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most powerful women by the Women's
Executive Network

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HILARY WALLS

wins student packaging design competition

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT, DURHAM COLLEGE



As we come to the end of the academic year, I would like to take a moment to update you on what's happening at Durham College.

Earlier this year we launched a college-wide strategic planning initiative to talk about

how we can grow, improve and maintain our status as one of the best colleges in Ontario.

Is it about providing students with access to new programs? Determining which programs meet the needs of today's employers? Or where we can grow and build for the future?

I think it is about all of those things and more.

From October to January we held a number of important conversations about our strengths and areas where we can

improve. That data is being used to form the basis of a new strategic plan that will guide us over the next three years as we position ourselves for continued growth and success.

Our many graduates working across Canada and around the world are also wonderful examples of our success and the alumni featured in this issue are no exception.

Take Lorelei Hepburn, an Environmental Technology graduate, who is playing a key role in the protection of Durham Region's environment as president of The Environmental Factor, the first Canadian company to register a chemical-free weed and feed with Health Canada and one of the first to offer pesticide-free lawn care and lawn-care products in Durham Region.

Or Steven Cochrane, a Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning and Power Engineering graduate, who works as a tool supervisor for Schlumberger, an oil company in Texas. Cochrane has worked in various places in

Europe and the United States, offshore in the Gulf of Mexico, during hurricanes in Louisiana and in the blistering heat of South Texas.

I hope it is clear how proud I am of our many alumni and their accomplishments. As president of Durham College, nothing is more satisfying than watching our students leave us with the skills, knowledge and confidence they need to be successful and make a difference in Durham Region and beyond.

I encourage you to read this issue of Reflections and see for yourself the many reasons to be a proud Durham College alumnus.

Sincerely,

Don Lovisa
President, Durham College

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT, ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



As president of the Alumni Association, I am proud of the leading role Durham College is playing in providing the trained workforce needed to build sustainable communities in Durham Region and beyond.

As an academic institution and a member of the local community, we, like our students and graduates, are committed to improving the lives of others by expanding our academic offerings into growing areas of the economy including sustainable energy, food sciences and agriculture.

Some of the alumni featured in this issue of Reflections share our commitment to helping others including Nancy Hughes, a Human Services Counsellor graduate, who is spearheading supportive living service

for handicapped adults in the Northwest Territories and Siobhaun Williams, a Public Relations graduate, who through her work with Practice Solutions, a Canadian Medical Association (CMA) company, successfully launched mydoctor.ca, the first physician-driven electronic health record platform for patients in Canada.

In the local community, Durham College is currently in the middle of a \$30 million three-phase expansion of our Whitby campus. Phase 1, already completed, includes a second storey addition that houses new classrooms and living lab environments in areas including solar water heating, solar cell systems, wind turbines and more. Phase 2, which began last year, includes an expansion of the Skilled Training Centre to accommodate new programs and Phase 3 will see the building of a Food Centre at the Whitby campus.

The entire Durham College family is playing a role in the expansion as we support the creation of new programs and

jobs and provide the trained workforce needed to fulfil those jobs and stimulate the economy.

If you know an alumni who is involved in the expansion project or would like to recognize another one of our exceptional alumni, nominations are currently being accepted for the Durham College Alumni of Distinction Awards. I invite you to visit www.durhamcollege/alumni by Friday, April 16 to nominate a former classmate, colleague, business associate or community partner who is using their Durham College education as a foundation for making a positive difference in the lives of others and their communities.

Cheers,

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

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LADDER CORPORATE THE CLIMBING

by Rebecca MacDonald



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Public Relations graduate Kellie Garrett was named one of Canada's 100 most powerful women by the *Globe and Mail* and is a leader in the public relations industry. She is currently vice-president of Strategy, Knowledge and Reputation at Farm Credit Canada.

"If you are bright, work hard and play well with others – the work world is your oyster."

FROM LEAPING UP THE RANKS of management to being named one of Canada's 100 Most Powerful Women by the Women's Executive Network in 2007, Kellie Garrett is a magnet for success. The 1986 Public Relations graduate is currently the senior vice-president of Strategy, Knowledge and Reputation at Farm Credit Canada (FCC) in Regina, Saskatchewan.

