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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT, DURHAM COLLEGE



As we celebrate the spring graduating class of 2010, I would like to extend my sincere congratulations to all of our graduates. This year's convocation ceremony marked a couple of wonderful milestones with the introduction of our first-

ever honorary credential recipient and the exciting moment of watching our 50,000th alumni cross the stage – 31 years after our very first class of just 53 students graduated in 1969.

Over the years we have watched proudly as our alumni have left Durham College and gone on to do great things in their careers, communities and in their personal lives. Each is a reflection of our commitment to ensuring that they received the best possible education and gained the most up-to-date skills during their time with us.

In this issue of Reflections there are many examples of the fantastic things our alumni are doing. There's School of Business, IT & Management Professor John Mather – a member of our first graduating class – who has spent more than 40 years at Durham College helping students embrace the latest computer technology and learn the skills demanded by today's workplace.

We are also celebrating two of our former student-athletes who were both inducted into the Durham College Sports Hall of Fame this year – Stephanie Axford, a Graphic Design graduate and former member of the women's soccer team, and Rick Debres, an Electronic Technology graduate and former member of the men's soccer and volleyball teams. Their dedication and success extends well past the court and field these days with Axford running a successful graphic design company in Toronto and Debres working as a field service engineer for PANalytical Inc. in St. Laurent, Quebec.

The entire Durham College family is extremely proud of all of our alumni and we are honoured to have the class of 2010 join this exciting group of graduates who prove each and every day why success matters here in Durham Region and beyond.

Whether you are just beginning your career or graduated years ago, I encourage you to be in touch and let us know how you are doing. We'd love to feature you and everything you have accomplished in an upcoming issue of Reflections.

Sincerely,

Don Lovisa
President, Durham College

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT, ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



Like most people, I look forward to the summer months, with thoughts of warm temperatures and time to relax. I also look forward to this time of year because it brings with it one of my favourite events: spring convocation!

This year's convocation is especially significant as we saw our 50,000th graduate become a part of Durham College alumni. I feel extremely fortunate to be president of the Durham College Alumni Association for this great occasion.

Fortunate because every year, I get to attend convocation and address all of the excited and deserving graduates from this great institution, watching as they receive their diplomas or certificates and take their first steps into the next stage of their life.

Although it may have been a few years ago, I have nothing but wonderful memories of my time at the college including the moment when my name was called and I walked across the convocation stage.

As a member of the Durham College Alumni Association, we are all privileged to belong to a group that is now more than 50,000 people strong. We are part of a history that began more than 40 years ago.

Who could have possibly foreseen how much the college would grow since opening its doors in 1967? The Gordon Willey building has expanded immensely as has the Oshawa campus, with new state-of-the-art buildings and labs, including the Campus Recreation and Wellness Centre and the new Student Services building currently under construction.

At the Whitby campus we celebrated Phase 1 of a \$30-million three phase

expansion in December 2009. By the time Phase 3 opens its doors, the campus will have added extra space, new buildings, energy-focused labs and programs, increased the size of our Skills Training Centre and built a new Food Centre – and that's only the tip of the iceberg!

Durham College has changed physically and yet the feeling of family remains. I urge you to take some time this summer and visit both campuses to see for yourself what's happening. Trust me – you too will feel fortunate to call yourself alumni.

Cheers,

Lillian Jacoby
Legal Administration, Class of 1976
President, Durham College
Alumni Association

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THE FRESH FACE OF SUCCESS

by Elisabeth Rowden

AMY ENGLAND STARTS HER DAYS EARLY AND ENDS THEM late. As outgoing president of Your Student Association (Your SA), a part-time Sociology student at Trent in Oshawa and a candidate for Oshawa council in the upcoming election, she doesn't get much sleep.

It's surprising that she finds time to engage in her favourite hobbies of karaoke and penning commentaries for a book she one day hopes to publish. In one 15-minute stretch in her office, she found time to rebut a comment on Facebook, answer a phone call from a distressed friend and take part in an interview. Immediately after it was finished she packed up her bags and ran off to class. On my way out I happened to glance at her whiteboard full of red marks and things to do. I cringed. I thought one day full of errands was enough to push anyone over the edge. Not for England, superwoman.

"I take my position very seriously," said the outgoing Your SA president. "I'm the liaison between students and school administration, I do a lot of lobbying for students and I help the executive finish out their term and make sure they follow the mandate they promised students."

England's daily duties include reviewing finances with a business manager and chairing all the executive committee/board meetings. In addition to representing the students in discussions with administration, she's also the external spokesperson for Your SA, she sits at round table discussions with the provincial government, she makes sure bylaws and policies are up to date, and ultimately she makes sure students' concerns are heard.

England's warm, friendly persona is a breath of fresh air. Wearing jeans and a blue shirt she seems relaxed in the midst of her hectic schedule. As a self-proclaimed political junkie, she often receives lighthearted teasing from college President Don Lovisa for watching the Ontario legislature's proceedings on television to try and find loopholes and ways to make things better for people. She claims she's obsessive compulsive about doing research and spends hours researching everything possible relating to politics.

"It's not about me trying to run for office, it's about how do I make sure my friends, family and everyone can be a part of that."

Beating out a University of Ontario Institute of Technology (UOIT) student for the role of president for the 2008-2009 academic year, the Journalism graduate has enjoyed her two-year stint as head of the student association. She says she's looking forward to the future and the upcoming election. "I believe municipal government should be the first point of government where you see changes in your community," said England. "I didn't grow up in Oshawa but I think of Oshawa as my home. I want to improve the community and raise my family here. I want to be a proud Durham College alumna that stays in the community and is able to create change and make a life here."



PHOTO COURTESY OF AMY ENGLAND

Amy England is smiling wider these days. The outgoing president of Your Student Association has moved on to a new challenge – making a run for a seat on city council.

With her campaign just around the corner, England encourages anyone who has talent in any way to help. She believes campaigning is a community effort and wants to get everyone involved.

Her interest in politics was sparked when she started going to city council meetings as a Journalism student and got involved in reporting on a new housing bylaw that would restrict student access to rental properties close to campus. She realized she wasn't the only one who felt that way and although community voices were being heard, nothing was being done. She decided she wanted to become someone in a position to make some changes.

"It's not about me trying to run for office, it's about how do I make sure my friends, family and everyone can be a part of that," she added. While she's not saying how she'll do this, she will say she wants to bring back the basics and start door knocking again.

Making reference to Tommy Douglas, the father of universal health care, England's long-term political goal is to eventually run for a provincial seat and bring free post-secondary education to Ontario. She realizes she may not see it until she's 100 but she is willing to wait.



