year diplomas in three years, puts his knowledge to work on a class project.

TAYLOR-MADE FOR DURHAM

by Dale Brusselers

THE WOES AND WORRIES OF BEING A post-secondary student are all too familiar to anyone who has attended college or university. Tests, assignments, and work tend to dominate the life of most students and can disgruntle the best of us. However, there is one man at Durham College who just can't get enough and is making history at the same time.

Working originally at Goodyear Tire and then most recently as a contractor doing home renovations, 41-year-old father of six Rob Taylor began to develop carpal tunnel syndrome. First contracting the injury in his right hand and then eventually in his left, he was required to have two surgeries. WSIB informed him that he could no longer work with power tools and Taylor faced an impasse. The Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB) recommended that he consider returning to post-secondary education, and that's exactly what he did.

After a year of upgrading credits and being enrolled in the three-year Chemical

Engineering Technology program, Taylor quickly found himself faced with another issue.

"The first year I was actually pretty bored," says Taylor. "So I thought you know what? I'm going to try to take a few classes here and there. I figured why not make the most of my time here."

The extra classes soon turned into the prospect of another diploma and, after researching his options, Taylor decided to be the first Durham College student to complete two three-year programs simultaneously in a three-year span. Accordingly, he added the Environmental Technology program to his course load but hasn't stopped there.

"My wife and I have been sitting down over the past couple of months discussing the possibility of continuing the education in terms of university," he says. "There's never enough to learn and I don't know who said it but 'knowledge is power' and knowledge can come so easily if you're interested."

His dynamic attitude has allowed him to excel in both programs, maintaining a 4.51

GPA and finishing his Operator-In-Training Water Wastewater Certificate on the side.

A family man as well, Taylor makes plenty of time for his kids while juggling all his school work and making sacrifices along the way. Offered a unique internship last summer with DDI Global in Scarborough, Ont., Taylor was the only candidate at Durham College with the proper credentials. However, school is not Taylor's only dedication and he declined so he could spend last summer with his children and take them on a family trip to Newfoundland.

Coming back to school as a mature student, Taylor has had a different experience from most and, as such, offers an inspiring philosophy for other potential mature students.

"Don't limit yourself. Just because someone tells you that you can't do this program doesn't mean you can't and that applies to everything in life," he says. "Just because you try something and it doesn't work, doesn't mean it won't work the second time around. Never stop learning."

BUILDING BRIDGES WITH BEIJING

by Brittany Appleton

CREASE BY CREASE the blue linen cloth is unfolded to reveal a delicate set of tools. There is a long, sleek piece of wood that holds soft strands of fine goat hair, bonded together at one point with a tarnished metal clasp. Nearby is a black stone with an enclosed slanted grinding surface, forming a well at the bottom. Soon after, a black rectangular-shaped ink stick is placed gently on the table, created from pine soot and animal glue and designed for grinding and watering down. Lastly, a long piece of paper rolled up tightly and fastened with a silky red ribbon is brought into view. Professor Barbara Suen's eyes gleam when she shows off the "four treasures" of Chinese painting.

Suen can trace her family history back to the early 1800s, and it has been a huge influence on her art. Descending from Canada's first Chinese settlers, she is able to talk not only about her art but her cultural heritage.

"My artwork reveals the process of cultural preservation and assimilation that is a natural outcome of living in a multicultural country such as Canada over several generations."

An artist specializing in Chinese watercolour painting, the Graphic Design professor recently arranged an exhibit of Canadian art at the Beijing World Art Museum. With help from the exhibit's curator and local artist, Margaret Rodgers, Suen chose seven contemporary Canadian artists from the Durham Region. The Beijing exhibit showed work from these seven artists as well as from 38 Chinese artists.

The Beijing World Art Museum is an educational institute, recognized worldwide for promoting cultural interaction and art education. The exhibit ran from Nov. 29



PHOTO COURTESY OF BARB SUEN

Professor Barb Suen arranged for seven Durham Region artists to exhibit their work at the Beijing World Art Museum (above). It was the first time Canadian works had been shown at the museum..

to Dec. 10, 2012 and then toured to other Chinese cities. It was the first exhibit at the museum to feature Canadian works of art.

In the summer of 2011, while attending an artist residency, Suen met Luo XiaoAn, director of an arts consultancy business and project co-ordinator. Afterward, Suen was encouraged to look into exhibiting Canadian art in Beijing through letters of support from Oshawa mayor John Henry;



PHOTO BY BRITTANY APPLETON

Professor Barbara Suen displays traditional Chinese painting tools.

Durham Region CEO Roger Anderson and Gabrielle Peacock, CEO of The Robert McLaughlin Gallery. She also contacted the cultural officer of the Canadian Embassy in Beijing, Liu ZhengYue, to inform him of the project. "The Canadian Embassy has provided invaluable advice and the Ontario Arts Council provided some financial support for this project," Suen said.

To be eligible to contribute to the exhibit, an artist must have had a public exhibition history and had

received awards from municipal, provincial or federal levels of government. Each submission had to be inspected to ensure that they met China's Ministry of Culture standards. Also, each one had to represent high academic standards in terms of artistic technique, presentation, intention, content and expression, Suen said.