Every day, Garrett arrives at her job with heaps of energy and ideas. She enjoys taking the time to bring out the potential in her colleagues and says this is a key reason her colleagues nominated her for the 100 Most Powerful Women award.

"I felt humbled and honoured to receive it, most of all because it was my colleagues who nominated me," said Garrett. She was also recently recognized for being one of the top 10 Most Influential Women by Saskatchewan Business Magazine.

At FCC, Garrett is responsible for business strategy, knowledge management, research, strategic intelligence, innovation, corporate social responsibility and communications.

She is also the only female member of the company's executive committee. Her hardworking demeanor, brains and win-win approach have allowed her to cross the boundaries of corporate communication and public relations, while climbing the executive ranks.

"When I was promoted to vice-president, I thought I had to be formal and abandon my fun-loving spirit," said Garrett. "I was miserable and people around me weren't having too much fun either. So I quit that and became myself."

Before being promoted to her current position, Garrett held several communications positions with FCC over the past 12 years including communications consultant, assistant vice-president of Communications, vice-president of Communications and Public Relations, vice-president of Marketing and Product Development and vice-president of Strategy, Knowledge and Communication.

She started her public relations career as a media relations consultant with the Addiction Research Foundation followed by positions as a public relations officer and acting director of Communications for Mount Sinai Hospital in Toronto, Ontario. Before joining FCC, she was also a senior editor for Saskatchewan Economic Development.

While her career trajectory makes it look like she's completely career-focused, that wasn't always the case. "People laugh when I tell them I wasn't ambitious at all until I was about 35 years old," added Garrett. "My only goal in life was to be happy. To me, that meant being in love and having lots of friends and fun. Having a job I liked was a bonus."

Garrett still enjoys every aspect of her job. However, it hasn't all been smooth sailing. In her first real job, a new manager came on board that bullied her and called her incompetent. With her self-esteem plummeting, she knew she had to look for another job.

"It was the best thing that ever happened to me," she said. "I had been so comfortable in my job that I would never have left. I loved my colleagues and the work itself."

Not only is she a highly motivated woman with an exceptional drive for success, she is also a passionate volunteer. Garrett has served as chair of the International Association of Business Communicators Research Foundation, chair of the Hospital of Regina Foundation and as a lay counsellor for parents of autistic children.

In the next few years, she plans to retire from FCC and pursue being a professional speaker, executive coach, strategist and writer. She also plans on moving to Vancouver Island with her husband where she can unwind and enjoy her passion for gardening. Her philosophy for success in life springs from her positive attitude. "If you are bright, work hard and play well with others using a team orientation and win-win approach – the work world is your oyster," she said.



Lorelei Hepburn (left), Environmental Technology graduate and president of The Environmental Factor, Steve Parrish (centre), mayor of Ajax, and Jon Barnes, vice-president, The Environmental Factor, cut the ribbon at the grand opening of the company's new 11,000-square-foot facility in Ajax, Ontario.

PESTICIDE BAN BOOSTS BUSINESS

by Courtney Rivers

ON APRIL 22, 2009 The Environmental Factor was thrown into a whirlwind when the Ontario government banned the use of pesticides. The company was the first in the country to register a chemical-free weed and feed with Health Canada and one of the first to offer pesticide-free lawn care and lawn-care products in Durham Region.

When the ban came into effect, companies from all over Canada and the United States started calling. "We had only four lines at the time and nobody could get through," said Lorelei Hepburn, a Durham College Environmental Technology graduate and president and chief executive officer of The Environmental Factor. "They were showing up at our door because they couldn't get through on the fax machine or the phone."

In six months, business increased 400 per cent despite the general downturn in the economy. The sudden increase in demand meant the company needed more space since its old facility was only 3,000 square feet. It got to the point where it was forced to remove product from the warehouse to have room to move around and employees had to start sharing offices.

In the fall, The Environmental Factor relocated from Oshawa, Ontario to a significantly larger space in Ajax. "The new location is

11,000 square feet and is more productive," said Hepburn. "We have space to work in the warehouse and store product for shipping and can now expand our sales."