Mandi Doris, star of the Durham Lords women's volleyball team, runs with the 2010 Olympic flame, taking it 300 metres closer to Vancouver.

KEEPING THE FLAME ALIVE

by Lyndsey Scott

AT 23-YEARS-OLD MANDI DORIS KNOWS a thing or two about ambition. A student in the Office Administration – Executive program and one of the top volleyball players in Ontario, Doris juggles a busy schedule.

Not only has her athletic career set new heights for the Durham Lords women's volleyball team, her participation at sporting events such as the Special Olympics also makes her a leader on and off the court. So when Vancouver 2010 Olympic sponsors Coca-Cola contacted Ken Babcock, Durham College athletic director, looking to elect an Olympic torch carrier, Doris seemed just the right candidate.

The volleyball star was given the opportunity of a lifetime when she was asked to take part in the torch's 45,000 km journey to the Olympic stage. One of 12,000 runners across Canada, she uses words like exhilarating and thrilling to describe her experience carrying the flame 300 metres closer to its nest.

"To carry the torch was an amazing experience," said Doris. "The energy was indescribable with all of my family and friends there to cheer me on. Hours before the actual torch run, I was shown how to hold it and how to exchange the flame, which is called the kissing of the torches. I also had the chance to meet the other torch carriers who all had amazing stories to share as to how they got to that moment. It's definitely a day I'll never forget."

And forgetting it will be hard as the torch she once carried now sits in her room, still bearing the soot of the Olympic flame. While the flame is out, her future seems bright, with her eyes set on a degree in e-commerce. Until then she'll continue setting new heights in women's volleyball, such as achieving the all-time and single season blocking record in Ontario. She also holds the all-time leading scorer record at Durham College.

"Mandi is one of the best volleyball players in the province if not the country," said Babcock. "The Olympic sponsors were looking for someone with leadership qualities and as the captain of the women's volleyball team at Durham College, along with her on-court records and active role in the community, Mandi was an easy choice. For her it was the chance of a lifetime."

When asked about her future, Doris says she is in no big rush to grow up. She hopes to find a career she can pursue with the same passion she has for volleyball.

"I'm a hands-on person, so I want to find something that entuses me," she said. "Eventually I'd like to see myself with a family and a career. As for now, I'll focus on what's in front of me." In the meantime, she has some special memories. "It was really neat to see the Olympic flame in the cauldron and know that I had a part in lighting that."

Taking part in the ribbon cutting for Phase 1 of the Whitby campus expansion are (left to right) the Honourable John Milloy, minister of Training, Colleges and Universities; Don Lovisa, president, Durham College; Roger Anderson, chair, Region of Durham; and Pat Perkins, mayor, Town of Whitby.



PHOTO COURTESY OF DURHAM COLLEGE

WHITBY CAMPUS EXPANDS

by Lindsay Karner

DON LOVISA, PRESIDENT OF DURHAM College recently shared snipping privileges with John Milloy, minister of Training, Colleges and Universities for the ribbon cutting at the grand opening of Phase 1 of the college's Whitby campus in December 2009.

The first of three phases of the \$30 million expansion, Phase 1 added a second floor that includes many new classrooms, labs with solar cell systems and solar water heating, new wind turbines and geothermal technology.

"The grand opening was a great success," said Michelle Roebuck, communications officer with the college. "It got people excited about the growth at the Whitby campus and the new programs. It's only Phase 1 but it creates interest and then they want to know what's going to happen in the future for Phases 2 and 3."

Provincial and local government officials were on hand for the grand opening in addition to Milloy and Lovisa, including Roger Anderson, chair, Region of Durham; Pat Perkins, mayor of the Town of Whitby; and Judy Robinson, vice-president, Academic at Durham College.

Offering a student's perspective on the recent upgrades to the school was Paul Luukkonen, a first-year student in the Renewable Energy Technician program.

The expansion is based around the province's Green Energy Act and will not only benefit the school but the surrounding communities. Students are already enrolled in the new energy programs at the school and many are excited to see what programs are in store following the development of Phases 2 and 3.

PHASING IN THE NEW

by Hailey Crooks

IN THE EARLY 1990s, DURHAM College converted the old Cadbury chocolate factory into the award-winning Skills Training Centre. Over the years, the demand for new programs in the energy and hospitality sectors has grown and the time has come for an extreme makeover of the Whitby campus to add space - a \$30 million makeover that is taking place in three phases.

Phase I, which officially opened last December added an energy-neutral second storey providing room for the first of two new alternative energy programs, which both filled to capacity in their first year. In keeping with the programs it houses, the first phase also included six wind turbines and numerous solar panels.

"Energy neutral means that the second storey is powered by renewable electricity," said Ralph Aprile, associate vice-president of Facilities and Ancillary Services. "The electricity that feeds the second storey is made through a combination of the wind turbines and solar panels."

"There will be a garden where we actually grow some of the vegetables we are going to use in the space."

In addition, hot water for the bathrooms can now be heated through the sun. Most of the building has natural lighting, maintained through a combination of huge windows and many skylights. The light fixtures are set on sensors and come on when it gets too dark. Phase 1 also added a geothermal well system, which uses the water collected to heat and cool the building. In addition, the new ThermoPlastic Olefin roof is white so it doesn't absorb heat in the summer, thus helping the building stay cool.

The second phase of the expansion will increase the size of the shop area in the



Phase 1 of the \$30-million, three-phase expansion of the Whitby campus celebrated its official grand opening in December 2009.

Skills Training Centre, accommodating more students and creating classroom and laboratory space for new programs. Phase 2 will also include two houses one with state-of-the-art technology, the other with technology from the 1970s. The houses will be used as living labs for the Energy Audit Techniques program, introduced in September 2009 and for planned future programs such as Power Engineering Technology, Sustainable Energy, Biomass Energy, and Building Trades and Technology.

"Phase 2 is underway right now with two pieces to it," added Aprile. "There is the new build, which is going to consist of office space on the second floor as well as a laboratory and more general use classrooms. In the shop area we'll have a carpentry shop, we are expanding our heating, ventilation and air conditioning lab and we have some room in there for future expansion."

Phase 3 won't happen until the funding is raised but once complete it's expected to

house two new programs, Hospitality and Culinary Arts. The plan is to build a Food Centre that will offer culinary arts programs, a food processing centre and agricultural and science labs. The addition of these new programs will enable students to pursue careers as chefs, cooks, food processors, food researchers and more.

"For Phase 3 we are looking at the culinary arts and hospitality," said Aprile. "But again, with a twist on sustainability and because of where we are headed with the whole renewable energy sources, what you are going to see there are culinary and hospitality programs. There will be a garden where we actually grow some of the vegetables we are going to use in the space."