"It's something that we hope will be the beginning of cultural exchange between artists and cultural institutions in the Durham Region and China. There's very little Canadian Art in China at the moment because of the distance geographically and because of a lot of differences in terms of museum practices, artistic practices, political environment and economics," Suen said.

While at the exhibit Suen met with The Central Academy of Fine Arts (CAFA) museum curator, Dr. Tang Bin and the two discussed possibly working together to arrange a student exhibition at Durham College in 2013. "It will be a first for Canada as CAFA has not yet developed any Canadian academic partnerships. I shall look forward to this," Suen said.

Top of the charts — and the class

by Kaitlin Keefer

“YOU LOOK AT A PLAYLIST
AND YOU’RE SURROUNDED
BY ARTISTS FROM AROUND
THE WORLD. I TRY TO BE
HUMBLE ABOUT ALL OF THIS,
BUT IT FEELS PRETTY DARN
GOOD. WE’RE DOING WELL.”

NIGHT FELL LIKE A DARK BLANKET OVER the city. He was alone, standing on an overpass with just his thoughts and the shimmering headlights below to keep him company. It was there, looking over the stretch of 401 named the Highway of Heroes that Don Murdock was inspired to write a song dedicated to the soldiers who sacrificed their lives in the name of war.

Although Highway of Heroes was one of the first songs Murdock ever wrote, it was never professionally released. For the local country musician, it wasn’t something he wanted to profit from.

“I recorded it, but I never released it. I saw the helicopters flying over the 401 for the repatriation ceremony, and I thought, ‘somebody should write a song about that,’ so I sat down and I wrote it,” said Murdock, a professor in the Renewable

Energy Program at Durham College.

Since then, the country singer has released several songs that have received international attention. One in particular, There is a Place I like to Go, went to No. 1 on the Cramer Multi Media Group Chart (CMG). The International Independent Radio Network includes over 2,000 radio stations. Recently, the song re-entered the charts and headed for the No. 1 spot again. Murdock was also listed as the top contender on the CMG Charts Top 200 Artists list.

Along with his CMG success, Murdock has been included on a three-disc set of compilation CDs featuring artists like Taylor Swift, Toby Keith, Blake Shelton and Carrie Underwood. The compilation CD was released for professional DJ download worldwide.

Don Murdock, country musician and professor in Durham College’s Renewable Energy Program, has achieved international success with his music while balancing his career as an educator.

PHOTO COURTESY OF DON MURDOCK



“That’s something I’m really honoured by,” says Murdock. “You look at a playlist and you’re surrounded by artists from around the world. I try to be humble about all of this, but it feels pretty darn good. We’re doing well.”

His personal favourite, Train Song, was the first song he ever released. Since then, his music has been added to over 16,500 playlists on radio stations worldwide. With the success of his music, Murdock is looking forward to the possibility of a tour.

Being an artist has its advantages. He will have the opportunity to work with Grammy award-winning musicians and has met some of his idols, like Gene Watson.

All of his songs were partially produced in Nashville, while some of them have been recorded with artists who have played alongside country legend singer

Hank Williams Junior.

“I probably have some of the best people in the world playing on my tracks right now. There is such a tremendous amount of talent,” said Murdock.

His interest in music began in childhood, but he bought his first guitar at the age of 15. Growing up, he was surrounded by a family who enjoyed playing music.

“We were musical in the sense that we all played some sort of instrument. A couple of my older brothers also play guitar.”

On top of writing and producing songs, Murdock is a full-time professor at the Durham College Whitby campus for the Renewable Energy program, which he helped plan three years ago. Over the years he has been co-chair of the Academic Council, and has sat on almost every committee the college has had, at one time or

another. He laughs as he explains a tour may have to wait for retirement.

“As far as my bosses are concerned, college comes first!” smiles Murdock, who has been with the college since 1995.

Four years ago, he formed a band with fellow Durham employees. They played on campus numerous times for charity events and campus functions. Although he is currently focusing on his career as an independent artist, he and his former bandmates still get together on occasion for college functions.

Murdock encourages everyone who is involved in the music industry to keep moving forward no matter how many rejections they receive.

“Don’t give up hope. To me, if a person says ‘no’ to your genre or style, that’s just another opportunity for improvement.”



GOOGLE IMAGE

FREQUENT FLYER WITH A LOT OF CONNECTIONS

by Maria-Elena Giorgetti

FOR PETER SAUNDERS THERE WAS NO DIRECT FLIGHT TO WESTJET. In fact, there were no less than seven connections before he finally arrived at his destination, as Manager of Safety Services at the airline.

A graduate of Durham College, Aviation Engineering Technology program, Saunders initially worked in 1990 in Montreal and spent three years as a Methods Agent for Bombardier Aerospace. After two years in Mirabel, as Manufacturing Engineering Planner for Bell Helicopter, Saunders eventually returned to Bombardier Aerospace for another two years.

Saunders didn't return to Ontario until seven years later in 1997. Spending two years as a Supplier Relations Coordinator with Algonquin Automotive and later moving on to Honda of Canada Manufacturing.

Subsequently, Saunders went back to the Aviation industry after moving up to work with IMP Aerospace in Ottawa to service both the military and commercial aviation industries. A role in management came after a move to the Canadian Business Aviation Association where Saunders spent five years as Program Manager. Each position provided it's own lesson and a measure of experience bridging the gap between his program at Durham College and his current destination with WestJet.