The company was established in 1991 but registered in 1997 after Hepburn decided she was tired of the string of unsatisfying jobs she was experiencing. She had worked in real estate, life insurance and as a production controller in the printing industry before returning to school.

Dating back to when she was a child making mud pies, she has been interested in the composition of soil and the microorganisms that live within it. In 1991 she decided to go back to school. She enrolled in Durham College's three-year Environmental Technology program and graduated in 1994. The program had everything she was looking for including the study of soil, water and air quality, something no other school offered.

Today, the small company she conceptualized in 1991 has grown to 16 franchises across Canada.

Committed to using natural products instead of harmful pesticides, The Environmental Factor offers soil testing of a lawn to determine exactly what it needs to be healthy.

It has developed 10 of its own natural products, three of which are registered with Health Canada and distributed throughout Canada and the United States. They include LiquiGold Bio-fertilizer which helps thicken lawns and crowd out weeds and TurfMaize, Canada's first natural weed and feed product that uses corn gluten to naturally thicken lawns and slow weed growth as well as slow-release nitrogen to feed lawns.

Some products are now available at Canadian Tire and Home Hardware stores in Ontario and Quebec.

Using natural products is not only better for the soil and the environment; they cut down on the number of contaminants in the water system, making water better for us to drink.

In 2001, Hepburn was honoured with an Alumni of Distinction Award and today she is chair of the Environmental Technology program's advisory committee. As she continues her work at the college and at her office, she is helping save the earth for us and future generations, one lawn at a time.



Hilary Walls, a Durham College Graphic Design graduate, shows off her award-winning Sprite can design.

SPRITE REMIX

GRAPHIC DESIGN GRADUATE GIVES SPRITE CANS REFRESHING NEW LOOK

by Richelle Little

WHEN LIFE GIVES YOU LEMONS you make lemonade, but when life gave Hilary Walls lemons she made them into an extraordinary work of art. This piece is not one you can hang on your wall or display in a museum, but an everyday package design created for the Packaging Association of Canada's Sprite Student Packaging Design Competition.

"It was rewarding to be recognized by top industry leaders for my design," said Walls. "I worked very hard the past two years so it was exciting to see that my hard work paid off."

In 2008, during her final year in the Graphic Design program, her Packaging Design professor, Barbara Suen, encouraged her to enter the competition. Searching for inspiration, Walls combed through design blogs and fine arts magazines. She also drew from current beverages such as Corona beer, Perrier bottled water and Bacardi rum that use decorative lemon and lime garnishes in their design concepts.

After more than 70 hours of hard work her design was complete. She entered the competition and travelled to Toronto for the finals. Walls had no idea when she entered that she would not only be voted as the People's Choice Award winner, but that she would claim first place.

"She has raised the bar for the achievements of our future graduates and I think that this is a good thing," said Suen, who teaches three courses throughout the program. "It was a privilege and pleasure to teach Hilary during her three years in the Durham College Graphic Design program."

Although Walls has not discussed further use of her package design with Sprite or Coca-Cola Ltd., the parent company beyond the contest, she hopes they will draw inspiration from the design.

In addition to winning first place, several companies also contracted her to help them with package designs after noticing her winning design.

During her time at the college she completed an internship at Oxygen Design Agency in Toronto, Ontario where she designed items for the Liquor Control Board of Ontario's (LCBO) Summer Rosé wine initiative. She also worked on a design for Indian sauces that will soon be on store shelves in Sobeys grocery stores and her cover artwork was published for a creative book series called Found Folios.

Although she is gaining great experience through contract work, Walls' goal is to work full-time for a design studio in Toronto. She enjoys doing freelance package designs and the Sprite competition helped her realize that she would love to work in a team environment at a studio.

"It is satisfying to make a client happy about their product," said Walls. "It has been very rewarding so far to see my work on book covers, in grocery stores, in LCBO stores and hopefully (fingers crossed) on Sprite cans and cartons!"

No matter her medium or motivation Walls is always reaching for the top – or for a can of Sprite.

GOING ENTREPRENEURIAL

by Alicia Baksh



PHOTO COURTESY OF ALICIA BAKSH

Judy Spring, dean of the School of Business, IT & Management, recently guided the revamping of the former Business – General program.