The Region of Durham recently committed \$5 million over seven years toward phases 2 and 3. The college will receive the first half a million this year.



PHOTO COURTESY OF LESLIE BATES

As a part-time professor at Durham College, Mather passes on his knowledge of computers to his business students.

SUMMER OF '69 GRAD STILL PART OF DURHAM COLLEGE LIFE

by Melissa McGowan

FOR A 2010 GRADUATE, THE THOUGHT OF A LAPTOP OR BlackBerry being unavailable for more than a moment is enough to cause a coronary. But when John Mather attended Durham College, not only were there no laptops, desktop computers didn't exist.

In 1969, Mather was one of the 53 students that made up the first graduating class at Durham College and he's been here ever since. After completing the two-year General Business program, Mather landed a position at the college. In the 41 years since he graduated he has worked as a data processing technician in the Business department, an assistant supervisor in the computer centre, as the director of Administrative Computing, and for the past 12 years, as a professor. In 2009 Mather officially retired from teaching but he is now back in the classroom part-time with the School of Business, IT & Management.

"One of the biggest changes at the college since 1969 is the use of technology. Computers were far different in the early days," said Mather. He worked in a room full of large computers that would cover a wall and key-punch machines were used to input data. Today, a computer can sit in your lap.

"I think the Mobile Learning programs are great," added Mather. "It's great to be on the bus on your way home and working on something for school. It expands learning but can also be a distraction to some students who don't have the maturity level to use it properly."

The level of education within the college has been heightened due to the use of technology because the volume of work that can be assigned to students has increased.

"Computers allow students to complete assignments in an evening that would have taken days before, and resources like My Campus, the college server, allow students to stay up to date with their grades as soon as assignments are marked," said Mather.

In 1969 jobs were plentiful for college graduates but they had to type their resumés on typewriters and mail them out by post. For 2010 Durham College graduates, the job market is more competitive but the job hunt is also a bit easier now since students can e-mail their resumés and cover letters. Mather suggests they also include a video clip with their resumé to make themselves stand out.

"When I graduated we could walk out and find a job, even more than one. Competition is now fierce and students must find a way to differentiate themselves from other grads to become noticed. People are no longer needed to do certain jobs so the job market keeps shrinking," he said.

Times may have changed, but for Mather the focus is still on his students and ensuring that they are able to properly use the technology at their fingertips.

HELPING IMMIGRANTS ON THE ROAD TO SUCCESS

by Krista Turner



PHOTO BY KRISTA TURNER

Susan Domokos, an advisor to internationally trained immigrants, loves knowing that because of her work, someone can afford to take care of their family.

THEY COME TO THIS COUNTRY WITH high credentials, full of hope and promise, only to be left with a survival job, never given a chance to show their full potential. The government asks them to come to Canada but when they arrive there is often nothing here for internationally trained immigrants – until now.

Durham College's new internationally trained immigrant (ITI) advising service offers free one-on-one advising based on an individual's career goals. An ITI advisor helps look at academic options, credential assessment and potential employment opportunities with a goal of helping people secure a long-term career as opposed to a survival job.

We've all heard the stories of highly trained immigrant workers – qualified to be engineers or doctors – working minimum-wage jobs so they can provide for their families. This is where Susan Domokos of Durham College comes in. The services offered by the college are not in competition with others in the region because Domokos works with the other

service agencies to come up with the best solution for each immigrant.

In co-operation with the provincially-funded Colleges Integrating Immigrants to Employment (CIITE), program, ITI advising promotes the need for English language skills while laying out a career path based on each client's identified goals. Many clients wish they had met with an advisor as soon as they arrived in Canada so they could have begun working on their long-term goals earlier.

“The service is a real benefit for almost any immigrant. It synthesizes all of the services available in the Durham Region.”

The office, which opened in early Spring 2009, has helped more than 100 clients to date. It started off part-time with most clients coming in one to two days a week to meet with Domokos, but it is now a full-time service.

Beata Kruszewski, who heard about the support program through her mother-in-law, came to see Domokos after arriving in Canada from Poland. She studied law and business there and says she is happy she was able to take part as it has helped her along the way.

Kruszewski is now studying Early Childhood Education at Durham College and has been working with Domokos since January. “For me personally, the best thing about the service is how easy it was to get in touch with Susan if I had any questions,” said Kruszewski. “She was always happy to help. I am very lucky to have had Susan Domokos looking after me.”

Durham's ITI advising service is located at 475 Bond Street East, Unit 4 in Oshawa, Ont. at the college's Community Employment Resource Centre. For appointments, or to see a presentation, please contact Susan Domokos at 905.721.2000 ext. 2020 or itiadvisor@durhamcollege.ca.



FOUNDING SOCCER STAR JOINS HALL OF FAME

by Nicole Gibson

Stephanie Axford was inducted into the Durham College Sports Hall of Fame for her outstanding soccer achievements.

THE GLORY OF VICTORY AND THE agony of defeat. Most people see it that way but for Stephanie Axford, it is the anguish of coming up short that gives people the chance to grow as human beings and overcome adversity. For Axford, losing teaches people how to fall down and get back up again.

That's one of the lessons the former Durham Lords soccer player says she learned while playing sports. Axford's influential soccer history at Durham College began in 1990 when she played an important part in launching the college's first-ever varsity women's soccer team. To this day, much of the women's soccer program's success has been credited to Axford and the members of that first team.

As a team member she was named an Ontario Colleges Athletics Association (OCAA) provincial league all-star in her first year and was later named an OCAA Championship all-star during the 1992-1993 season. Axford's outstanding soccer career was also recognized on November 25, 2009 when she was inducted into the Durham College Sports Hall of Fame.

"Receiving the Female Athlete of the Year award was the perfect ending to my three years at Durham College," said

Axford. "Being inducted into the hall was not only a surprise, 17 years later, but an honour that can only leave one speechless and overwhelmed."

Not only was she inducted into the college's Sports Hall of Fame, Axford is currently among the top 10 goal scorers in OCAA history and scored the third-most goals with Durham College.

Axford has been playing sports for as long as she can remember after joining a baseball team – her first team ever – at the age of six. After that it was on to soccer, which saw her and her best friend join an all-boys team since there was no team for girls. As her love for soccer grew, Axford continued to play throughout her college years and banked many accomplishments.

Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened is just one saying she lives by. Much of her inspiration is drawn from competition, camaraderie and the desire to always become a better athlete. When faced with challenges during her sports career, she pushed to be a better player in both games and practise.

"My biggest challenge in sports was to continuously strive to be a better player," said Axford. "I had to practise hard and remain focused on the game. My ultimate

goal in life is to always push hard to be my best while maintaining my integrity, quality and compassion."