"Working for WestJet came as the result of accumulated and varied experience," says Saunders. "My knowledge of both manufacturing and operations based aviation, quality assurance, safety management systems and project management provide me with a unique package deal that fit the skillset that WestJet was looking for. Working for WestJet was the result of a career goal: to work for a world-class organization within the industry that I love – aviation."

The final destination is often the subject of discussion, but every journey begins with a takeoff, and for Saunders, Durham College was the perfect runway.

"At the time, my course at Durham felt very broad-ranged, albeit still within the aviation/manufacturing subject matter. However,



PHOTO COURTESY OF PETER SAUNDERS

Pictured here with his family, graduate Peter Saunders, WestJet Manager of Safety Services, has landed his dream job, Durham College was the perfect runway.

reflecting back on this I feel it was a great benefit," says Saunders. "Having such a wide base of knowledge created a strong foundation, allowing me to adapt within the variable industry subject matter."

After moving around for so long Saunders is happy to settle into family life with his wife of 21 years and daughters Lauren 15 and Caitie 17. Although it took a while success is finally here.

"Success is a very interesting word and it can be defined in many different ways," says Saunders. "In my case, I believe that success is based on one's happiness and less on material accomplishments; to that point, I feel that am fortunate to be as successful as I am both professionally and personally."

THE REGION TO REDMOND

by Kailee Somers

challenge, Philpott convinced his manager to send him for SCCM training when the department became interested in the Microsoft product. SCCM is a centrally-managed system used to manage a large group of computers and pushes operating systems, applications and policy. As a result of the training, when the department purchased SCCM, Philpott was given the job of implementing and supporting it for the region.

After nearly a decade with the region's IT department, Philpott felt he had hit a plateau and decided it was time to move on. His SCCM position opened many doors. Getting requests for interviews consisted merely of updating his online account with Monster, a job search site. People started contacting him, and it was then that he was invited to Redmond.

Like many Durham grads, he has fond memories of the campus pub, E.P. Taylors, but perhaps none stand out quite like the rainy afternoon that set him on his career path. He was sitting in the middle of a booth surrounded by friends when he received the call from his future manager, Nazeem Dossa, with the region's IT department. Upon answering the phone and realizing he was not in a good setting to take such an important call, Philpott scrambled to eject himself from the booth (and pub), proceeding to sit outside in the rain for the impromptu interview.

His first IT job was working in the Durham College IT department as a technical support specialist in the summer between his second and third year. Later, in his third year, one of his teachers, Paul Sheehan, hired him as a student to run the Cisco lab. Working in the backroom with the servers and switches that ran the rest of the lab provided him with hands-on experience that proved beneficial after graduation, he said.

Computers have been a major component of Philpott's life since tenth grade. "I found computers and never really looked back."

He describes himself as someone who is easily bored after succeeding in one area and computers provided the challenge and constant change that he sought. Taking advantage of his time at the college, Philpott formed relationships with teachers and learned from them and their personal experiences.

"I found that to be the most beneficial aspect of the college," says Philpott. "Teachers here, they're not lifetime teachers. A lot of them were professionals who then came back to teach."

Operating on a much larger scale than Durham Region, Microsoft is a new experience for Philpott and one that he is thoroughly enjoying. Redmond has proven to be a pleasant change for him, his wife Judy, and their four-year-old son Nicholas. They all love to travel whenever the opportunity arises, whether it be as Philpott says, "just down the road, or across the country."

As for his future, "My plans are always dictated by two things — Am I still learning. And my family."

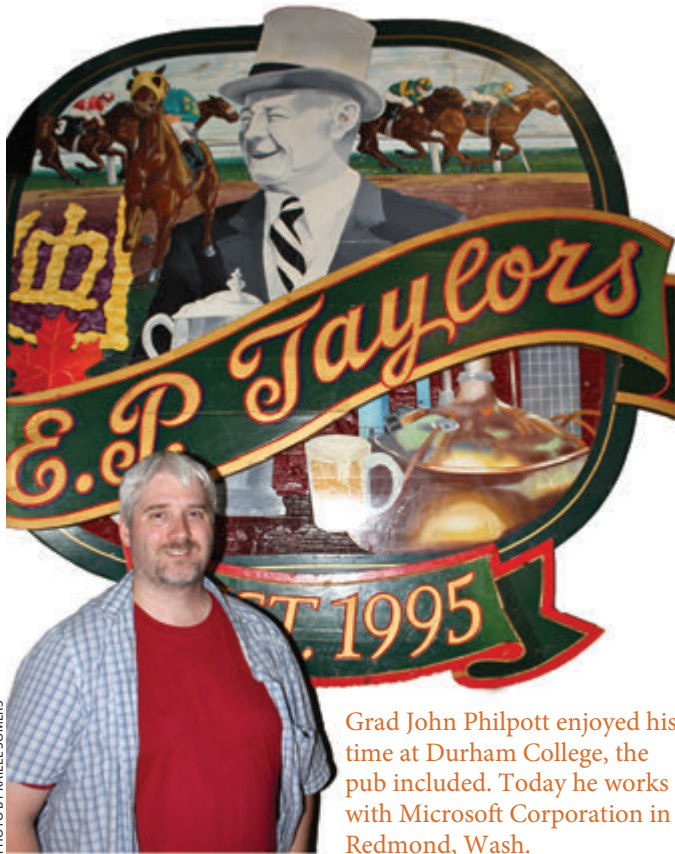


PHOTO BY KAILIE SOMERS

Grad John Philpott enjoyed his time at Durham College, the pub included. Today he works with Microsoft Corporation in Redmond, Wash.