“I’ve had very positive feedback from the students about the program.”

GENERAL, NOT SPECIFIC. If that’s what the word general means to you, you’re not alone. Interest was waning in the college’s Business – General program so the School of Business, IT & Management decided to make general more specific.

The college has launched a revamped and renamed version of the program called Entrepreneurship and Small Business. During the program review that led to the change, Judy Spring, dean of the School of Business, IT & Management, contacted the Canadian Institute of Entrepreneurship to ensure the new curriculum would be in sync with the courses graduates require to apply for their entrepreneurship designation. Students can also apply to join the institute after graduation.

After reviewing the curriculum, the program review team recommended that the school include courses such as Computerized Accounting, Payroll Administration, Law and Ethics and Taxation. Feedback also found that individuals are also returning to school as mature students to build on their business background. With that in mind, the revised program can be taken in one of two ways – 12 months straight or over the course of two years.

“I love it,” said Spring. “I’ve had very positive feedback from the students.”

The two-year program follows the conventional academic year and the compressed model is offered via four semesters that are taken over 12 months straight with longer hours. Students can start in September, January or May. If a student maintains a 75 per cent average they will also qualify to participate in the University of Ontario Institute of Technology (UOIT) Commerce Bridge program which enables successful students to apply to enter the third year of UOIT’s Commerce program after taking five bridge courses.

Each semester the Entrepreneurship and Small Business program will offer a mix of courses including day, evening and online courses. In addition, hands-on work placements will give students valuable experience before they graduate to help them become versatile in their chosen job field.

“I think that the skills are invaluable and the fact that you can do it in 12 months is a real advantage for people who want to work,” added Spring.

RUBBING ELBOWS WITH THE RICH AND FAMOUS

by Lyndsey Scott

THREE YEARS AGO you would have found Lisa Power lugging her heavy backpack down the corridors of Durham College. A lot has changed since then for the Journalism graduate.

If you're looking for her nowadays make sure to check the ultra chic neighbourhoods of Yorkville and Liberty Village. You might just find her rubbing elbows with the rich and famous since she's traded in her textbooks for pay cheques as she pursues her career as a publicist.

In 2007, Power joined Toronto-based public relations firm Rock-It Promotions, beginning her career as a publicist specializing in the entertainment and lifestyle areas. Since then, she has enjoyed some big highlights in her growing career.

One that stands out is her work at the Toronto International Film Festival in 2008. "I worked with Kate Beckinsale and Ethan Hawke," said Power. "We took them to their press conference, movie premieres, after parties and had dinner with them. It was so much fun and so surreal to work with A-list celebrities and they were all so nice."

Since then, Power has kept a busy schedule including working at some of Toronto's hottest festivals and calling some of the city's freshest talent her clients including Katrina Tuttle, an up-and-coming fashion designer who debuted her line at Toronto Fashion Week 2009.

"It's different every day, which is what I like," said Power. "Generally what I'm doing is pitching my clients to producers, writers, editors and anyone who could potentially give them media exposure."

For a fashion promotion, she might call an event organizer and offer to dress a celebrity in a client's creation. Or she might be found working on a product launch.

While the job can present challenges, the 24-year-old Durham Region native felt well prepared for the demands of the industry. Just two years ago, the self-proclaimed shy girl found herself in a much different atmosphere, writing feature stories and press releases for the former joint Communications and Marketing department at Durham College and the University of Ontario Institute of Technology. Previously an intern, Power had her contract extended twice in the department, building the foundation for a strong career.

"I didn't leave campus right away," said Power. "I stayed in a smaller atmosphere which gave me the experience I needed. And I think what you have to keep in mind is that competition is fierce and even though it's great to have big companies on your resume, what's more important is whether you can do the work or not. There are so many people competing for the same jobs. You have to make yourself stand out."

Determined to stand out and achieve her goals, Power has always given 110 per cent. She admits that supporting herself through college by working while keeping her grades up proved to be challenging, but it also formed a work ethic that was a recipe for success.

She also credits her experience at Durham College with providing her with the writing skills she uses every day on the job. "I found the Journalism program to be very hands on," added Power. "It was where I really learned to write. When we got our edits back with red pen all over them, yes, we were a little let down, but it's those mistakes that stuck in my head and where I really learned."