The Graphic Design graduate is now the proud owner of a digital copy shop called Copy Cat Reproductions in Toronto, which recently celebrated its 10th anniversary. As for the future, Axford sees herself still managing her successful business while travelling around the world and spending more time with her family and friends.

"The lessons sports can teach carry over into other aspects of life," she said. Through sports she learned the value of competition, the importance of discipline and the true meaning of teamwork. At the end of the day Axford believes athletics are not about the scoreboard. She is sure they are about finding the confidence to overcome setbacks, persevering in the face of hardships and about turning challenges into positive opportunities.

"Victory does not require you to reach down deep inside yourself and find qualities that you knew you never had," explained Axford. "It is in defeat and in the anguish of coming up short that we are faced with opportunities to grow as athletes and as human beings."

INDUCTED TO DURHAM COLLEGE'S SPORTS HALL OF FAME

by Courtney Rivers

Rick Debres received his Sports Hall of Fame trophy in November 2009.



PHOTO COURTESY OF DURHAM COLLEGE

WHEN JOANNIE ROCHETTE BRAVED ON after the sudden death of her mother and won an Olympic bronze medal, it was a story that might have brought back memories for Rick Debres. In 1982, Debres was in his first year of the three-year Electronic Technology program and playing for not one, but two varsity teams, soccer and volleyball. Unfortunately, during his first year, his mother died suddenly.

"I learned and firmly believe that all unpleasant situations that come to pass provide the opportunity for growth and good," said Debres. "I learned about compassion and kindness from others during that most difficult time."

Throughout this tragic time, Debres kept up his studies and continued playing for both varsity teams, receiving provincial recognition in both sports. In his first year, he led the Lords soccer team to contender status. In 1984, as a goaltender, he led his team to an Ontario Colleges Athletic Association (OCAA) provincial championship silver medal.

On the volleyball court, Debres was just as impressive as one of the most powerful hitters in the OCAA. In his first year on the team, he helped the Lords win the OCAA championship silver medal and gave his team recognition as a national contender. During the 1984-1985 academic year, he was named Durham College Male Athlete of the Year.

On Nov. 26, 2009, Debres became one of the privileged few to be inducted into Durham College's Sports Hall of Fame for two sports, volleyball and soccer. He and Stephanie Axford became the 35th and 36th athletes inducted since the hall officially opened to recognize the achievements of athletes, coaches and builders in 1997.

"I never imagined that I would be inducted in the Durham College Hall of Fame," said Debres. "As a goaltender in soccer, I feel you are either a hero or a goat. Everyone knows that when you make a mistake at that position it's usually costly, ending up in a goal against. Being

inducted is truly an honour that I will cherish forever."

A few months after graduating in 1985, Debres started a career in his chosen field. Today, he works as a field service engineer for a multinational company called PANalytical Inc., formerly the Scientific and Industrial division of Philips Electronics. His job entails extensive travelling to customer sites to install, maintain and repair X-ray fluorescence spectrometers and X-ray diffractometers.

Debres continues to play both soccer and volleyball however three years ago he tore his Achilles tendon and was forced to stop playing in the over-35 category. The injury has since healed and he intends on playing again this year with some people he played with in college.

As he and his wife Siobhan watch their three children, 18-year-old Patricia, 16-year-old Greg and eight-year-old Shannon grow up, he always encourages them to play fair, but most importantly, have fun.



This 40th anniversary patch was worn by all athletes on their jerseys, to celebrate the accomplishments of the past four decades.

VARSITY SPORTS CELEBRATES 40 YEARS

by Jayde Naklicki

DURHAM'S VARSITY SPORTS PROGRAM started during the 1970-1971 school year with no athletic facilities and only men's hockey and basketball teams. Today the program has expanded and includes 10 men's teams and 10 women's teams. While hockey is gone, the college has added baseball, fastball, soccer, volleyball and golf.

In the early years teams had to play at local high schools and players had to find their own transportation there and back. That changed in 1977 with the opening of the Athletic Complex. It changed again in 2007 when the Campus Recreation and Wellness Centre featuring a triple gymnasium for basketball and volleyball games and a new 10,000-square-foot fitness centre and change rooms opened.

But it's not just the gyms and courts that have become more impressive over the years. Durham's varsity teams have won 183 championship medals, 94 of which are provincial championship medals, putting the college in third place overall out of 30 colleges in the Ontario College Athletic Association (OCAA).

"Our track record of success has been quite prominent – the student athletes, the achievements of the teams and record settings," said Ken Babcock, athletic director. "But more importantly, for a long time we have been very consistent. This has set our reputation for being a powerhouse in athletics. We are not the biggest school in the province, but we think big and do big."

Over the years fans have witnessed many remarkable student athlete performances. Erin Smith was recognized for her talents in volleyball and fastball in Sports Illustrated and more recently, Anthony Batchelor was recognized as the OCAA's all-time leading scorer in basketball and named the OCAA player of the year. The college is also proud to have some of the best coaches in the province. Stan Marchut, coach of the women's volleyball team for 24 seasons, is now being inducted into the Oshawa Sports Hall of Fame.

"A lot has happened. Many uniforms have been worn, many numbers retired, many athletes graduated, and many points

scored," said Babcock. "Durham College has been at the forefront of collegiate athletics in Ontario for a long time. We hope to continue that tradition for another 40 years and more. It's a pretty special place here."

To celebrate the 40th anniversary of varsity sports at Durham College, a commemorative poster is available showing the memorable moments of the past four decades. It displays pictures of championships, personal experiences, records, student athletes, players and coaches. This year all varsity teams are also wearing a commemorative patch to celebrate the 40 years.

"I hope the success continues," said Babcock. "I hope the commitment to collegiate athletics continues because it is such a remarkable thing. It is such an important thing in developing a student and a future student leader outside the classroom."



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Photos from the past 40 years of Durham College varsity sports.
 Top row from right to left: Ken Babcock and Sue Smith, Karlene Riseborough Barnes; and 1980 men's basketball team.
 Middle row from right to left: 1983 men's basketball team; and Samantha Langford and O'Neil Brown.
 Bottom row from left to right: Terina West and Erin Smith, 1977 men's soccer team; and Ryan Hughes.



PHOTO COURTESY OF KATHRYN NICHOL

Kathryn Nichol, a third-year Graphic Design student, shows her winning package design for the American Essentials packaging competition



PHOTO COURTESY OF BARB SUEN

Graphic Design Professor Barb Suen is pleased that Durham College was the only college that was chosen to participate in the American Essentials packaging competition.