IT IS A 300-ACRE CORPORATE PLAYGROUND FOR COMPUTER gurus, with too many buildings to count and enough employees to populate a small town. An aerial view of the "campus" can be mistaken for a small city. Redmond, Wash. is home to Microsoft Corporation's headquarters, 55,000 people, and Durham's own John Philpott.

A 2002 graduate from the Computer Science Technology program, Philpott recently relocated to Redmond when he was hired through Insight Global to work as a vendor contract system analyst at Microsoft. He is part of a team of 50 employees who support Microsoft's System Center Configuration Manager (SCCM) infrastructure running on over 500 computer servers worldwide, a network that involves over 300,000 clients.

Working in service delivery, Philpott says, "Our job is to make sure that all the machines are running the SCCM client and communicating properly to allow applications and operating systems to be pushed out to them, along with company policy baselines, software patches and anti-virus updates."

The service delivery team is also responsible for supporting Microsoft retail stores, which became available in Canada this fall with various holiday "pop-up" stores and a permanent location at Toronto's Yorkdale Shopping Centre. Working with the stores, Philpott's job is to ensure the infrastructure, point of sales and staff computers are ready for the store's opening day.

"It's actually a part I really enjoy about my job," says Philpott, "My work has a direct impact on the stores being ready and on the company's overall success in the retail space."

He had been working with the Region of Durham's IT department for 10 years as a system support specialist when the opportunity came his way to work with Microsoft. Always ready for a

CLIMBING HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT MOUNTAIN

by Samantha Hogue



Graduate Madison Shenker (above) moved to British Columbia to pursue her career in the hospitality management field at Fairmont Hotels and Resorts.

AFTER BEING AT THE PEAK OF HER CLASS IN COLLEGE, Madison Shenker is now climbing her way to the top of Fairmont Hotels and Resorts.

Shenker graduated with honors in Spring 2012 from the Hospitality Management program at Durham College and the moment she graduated, Whistler, B.C., began calling her name — or at least whistling it. She now lives and works there as the Leadership Development Program Participant for the Rooms Division at The Fairmont Chateau Whistler. Born in Kentucky, Shenker moved around quite often but she spent most of her life in Whitby, Ont., which is where she lived prior to moving out west.

“I’m glad I’m here and I’ve met some amazing people so far and I knew I would regret it if I didn’t go,” says Shenker. “At the end of the day, it’s the best opportunity and as I said to my mom the other day, I know I’m in the right place.”

Shenker began her journey at Brock University to gain her teaching degree, but after completing four years she decided teaching wasn’t for her. Instead, she attended Durham College’s two-year Hospitality Management program, which included her internship at Fairmont Hotels and Resorts in Toronto. While completing the program, Shenker discovered that she wanted to work at Fairmont Hotels and Resorts and applied online once she graduated. After completing extensive interviews, the graduate was offered a job in Whistler. Shenker didn’t let apprehension get the best of her — she accepted the job and packed her things.

No one said the work would be easy, though. She began at the bottom and is currently working her way up. She started out as a room attendant cleaning hotel rooms and has been rotating through the positions at the hotel ever since. After cleaning the guest rooms, she was placed in the houseperson position. This position entailed a variety of different duties including washing and delivering robes and responding to guest requests. Now Shenker is the office co-ordinator, which entails directing calls to employees and assigning employees their rooms every morning along with other tasks.

“I’m rotating through each position because I haven’t managed in a hotel before. I mean how can you be an effective manager if you don’t have a solid understanding of each position. So far I’ve learned an extensive amount about this department,” she says.

Spending time with family and friends is important to Shenker. Living thousands of miles from her family made her nervous about moving, but she instantly made friends and still keeps in touch with her best friend from home every day. Along with that, she enjoys photography (especially since she has the gorgeous scenery of Whistler in her backyard) and looks forward to her next step up the hospitality ladder. You could say that she cannot wait to see what’s coming around the mountain.



PHOTO COURTESY OF TRICIA LEONE

SCORING WITH THE GENERALS

Tricia Leone, former Durham College Sport Management student, is now the Community Relations and Merchandise manager for the Oshawa Generals.

by Justine Creagmile

STANDS OF CHEERING FANS SURROUND a game of excitement, competition and suspense. A young girl, Tricia Leone, looks in awe at the crowd on its feet and joins in the applause with her parents.

From childhood fantasy to adulthood reality, Leone discovered her passion at a young age and pursued it at full force. After graduating with honours from Durham's one-year Sport Business Management (SBM) certificate program in 2010, Leone scored a full-time position in her hometown with the Oshawa Generals as the team's Community Relations and Merchandise manager.

Before attending Durham College, Leone earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology from Sir Wilfrid Laurier University. Though she could have followed another career path, she chose to return to school and gain insight into the working world of sports.

"Durham College's reputation for its Sport Management program has always been positive and I can only add to that," says Leone. "While my enrolment was only for a year in the graduate program I gained valuable hands-on experience that helped

me to succeed in the industry."

Her position with the Oshawa Generals requires hard work and commitment to the team with a lot of late nights and weekends. The opportunity to work for a local sports team does not present Leone with the chance to catch all the games from rink side, though. The majority of "game time" for her is spent behind the scenes. As the Community Relations manager, Leone works with the Generals store, displays, birthday parties, intermission Timbits games and any other events that involve the Generals and game night.

"It's a fast-paced industry where new and exciting things are happening every day – whether it's on the ice or off," says Leone. "Having a job like this keeps you on your toes but I love the challenge. But being a part of an organization that means so much to its fans is rewarding on its own."

The Oshawa Generals support many charitable foundations, which brings even more responsibilities Leone's way. Donations are provided in the form of tickets and jerseys, among other branded items, to many foundations, including the United Way. The current season also marks

the second time the Generals will work with the Durham Region Humane Society.

Durham College gave Leone hands-on experience with networking, which provided her with invaluable experience for her current position with the Generals, she says. She took advantage of the time and experience with her professors at the college, without leaving behind her memories of an athletic childhood.

Leone loved everything and anything to do with sports. She participated in competitive and recreational sports with the support of her parents. They took her to many hockey and baseball games when she was younger, so being in the arena is nothing new for her. Sports are not a thing of the past for Leone, and she certainly plans on sticking to the sports industry in the future.

"I'd like to see myself perhaps working for a professional sports team in the community relations field," says Leone. "Whether it's with a hockey, baseball, football, or basketball team, any sport is okay with me."

ANIMATION GRAD WELL-ARMED FOR DIGITAL WORLD

by Emily Canfield

IN THE 2012 FILM *THE AMAZING Spider-Man*, Dr. Curt Connors tries to uncover the secrets of limb regeneration in hopes of growing back his amputated arm. Since Rhys Ifans, the actor who plays Connors, has two arms in real life, who is really behind this visual deception? Well, the secret is out — it comes courtesy of a team of creative geniuses, one of those being Durham College Animation graduate Eric Covello.

Covello is a 24-year-old digital compositor at Pixomondo, an international visual effects company located in Toronto. By definition, digital composition is the process of integrating multiple images into a single and seamless whole.

Over the past few years, Covello has worked on a variety of projects, from the plane crash at the end of *Final Destination 5* to the fat suit Martin Lawrence wears in *Big Mommas: Like Father, Like Son*. In addition, he has worked on movies such as *Twilight*, *Piranha 3D*, *The A-Team*, *Knight and Day*, *Red Riding Hood* and *Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter*.

"I put in a lot of long nights and ridiculous hours, but my job is fun and rewarding. It's cool to see your name in the credits at the end," Covello says. "The company I'm working for is pretty small, so I'm constantly interacting with everyone. I work with a lot of really smart and talented people."

Covello has always enjoyed various forms of art and filmmaking in general.

Right out of high school, he knew he was interested in entering an animation program. He chose Durham College for the same reasons many students do, because of its geographic location. The three-year Animation program at Durham ended up being a perfect fit as it allowed him to live at home in Ajax while attending school.

After completing the program in 2009, Covello spent many days and hours dropping off resumés and networking to find



PHOTO COURTESY OF ERIC COVELLO

Durham College Animation graduate Eric Covello has worked on some of the biggest movies in the industry, including *The Amazing Spider-Man* and *Twilight*.



PHOTO BY J. ANTHONY HALL

Rhys Ifans, standing next to Andrew Garfield who plays *Spider-Man*, wears a green sleeve around his arm so it can be digitally replaced by a stump.

employment. His determination paid off as he ended up securing his first job in the industry by introducing himself to the art director at Intelligent Creatures, a studio in downtown Toronto. Over the years, Covello has gained valuable experience working as a digital compositor on some of the most popular movies at a few different studios in Toronto, including Soho vfx and Intelligent Creatures. These experiences have brought him to where he is today.

"The field is competitive. I learned a lot in school but also had to put in a lot of extra work on my own," he says. "I would tell people who are interested in the field to learn everything they can about the job and industry. I work as a part of a team so it's important that I understand what everyone else is doing."

As for Covello's future, the possibilities are endless. His job could take him anywhere, working on any kind of film. Given that his favourite movie is *Lord of the Rings* and he loved reading *The Hobbit* growing up, it's no surprise that his dream project would be working on parts of the film series *The Hobbit* at Weta, a visual effects company based in Wellington, New Zealand. Looking further into the future, Covello admits that he would like to become a director, something that could very well become a reality.

"I'm still young," he says, smiling. "George Lucas made *Star Wars* at age 28, so I have four years to come up with a better idea."

CREATING PICTURE PERFECT PRODUCTS

by Nadine Slichter

DOWNTOWN IN THE BIG CITY, BRIGHT lights and electrifying colours surround you in a whirlwind of visuals. Graphic designer Alexandra Tanner's passion is to make them as beautiful and eye-catching as possible.

The recent Durham College Graphic Design grad was among 15 other recipients recognized by the association of Registered Graphic Designers for their creative performance at the 2012 Student Awards. A jury panel of 36 design professionals from across Ontario chose the winners who each received a \$1,000 cash prize.