WINNING DESIGN: BATHROBE IN A BUCKET

by Keirra Saffrey

WINNING A GRAPHIC DESIGN COMPETITION wasn't on Kathryn Nichol's bucket list, but now it can go on her resumé.

Nichol, a third-year Graphic Design student, won a package design competition last fall that challenged students to design packaging for a bathrobe. After considering multiple colleges, Durham College was chosen by American Essentials to host the competition because of complimentary information it received from the Packaging Association of Canada.

"For the third year of the Graphic Design program, we're given 60 projects to choose from," Nichol said. "Our packaging teacher gave us the assignment that was the American Essentials contest. I love packaging so I decided to do it. As well, it was a great opportunity to be part of."

An octagonal cardboard box made to resemble wood and a coat hanger design were just two of the other entries students submitted to the contest. Nichol said it took her two weeks to come up with her design concept. She decided to roll up the robe and package it in an ice bucket, with a band covering the top so shoppers can feel the robe but aren't able to remove it from the package. While the robe is the product, the packaging doubles as a bonus product – an ice bucket to chill wine.

"I thought I had a good chance of doing well because there were people in my class who

were wishing they thought of my ice bucket idea. I thought I would end up in the top five at least, but I didn't think I'd actually win," said Nichol.

She received \$500 as well as a cashmere sweater, some shirts made from milk fibre products, a robe, track pants and more. She not only succeeded in the contest, but she also succeeded in getting a work placement with American Essentials.

"Kathryn's a very conscientious student," said Barb Suen, a professor with the Graphic Design program. "She's currently doing her placement with American Essentials in the graphic design department and from what I understand, she's enjoying it."

All students were given an equal opportunity to enter the contest and 17 students took part. Suen directed the competition which began in September and concluded in November. Without the information American Essentials received from the Packaging Association of Canada praising Durham and its Graphic Design program, the college wouldn't have been invited to host the competition.

Suen says she brings in outside clients to boost her students' motivation by giving them real work.

"I think the fact that clients are coming to us speaks a lot about the strengths of our program and the talent of the students," she said.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF SCOTT CRAWFORD

Durham College graduate Scott Crawford is director of Operations at the Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum.

PUTTING A SPOTLIGHT ON CANADIAN BASEBALL

by Jessica McDonnell

SPORTS ADMINISTRATION GRADUATE

Scott Crawford hit a home run when he landed the director of Operations job at the Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum in St. Marys, Ontario. The self-professed baseball nut brings his enthusiasm to work every day. Whether he is dealing with the public, planning major events, booking tours or coaching baseball, it's the passion that drives him to excel.

Crawford started at the hall as a volunteer during the summers of 1998 and 1999. He then returned to do his internship as a student in the Sports Administration program in 2000. The rest, as they say, is history.

The hall of fame/museum celebrates the history of baseball in Canada, which began when a game similar to baseball was played in Beachville, Ontario on June 4, 1838. It contains artifacts including bats, balls, gloves, trophies and uniforms and a room dedicated to the Toronto Blue Jays and the Montreal Expos.

There is also an antique ball stitcher, a Roger Clemens Blue Jays uniform and balls and uniforms used by the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League, which was made famous by the 1992 film *A League of Their Own* starring Tom Hanks and Geena Davis. The league ran from 1943 to 1954 and included 64 Canadian players.

As director of Operations, Crawford relies heavily on a dedicated staff of volunteers. He also appreciates the level of community support in St. Marys as well as the support of his wife Sam and his children, Toby and Noah.

Crawford coaches children on the baseball teams that the hall organizes and co-ordinates with major league Canadian baseball players like Larry Walker who donate autographed equipment.

"I feel that I give the community my time, effort and honesty. A lot of parents help out and I give back to the kids by hosting free events for them around town," said Crawford. "It's all about the kids.

"The level of community support for the Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum is what makes it so successful," he added. Since he started at the museum in 2000, the number of events per year has increased from just a few to 450 in 2009, including the annual Kids on Deck summer baseball camp. The number of baseball teams in the camp has also grown from five to 15.

While he is proud of the museum's growth in size and popularity, Crawford has big plans for the future. He would like to add a dormitory to house visiting baseball teams during tournaments and a new museum building and stadium around the main field.

"The most rewarding things about my career are the experiences I have gained, learning how to interact with all different types of people, being here for 10 years and watching the hall of fame grow and the support we get every day from the local people," said Crawford.



PHOTO COURTESY OF DURHAM COLLEGE

A performance by the acrobatic group Cirque-u-L'air gave the 2009 Legacy Gala an awe factor.

LEGACY GALA BRINGS VENICE TO OSHAWA

by Alyssa Coman

IN PAST YEARS THE LEGACY GALA HAS transported patrons to the roaring 1920s, King Arthur's court and vibrant Argentina. The eighth annual Legacy Gala was held last fall at Tosca Banquet Hall in Oshawa, Ontario and this time around guests enjoyed a night set in Venice, Italy as the theme.

The historic charm and lure of Venice's landscape had sponsors and guests dancing to live music, bidding on live and silent auctions and tasting wine that demonstrated the Italian culture. More than 300 people attended the glamorous event. The entertainment for the night was also a hit, featuring a Cirque-u-L'air acrobatic performance.

The gala raised \$205,000 toward scholarships and student bursaries for Durham College and UOIT students with the total amount including \$102,500 in matching funds provided by the provincial government's Ontario Trust for Student Support.

Carol Beam, director of Communications and Marketing for the college, helped coordinate the gala. "It is a time when we invite the community to come and support the school," said Beam. "We received a lot of donations from the community for the auction items, which were greatly appreciated. We had more than 100 items donated from all over the Greater Toronto Area including iPods, spa packages, home décor, clothing and gym memberships."

Sponsors included the Albis Family, owners of Tosca and Avanti Trattoria; Ontario Power Generation; Grant Morris Associates Ltd; Bill and Janis Robinson; the Durham College Alumni Association; Metroland Durham Region Media Group; BMO; Campus Living Centres; Durham Regional Police Services Board; KPMG; the Manufacturing and Technology Centre; Royal Bank Canada; and Veridian.

"People provided great feedback, which will help the next Legacy Gala to be even better," said Beam. "As one of Durham College's largest and most important fundraising events, a big thank you goes out to all the people and organizations that support it year after year."

DINING FOR SUCCESS

by Hannah MacMillan



The Fazio family raised \$12,000 at the Evolution Gala for students in financial need at Durham College and the University of Ontario Institute of Technology (UOIT). From left: Martin Polidano, Rosaleen Polidano (Fazio), Tino Fazio, Amelia Fazio, Nicholas Fazio and Angela Fazio.