Tanner won the Cinnamon Toast Award of Excellence of Eastern Ontario for her packaging, branding and editorial designs. She created elegant packaging for specialty lotions and soap products named Elysium and Paradise. This project focused on creating exterior packaging that was so beautiful it would not need to be wrapped. Tanner's products are simply gorgeous in calming orange, peach and cream colours.

Her branding design was to create a design logo for a fictional farmers market in a small town geared towards local potential customers as well as tourists. Farmers markets sell a variety of hand-made merchandise, as well as fresh fruits and vegetables. Tanner incorporated a hand in the logo to represent the hands of the farmers and the craft makers, as well as the support for local farmers markets. She combined her graphic hand with the name Eclectic Hand, because eclectic means deriving ideas from a broad range of sources.

For her editorial design, Tanner created a coffee table book of vintage pin-up art titled PinUp's. Her use of white space to create a clean, simple feel to the book in contrast with the colourful pin-up artwork makes for an interesting design. Her work was to be published in Design Edge magazine's November/December 2012 issue.

Today she is working as a designer for Rogers Publishing Limited (RPL), a division of Rogers Media Inc., which produces magazines as well as their online and app

versions. Tanner is currently working on the iPad app design layouts for Chatelaine magazine.

"It can be extremely frustrating trying to get everything to fit," said Tanner, "because the iPad is so much smaller than a magazine."

Each month, she works on getting the current issue out and available in the iTunes App Store. After Chatelaine's print issue is closed she has two weeks to resize and reformat the content for an iPad.

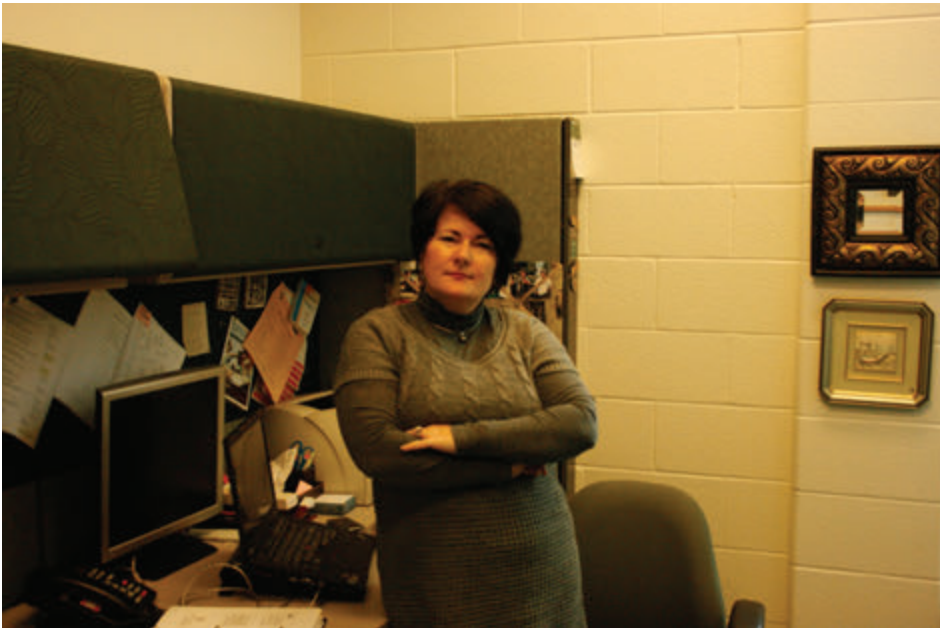
Tanner landed her current position as a result of her dedication and hard work during her four-month internship at Chatelaine. After her interview to become an iPad designer, she was driving home on the Don Valley Parkway when she heard a noise.

"When I looked back I didn't remember seeing my portfolio," she said. "Yep! I left it on the top of my car. When I drove back to the scene of the crime I saw my \$250 portfolio — not including the \$100 I had spent on the printing — laying in the middle of Bloor Street East. Thankfully I got the job!"

Tanner said she realized she was meant to be a graphic designer one day when she became ecstatic over the packaging for a brand of soap. Graphic design, for her, is everyday art, which most seem to take for granted. It adds that creative spark to everyday scenery and turns it into an eye-grabbing message.



STUDENT DESIGN AWARD-
WINNER ALEXANDRA TANNER
NOW WORKS ON THE IPAD
APP DESIGN FOR CHATELAINE
MAGAZINE



Prof. Lesley Wagner, field placement liaison for the Law Clerk Advanced program, graduated from the Legal Administration program in 1985.

TEACHING FROM EXPERIENCE

by Rebecca Kerrivan

LESLEY WAGNER, ALUMNUS OF DISTINCTION RECIPIENT, DRAWS ON HER EXPERIENCE AS A DURHAM COLLEGE GRADUATE AND A PROFESSIONAL LAW CLERK

SHE IS A MOTHER, A WIFE, A TRAVELLER, a former law clerk, and currently a professor. Her experience as a law clerk and a former Durham College student has inspired her to pass her knowledge and experiences on to current Durham students.

Lesley Wagner describes her placement while at the college as the stepping stone to her first full-time job. Today Wagner is a field placement liaison for the Law Clerk Advanced Program where she provides current students with the stepping stones to their future careers. It's one of the most

rewarding parts of her job, she said.