THE LEGACY OF FAZIO'S RESTAURANT and Wine Experience started long before the business first opened its doors in Oshawa, Ont. more than 30 years ago. Tino Fazio grew up in the small village of Sant'Angelo di Brolo in Sicily, Italy and has had a number of careers since arriving in Canada in 1966 including working at a bakery, butcher shop and even opening his own pizzeria.

Soon, Fazio decided he wanted to share the traditions and cultures of his homeland with others and in 1979, Fazio's Restaurant opened. His vision was to provide an atmosphere where customers could enjoy good company while experiencing some of Italy's finest traditional dishes and wines.

Over the years, Fazio's has grown to be one of the most successful businesses in Oshawa. For its 30th anniversary the family wanted to hold an event that would

benefit the community. Tino Fazio never had the chance to obtain post-secondary education so it was no surprise that the family chose to host a gala to support students in financial need at Durham College and the University of Ontario Institute of Technology (UOIT).

"My father has always wished that he had the opportunity for a formal education," said Rosaleen Polidano, Tino's daughter. "That was the reason that we chose Durham College and UOIT as our charities."

Fazio's Restaurant includes a one-of-a-kind wine collection and since opening its doors it has amassed a wine cellar of more than 15,000 wines. Apart from tremendous wine, the gala also featured a five-course Italian meal, culinary demonstrations, auctions and more, helping to make the evening a great success. Guests were treated to a night

filled with patrons, friends and family members, all having a good time in support of a local cause that was close to the hearts of many.

"The Evolution Gala was an event put together by our family and friends to celebrate our anniversary alongside our patrons, friends and family," said Polidano.

The gala, the first of its kind for the Fazio family, was a success, raising \$12,000 for college and university scholarships and bursaries.

"It's wonderful! We truly appreciate this generous support for our students," said Don Lovisa, president of Durham College. "Community relationships like the one we have with the Fazio family are so important because they keep the college alive in Durham Region. Contributions such as these demonstrate to us time and again the importance of staying connected with our community."

SCORING A SPOT ON THE SPORTSCENTRE TEAM

by Emily Turney

DURHAM LORDS FANS TUNING INTO SportsCentre may find the voice of its newest anchor familiar. It belongs to none other than Kate Beirness, who for two seasons, served as the first female voice of the Lords.

Beirness made her debut on TSN's leading sports news and information show on Dec. 11, 2009, six months after graduating from the University of Ontario Institute of Technology's (UOIT) Bachelor of Business - Commerce program.

Filling in for fellow anchor Holly Horton, who's on maternity leave, Beirness primarily hosts the 2 a.m. weekend edition of SportsCentre. She provides viewers with a complete rundown of the day's sports happenings including highlights and post-game reports from the east and west coasts. She can also be seen in the morning since the late night broadcast repeats on a loop the following day. When not acting as an anchor, Beirness is in the field reporting, mainly about the Toronto Maple Leafs.

"I'm living my dream. I think that's so cliché, but it's so true," said Beirness. "In the end, it's just the best job for me because I love sports. I get to come to work and do what I love."

She didn't always dream of becoming an accomplished sports journalist, she hoped to make it as a professional basketball player. After tearing her anterior cruciate ligament and realizing she was capable of creating her own analysis of sports highlights on TV, her career aspirations began to shift.

In her second year of university, she responded to a Durham College

Athletic department job posting for an in-game varsity sports announcer. By the end of the season she was announcing games full-time for the Lords and the following season she provided colour commentary for The Riot's varsity coverage.

During her time as an in-game and radio announcer Beirness called the Lords basketball and volleyball home games as well as the 2006 and 2007 Ontario Colleges Athletic Association (OCAA) basketball all-star games and the 2007 OCAA men's basketball provincial championship.

"I loved everything about it (announcing for the Lords). It gave me such a foundation for what I am doing now," she said. "The athletic staff gave me the opportunity to go out there and learn what I was capable of doing."

Following her seasons announcing for the Lords, Beirness took a year off from university to work behind the scenes at Sportsnet. She also volunteered with Rogers TV Durham, who hired her as a sports anchor in December of her final year of university. After graduating in May, she continued to anchor for Rogers until she accepted a job at one of TSN's sister networks, A-Channel Barrie, as a sports anchor and videographer. Four months into the job she received the call from SportsCentre.

When not recapping the day's sports action or reporting, Beirness enjoys running, skiing and cheering on the Chicago Bears. "I would be professional in any reporting situation," she said. "But if I ever cover the Bears, it will be slightly surreal."



PHOTO COURTESY OF CTV

Kate Beirness, former sports broadcaster for the Durham College campus radio station, recently scored a spot as SportsCentre's newest broadcaster.

NETWORKING THEIR WAY TO THE TOP

by Shantelle Napper

THEIR FIRST IMPRESSION OF California was that it wasn't as warm as they thought it would be. The air was cleaner and everything was bigger — the buildings, the streets, the people. As they were whisked from the San Francisco airport to their hotel, they drove past offices of some of the biggest names in the information technology (IT) industry. Names like Microsoft.

"The valley was surrounded by some pretty amazing mountain ranges. The pictures I took don't do them justice. I'll never forget them," said Danny Machnik, a third-year Durham College Computer Systems Technology student. "They also have a large number of evergreen trees there and for every 50 evergreens, one palm tree. California spans such a large area that the climate and landscape change dramatically the further north or south you go."

Machnik was one of two Durham College students who visited the headquarters of Cisco Systems Incorporated in San Jose, California after they finished as the top Canadian team at the international Cisco Networking Academy 2009 NetRiders Skill Challenge in November 2009. Machnik and his classmate Chris Cowie, both third-year Computer Systems Technology students, also placed second in North America at the annual competition.

Cowie and Machnik travelled to Cisco's headquarters on an all-expense paid trip for five days in January 2010. Once they arrived they had almost no downtime as their days were structured, scheduled and planned in every detail.

The pair did get a chance to sightsee at the company's campus, which is located in Silicon Valley just north of San Jose in a town called Milpitas. The campus has more than 40 buildings that span a five-kilometre stretch. They visited seven of the buildings, which each had their own unique style and purpose.

Engineers at the campus kept the boys occupied by allowing them to job shadow. They were exposed to areas of the headquarters and company information that most employees don't see or hear. The pair also spent an hour talking about the industry with John Chambers, chairman and chief executive officer of Cisco.

"Winning this competition really has been a great confidence booster," said Cowie. "Knowing that we actually learned something that will prepare us for our future careers makes me feel really confident."

During the competition the pair was assessed on three rounds of intensive and challenging networking tests. Round 1 (the regional qualifier) and Round 2 (the provincial qualifier) consisted of answering a series of multiple-choice questions in 60 minutes. The third and final round was completed online, which allowed the students to view the results instantly.