"Students that have communicated with me say that I have had an influence on their career and allowed them to feel confident in pursuing further education, including law school."

A 1985 grad of the Legal Administration program, Wagner began her career as a litigation file clerk in downtown Toronto and moved on to become a corporate law clerk until 1998. In 1999 she returned to the college to pass on her knowledge and experience to new students. In June of 2012, Wagner received an Alumnus of Distinction award from the college.

Her colleagues, Prof. Virginia Harwood and Centre for Integrated Justice Studies field placement co-ordinator Lorie Blundon, nominated Wagner for the award. "Lesley continues to support Durham College students following graduation. She supports alumni of her programs by providing career advice and information about career opportunities," said Harwood in nominating Wagner.

Through teaching and being placement liaison, Wagner said she has learned that some students who are not academically

strong often turn out to be the most successful in the working world. Her students have moved on to a variety of careers including becoming law clerks, legal assistants, paralegals, court administration staff and even furthering their education.

Outside of the classroom Wagner sits on several committees, including Durham College's Academic Council and Law Clerk Advanced, Court Support Services and Centre for Students with Disabilities program advisory committees. She is also currently vice-president of the board of the Durham College Alumni Association.

When she's not working, Wagner said she enjoys travelling south with her husband and son. They have made trips to New York, where her husband is from, as well as to Turks and Caicos, Florida and Tahiti, where they relax in the sun and she enjoys a reprieve from her busy schedule.

Wagner passes this advice on to students entering the workforce: "Hard work, dedication, attention to detail, key soft skills such as being a team-player and staying current in their field – that will all help them be successful."

FOR THE LOVE OF COACHING

by Tricia Brown

MARC MCRAE SHARES WHAT
HE HAS LEARNED OVER THE
YEARS AND WHAT HE BELIEVES
IS THE FORMULA FOR SUCCESS.



PHOTO BY: TRICIA BROWN

Sports Administration graduate Marc MacRae, vice-president of direct to consumer sales and marketing at RMP Athletics, coaches both at work and on the field.

PASSION. TEAMWORK. DEDICATION. AS the committed vice-president of direct to Consumer Sales and Marketing at RMP Athletics, Marc MacRae has mastered the key components to what he describes as a rewarding career and hobby.

A 1984 Sports Administration Durham College grad, MacRae knew he enjoyed sports at a young age and has continued the passion by coaching off and on the field. For the last eight years at RMP (the founder's initials) he has coached his staff to success. At home he enjoys coaching various football teams for both his sons and his community high school teams. He has engaging stories of climbing the corporate ladder at past professions and believes he has found a niche that works just for him.

"The formula for me was always to find your passion and figure out what that is. Discover an environment in which you are able to execute that (passion) and find the people that you want to be with and strive to be successful with. So it was those three 'finds' that I really found to be the formula for success," says MacRae.

When describing his passion for coaching both at work and on the field it is apparent that MacRae has a perfect role at RMP, which was established in 1977 and has become one of Canada's leading sports apparel and footwear companies. He finds the most rewarding benefit of the job is when he has the pleasure of sharing the great news with a team member that they have received a promotion.

**"One of the things we do here
is setting someone up to be
successful"**

It is the same feeling that he can relate to after winning a football championship. He has achieved his 'life game plan' of finding a career that encompasses his passion of sports by conjoining the business, marketing and people aspect within his career.

"Today I teach my people about the right fit, in their jobs and in their lives. It makes a significant difference in peoples' success and happiness," says MacRae. "It goes back to finding your passion and you

will enjoy everything that comes your way. My career has in essence been my hobby, and it has extended to my family and life outside of work."

After accomplishing such success over his years, MacRae was recently presented with an Alumnus of Distinction Award for 2012. He is thrilled the school has taken the time to recognize him for his successes and is extremely appreciative of the honor.

Coaching as a dedicated dad and community-involved sports enthusiast is more than a necessity to this football fan. MacRae has sport team photo shots and paraphernalia throughout his office that make it his own and remind him of what he admires most.

Recalling an RMP philosophy, MacRae says, "One of the things we do here is setting someone up to be successful. Set them up to win and they will win. You have to find the right fit. If you help them get the fit right then they will win. That is my only true advice for success."

NURSING GRAD PRESCRIBED AWARD

by Jaysi Cuffy



DURHAM COLLEGE FILE PHOTO

Norm Lambert made significant contributions to EMS during his 30-year career. He was recently recognized with an Alumnus of Distinction Award.

MANY PEOPLE KNOW EXACTLY WHAT THEY want to be when they grow up, but for others it takes years.

Case in point, a 1978 graduate of Durham College's Nursing Diploma II program, Norm Lambert, came to realize his passion for health care years after leaving high school, while working as an orderly at Oshawa General Hospital (now Lakeridge Heath). He exemplifies how hard work fuelled by a passion for helping others leads to excellence, and in his case a 2012 Alumnus of Distinction Award.

Right after graduating, Lambert landed a position with Oshawa General Hospital as a registered nurse and, soon after, the Durham Regional Health Unit. In 1981, Lambert accepted the opportunity to become a paramedic, launching his 30-year career with Toronto Emergency Medical Services (EMS), where he later became superintendent, commander and, finally, deputy chief.