"To be honest, we didn't take the competition seriously to begin with. Our professor basically told us we were entering and pushed us to do so," said Machnik. "It shows others that if you start to take things seriously, good things will happen, because once we buckled down and agreed to study we became extremely successful."



PHOTO BY SHANTELE NAPPER

Computer Technology Systems students Chris Cowie (left) and Danny Machnik show off their award after finishing as the top Canadian team and second overall in North America at the annual Cisco Networking Competition.

Competitors were tested on content that was based on the first two years of their program's curriculum. The final round consisted of more difficult content that they had just begun to learn. The students also reviewed the content on Cisco's website, which included test questions to aid them with studying.

"The success exhibited by the students demonstrates their determination, knowledge and skill sets," said Ramzanali Jaffer, program co-ordinator of Durham College's Computer Systems Technology program. "It's a credit to the students' hard work in preparing for the competition and to all the faculty members within the program who have done their best to ensure that students are successful once they graduate."

The purpose of the competition is to prepare the students for their career and give them real-world experience while also allowing them to gain some high-end business connections.

"It is important for students next year to know that winning is not hard once you put your mind to it. We went into the competition not expecting a thing, but once we completed the first round, we realized we could do it and began to work harder," said Machnik. "This is a great message to other students who may be considering entering next year, since we were the first. There will be a lot of interest next year, and the students need to participate and enjoy it because they have nothing to lose and everything to gain."

COMEDIC LECTURES

by Richelle Little



PHOTO COURTESY OF DURHAM COLLEGE

Legal Administration Professor Kathleen Stewart adds laughter to her presentations to lighten the day. Her students appreciate her efforts so much they nominated her for TVO's Best Lecturer competition.

AS KATHLEEN STEWART STANDS AT THE front of the class, gesturing animatedly while telling a story, her students hang on every word.

The Legal Administration professor, who has been teaching full time since 2000, aims to create a fun, energetic learning atmosphere in her classroom. Her students are genuinely interested as they listen to her lectures, which are often delivered in crazy voices or with lively actions.

In addition to her colourful PowerPoint presentations, Stewart regales her students with personal stories and colleague anecdotes that pertain to her chosen topic. Needless to say, her lectures are not to be missed – even if it is just for the entertainment factor.

"I really try to engage my students and entertain them because you just can't sit and talk at students for an hour – it's boring. I can't stand it as a person, so I don't expect them to do that either," said Stewart. "I think my teaching style is a mix. There is some lecture to it, but I try to create active opportunities for students to use the practical information that I'm providing them with."

Her students appreciate those efforts to keep them absorbed in her lectures. They recently nominated her for TVO's Big Ideas Best Lecturer Competition. Each year across Canada, students are able to nominate college and university professors that they think have star lecturer potential. Shortly after nominations closed this year they announced the top 20 and Stewart made the list. While Stewart was not selected for the finals she was flattered to have made it as far as she did,

"I was really pleasantly surprised. It feels good whenever you get validation from your students that they are enjoying what you're doing for them."

Not only is she a full-time professor at the college, Stewart is also an alumna – she is a graduate of both the Sports Management and Legal Administration programs. Being a former student at the college where she works has helped her connect with students and deliver an upbeat learning experience.

"Kathleen is not only a professor, she is a mentor, inspiration and friend," said Katie Coupland, a Legal Administration student. "She is a professor that sees potential in

students and strives to ensure that her students achieve that potential. Walking into Kathleen's class, even if it's 8 a.m. in the morning, is a great feeling. You know that whatever you're there to learn, whether it's communications or litigation you can use not only in the future, but in the present as well."

Before landing her teaching gig at Durham, she worked briefly at a law firm in Toronto, Ont. but her love of the college and contact with her former professors led her to find her niche in the classroom. Stewart said teaching just comes naturally to her and she joked that it must be genetic as her two sisters and mother are also teachers.

"Kathleen is always upbeat and always gets the students involved with the lectures," added Coupland. "She relates the lessons to real-life situations and allows students to input their own situations that pertain to that particular lesson. You always leave the classroom knowing you've learned something!"

SETTING EDUCATION ABLAZE

by Ashleigh Boehler-Upshaw



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Firefighters cautiously approach a fiery blaze in a fire training simulator similar to one now used by Durham College students.

WITH THE TOUCH OF A BUTTON the inside of a trailer bursts into flames. A raging fire thrashes from room to room, destroying everything in its path. Nothing is left but burnt memories. A terrible tragedy – something you wouldn't wish for your worst enemy. But for Durham College students and local firefighters, this is a dream come true.

Last fall the college, the city of Oshawa, the Town of Whitby and the Municipality of Clarington unveiled a new fire training simulator at the Oshawa Airport. Inside, students are given the chance to experience the reality of facing a raging blaze.

A steel unit uses two propane tanks to start a real fire. Controlled by an exterior panel or a wireless remote, the fire can be easily extinguished if it gets out of control. That's highly unlikely though, as the ceilings, walls and doors are insulated to withstand temperatures reaching 2,500 degrees Fahrenheit.

"The burn simulator is a joint venture between Durham College, Clarington Emergency and Fire Services, Whitby Fire and Emergency Services and the Oshawa Fire Services," said Bob Brandon, program co-ordinator of the college's Firefighter – Pre-service, Education and Training program. "It provides the opportunity for crews to train under live fire conditions. Fuelled by propane and synthetic smoke, it reproduces the actual conditions that firefighters would experience during suppression operations and structural fires."

The German-created Dräger unit is a high-tech mobile home that was jointly purchased for approximately \$300,000 to deliver state-of-the-art educational opportunities for students. Previously, busloads would make the eastward journey to Norwood, Ont., more than 100 kilometres away, for this type of learning experience.

"Obviously, the advantage of the Oshawa facility is that it is much closer, but the Norwood training facility, besides the live fire training, does offer other training simulations that we can't do in the new unit. We will focus as much as possible on the Oshawa site but because there are so many practical training elements in the curriculum, it requires us to go offsite," said Brandon. "It's not all about actual fire suppression. There's confined space drills, hazardous materials, self-contained breathing apparatus and auto extrication. We now have the advantage of the Dräger unit and so we have a variety of different locations that enable us to focus on as much practical training as we can fit into the school year."

In the simulator, students and firefighters practise extinguishing and controlling fires; suppression tactics; basement fire techniques; and flash-over strategies. A flash-over occurs when the items in a room suddenly ignite all at once. This can be highly dangerous and students will learn to identify the signs to look for. In real-life situations, there are only seconds to act before a flash-over occurs.

"It enables us to simulate real-world conditions in a safe training environment, or as safe as we can make it, because anything to do with firefighting is inherently dangerous," said Brandon. "But it allows us to control things in a simulator like temperature settings, smoke conditions and visibility. We can actually spray water on it if need be. We simulate, as closely as possible, the actual conditions that firefighting students will eventually experience in the field".

AT DURHAM COLLEGE, SPEED IS NOW THE NAME OF THE GAME



PHOTO COURTESY OF MATTHEW BIRD

by Matthew Bird

CONSTANTLY EXPANDING ITS LIST OF programs to accommodate the changing marketplace, Durham College recently unveiled several new programs starting in Fall 2010 that will expand the college's educational opportunities and give latest skills needed to succeed in the workforce.

But not every student enrolled can attend school full-time, or if they can they may not be able to enrol for two or three full years. To accommodate students who need to work, Durham College created a variety of programs designed to fully prepare applicants for employment in less than a year.

The college prides itself on keeping abreast of the latest technology and along with its website and Facebook and Twitter accounts, now offers online programs that provide various certifications to students who are unable to attend classes during traditional post-secondary hours.

Mechanical Techniques – Precision Machining/CNC is one such online offering. With a single-semester online curriculum and practical sessions held at the college on Saturdays, the program is an update of Mechanical Techniques – Tool and Die/CNC (computer numerical control) and runs alongside the full-time Mechanical Techniques – Precision Machining/CNC course. The new program will serve new students and tool and die workers looking to expand their skills.

"Our new Precision Machining/CNC is similar to the first year of the Tool and Die program but with more emphasis on CNC and the online course is very similar," said Norm Fenton, dean of the School of Applied Sciences, Apprenticeship, Skilled Trades & Technology – Whitby campus. "We wanted a new program that would, in a compressed manner, teach CNC and get people finished with school by the end of June."

Durham College is also offering a new program in the food preparation industry with the introduction of Food Processing Safety Techniques this September. The program teaches food safety, security and sanitation in a factory setting. Students will learn how to operate machines for rapid food preparation and identify workplace hazards and potential contaminants.

It is also designed so that students can complete their schooling and be prepared for careers in only eight months. It also works in conjunction with other certificates and skilled trades training to quickly advance students' knowledge of the food industry and their job options.

To learn more about these programs or to see a complete list of new programs starting this September, please visit www.durhamcollege.ca/findyourfit.



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ALUMNI UPDATE

1974

RON MOTUM (Chemical Technology) lives in Oshawa, Ontario with his wife Margaret and two 16-year-old children, Robert and Melissa. Motum is retired from the Region of Durham and working as a contract instructor at Durham College.

1976

DOUG CARMICHAEL (Air Transport Technology) lives in Carlisle, Ontario with his wife Sharon and three children, 28-year-old Tara, 26-year-old Bryan and 24-year-old Heather. Carmichael is a retired radiographer.

1984

JEFF EDWARDS (Business Administration – Finance and Accounting) lives in Richmond Hill, Ontario with his wife Lucia and 16-year-old daughter Nicole. Edwards is currently employed with the province of Ontario as a manager of Resource Management.

1986

CATHY CORNALL (nee Brooks) (Food and Drug Technology) lives in Cobourg, Ontario with her husband Dave and three children, 18-year-old Cassandra, 16-year-old Cameron and 13-year-old Carolyn. Cornall is the owner of Pulsecho Inc. in Cobourg.

1988

BARRY MCKENNA (Mechanical Engineering Technology) lives in Baldwin, Ontario with his wife Jackie.

1990

NEIL POWELL (Electronics Engineering Technology) lives in Whitby, Ontario with his wife Michelle and two daughters, eight-year-old Faith and three-year-old Marissa. Neil is currently a firefighter with the Town of Whitby Fire Department.

1993

MARIE-JOSEE POIRIER (Business Administration – Information Systems) lives in St-Leonard, Quebec with her husband, Santino

and their two children, seven-year-old Massimo and five-year-old Sergio. Poirier is currently employed by Laird Plastics as an inside sales representative.

SHARYL-ANNE ANDREWS (nee Bell) (Business Administration – Human Resources) lives in Carleton Place, Ontario with her husband John and two children, eight-year-old Tyler and six-year-old Morgan. Andrews is employed by the Town of Carleton Place.

1996

MARGARIDA BERNARDINO (Food and Drug Technology) lives in Timmins, Ontario and is a clinical dietician with Timmins and District Hospital. After graduating from Durham College, she completed a Bachelor of Applied Science degree in Nutrition from the University of Guelph in 2005.

1997

JENNIFER SHREVE (nee Shiers) (Business Administration – Accounting) lives in Oshawa, Ontario with her husband, Wade. Shreve works at Tullett Prebon Canada Limited as an operations specialist and is currently completing her Human Resource diploma through continuing education at Durham College.

2003

JOHN REARDON (Mechanical Engineering Technician – Non-Destructive Evaluation) lives in Oshawa, Ontario with his wife Jennifer and two children, five-year-old Joshua, and three-year-old Jordyn. Reardon works for Ontario Power Generation in Pickering, Ontario as a non-destructive evaluation technician.

SARAH MCMURRAY (nee Chapman) (Business Administration – Operations Management) lives in Grafton, Ontario with her husband Tom and three daughters, six-year-old Paige, five-year-old Olivia and two-year-old Victoria.

CRYSTAL LAROSE (Graphic Design) lives in Sudbury, Ontario where she is working as a senior graphic designer.

2004

STEPHANIE SEE (Court and Tribunal Agent) lives in Colborne, Ontario and is an assessment officer with Legal Aid Ontario.

2005

SCOTT BELLEFEUILLE (Computer Programming) lives in Oshawa, Ontario with his wife Darlene and ten-month-old son Braiden. He is a senior IT solutions developer with TD Canada Trust.

2005

MELISSA KENISTON (Dental Reception and Administration) lives in Toronto, Ontario and is an administrative assistant with Great West Life Assurance.

2007

COREY ENGELSDORFER (Graphic Design) lives in Mississauga, Ontario and is a graphic designer with Metroland Media Group.

CHRISTOPHER ATTERSLEY (Electronics Engineering Technology) lives in Bowmanville, Ontario with his wife, Jennifer and daughter Makinley. Attersley is in the second year of his electrician apprenticeship with Impact Electrical & Mechanical Limited in Toronto, Ontario.

2009

CINDY LAMBERT (nee Bergsma) (Office Administration – Medical) lives in Bowmanville, Ontario with her husband Leo and two children, 19-year-old Adrian and 18-year-old Stephanie. She works for Strathaven Lifecare Centre as a personal support worker.

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