During the 2003 severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) outbreak, a time when Canadians feared this unfamiliar and devastating virus, and the health-care system was overwhelmed, Lambert assisted the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care in developing patient-care policies and transport procedures.

Always humble, he attributes much of his success to his colleagues, reinforcing that teamwork and great leaders were a necessity in facing any challenges. He also expresses gratitude to the college for the education he received here. "Without Durham College and without being

successful in the [Nursing Diploma II] program I wouldn't have gotten to where I am today," said Lambert.

After considering various careers he chose to study nursing following the influence of two of his heroes. He says, "One was Jean Vanier [a Canadian humanitarian known for founding L'Arche communities in support of people with developmental disabilities]. He was a man of faith and very inspiring about the people he was working with and I really admired him. Another person I read a lot about was Mother Theresa. It just amazed me that these people could do what they could do and that encouraged me."

While his extensive resumé and notable contributions to Ontario Health Care are enough to qualify Lambert as a distinct graduate, it is his unrelenting compassion and readiness to help others that make him truly deserving of this esteemed award. A dedicated husband and father of four, two of whom followed in his footsteps by becoming paramedics, he continues to make contributions to the community through the Knights of Columbus.

"I'd like to be remembered as being a good father and husband, number one, and then hopefully having contributed somehow to society," he said, "as opposed to having a big sign up about how wonderful the things were that were achieved. Being able to help one person is enough."

ALUMNI UPDATE

1985

MARGARET CAMPKIN

Registered Nursing

lives in Oshawa with her husband John. They have two grown children, daughter Bridget and son Andrew. She currently works at Lakeridge Health Oshawa as a Clinical Nurse Specialist Acute Medicine.

PETER SELL

Air transport Technology

is living in Calgary, Alberta with his two daughters, 16-year-old Kiersten and 10-year-old Eyse. Peter works for Westjet Airlines as a Captain.

1988

JEFF GREEN

Electronic Engineering Technology

lives in Oshawa. He is currently the President at Green Power Sales and Service, located in Pickering.

1992

DONNA BRADT

Civil Engineering Technician

lives in Little Britain with her husband Peter and her 9-year-old son, Marshall. Donna works for the Regional Municipality of Durham as a Survey Technician.

1993

CINDY WILLIAMS (NEE HEIGHWAY)

Office Administration – Legal

lives in Oshawa with her husband Jeremy and their 18-month-old son, Martin. Cindy is currently working for Bassett Direct as an Administrative Assistant in Richmond Hill.

1994

JASON HICKEN

Electrical Engineering Technician

lives in Uxbridge, with his wife and their two children, eight-year-old son and six-year-old daughter. He is the President/Owner of Wilson High Voltage and his company partner, Ryan Burtney, also graduated the same program in 2000.

CLEFF SMITH

Sports Administration

lives in Port Orange, Florida with his wife Debbie and their two children, four-year-old daughter Rachel and 18-month-old son Tyler. He currently works at Daytona International Speedway as Ticket Operations Manager in Daytona Beach, Florida.

1996

ERIC HESSE

Advertising Administration

lives in Milton with his wife Erin. He is currently working at Iovate Health Sciences International Inc. as Brand Manager- Sports Nutrition.

1997

STEVE WHITE

Journalism

is living in Ajax with his wife and his seven-year-old daughter Sarah. He is currently working for the QMI Agency as a National Photo Editor.

1998

CYNTHIA MCELRAFT (NEE

SUMMERS)

Practical Nursing

is living in Marion, Virginia. She is currently working for the Department of Correction in Marion, Virginia as a Registered Nurse.

2001

STEVE COCHRANE

Power Engineering

lives in Tulsa Oklahoma with his wife Ashley and their one-year-old daughter, Addison. He is employed with Schlumberger as a Coiltools General Field Specialist. They moved to Tulsa in February, 2012 and he continues to work all over North America and he also teaches at their training centre in Tulsa.

2004

ANDREW PHILLIPS

Electronic Engineering Technology

lives in Courtice with his wife Melody and their two children, Christopher and Bethany. He is currently working at OPG Darlington as a Nuclear Operator.

2005

AARON GOGISHVILI

Sport Business Management

lives in Oakville and is currently working for the Toronto Maple Leafs as a Coordinator, Media Relations.

2006

IAN TWEEDLE

Business Administration – Accounting

lives in Courtice. After working in retail for over four years in downtown Oshawa, Ian opened his own boutique, Luna Clothing + Accessories. The store is located at 14 King St. E. and offers men and women a wide variety of clothes and accessories.

RICHARD WELSH

Mechanical Engineering Technology

is living in Toronto. He is working for AMEC - Environment & Infrastructure Division in Mississauga as an Air Quality Technician.

2007

RICHARD EAGLE

Environmental Technology

lives in Elmvale. He is currently working for the Ontario Clean Water Agency as an Operator/Process and Compliance Technician, located in Wasaga Beach.

2010

TREVOR BONCHECK

Law and Security Administration

lives in Courtice. Trevor is currently working as a security guard with G4S in Oshawa.

DANIELLE DOYLE

Music Business Management

is living in Richmond Hill. She is currently working for the York Catholic District School Board as a Supply Secretary.

2011

TASHA CAISSIE

Social Service Worker

is living in Oshawa and currently working for Montage Support Services as a Support Facilitator.



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