PHOTO COURTESY OF LISA POWER

Lisa Power graduated from the Durham College Journalism program in 2007.

HITTING A HIGH NOTE

by Josh Terry

Music Business Management Professor Iain MacPherson (left) and his wife Carla as they reach the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF IAIN MACPHERSON

THE STEREOTYPICAL VIEW of a professor involves shelves of books, desks piled high with papers and tweed jackets with elbow patches. That isn't the case for Iain MacPherson, a professor with Durham College's Music Business Management program and manager of the college's radio station, the Riot.

This past summer, MacPherson and his wife Carla embarked on an adventure that not many people get to experience – the couple climbed Mount Kilimanjaro, the highest peak in Africa.

After realizing they were spending more and more time on their careers, MacPherson and his wife decided to escape by taking on physical challenges and travelling. Before climbing Mount Kilimanjaro, the couple visited Antarctica, Costa Rica and South Africa. They decided to tackle Killy, the mountain's nickname, because of their love for the African continent and their desire to see more of it.

"It was a big and interesting thing to do," said MacPherson. "We wanted to see more of Africa. After all, South Africa is quite different from the rest of the continent. Climbing Kilimanjaro was something we thought we could do because it didn't involve a great deal of climbing technique – it was manageable."



Professor Iain MacPherson and members of his climbing group rest after reaching 12,000 feet while climbing Mount Kilimanjaro.

Climbing Mount Kilimanjaro is no small feat. Only 40 per cent of those who attempt to reach the summit are actually successful, partly because of the effects that the high altitude has on the body. MacPherson and his wife succeeded in reaching the summit and attribute their success to following four well-known rules of climbing.

"First, you have to drink a lot of water," said MacPherson. "On a normal day, you would drink one to one and a half litres of water. When you're climbing, you need to drink about four litres. Secondly, you have to eat and that is often a challenge at such high altitudes. The third thing is the need to rest, which again, is a challenge at high altitudes. Lastly, you need to have fun and enjoy yourself. If you get nervous, you tend not to eat or sleep and that causes problems for novice climbers."

The summit of Kilimanjaro was something MacPherson had to take in quickly. Although it took his climbing group five days to reach it, they were only at the top for 15 minutes before beginning their two-day descent.

"To make it to the summit is an accomplishment," said MacPherson. "The photo they take at the summit – boy, does it look cheesy, but you want it. It's not easy to get, but the closer you get, the more you want it."

Kilimanjaro isn't the last stop for MacPherson and his wife – they also have plans to take some climbing classes in order to tackle Mount McKinley (known as Denali) in Alaska. They will also embark on a second trip to Antarctica.



Charles Ewert, a professor with Durham College's Legal Administration program sits at a moot court bench while teaching class in the college's Justice wing.

ADJOURNING ONE LIFE, STARTING ANOTHER

by Keirra Saffrey

ACTING, WRITING PLAYS and other creative pursuits are what Charles Ewert, a former Durham College Legal Administration professor, had in mind for himself as a young man. In fact, he met his wife, Kathleen, at a youth theatre production while majoring in English at Carleton University in Ottawa, Ontario. It was fate that guided him into law. "My wife's father was a lawyer and I think it was implicit that if I wanted his daughter, I'd better go into law," said Ewert.

Ewert retired last year after 27 years of teaching law courses at the college. Before that, he was a lawyer, working as a clerk to the chief justice of the High Court of Ontario for a year. He also worked at a law office in St. Thomas, Ontario.

His experience in law was invaluable to his teaching career. "I think he's a very understanding and compassionate man," said Vicki Stewart, a professor with the Durham College School of Justice & Emergency Services and one of Ewert's former colleagues. "He's excellent at using a Socratic method of questioning students to draw out their opinions, hone their skills and help them learn. He is a teacher in every sense of the word."

In fact, the moot court in the School of Justice & Emergency Services would not exist if it weren't for Ewert. It started in a regular classroom about 20 years ago when Ewert, being a handyman, made a judge's bench to be used for mock court proceedings. Later, the college purchased a bench when the Justice wing was built.

Ewert was also involved in setting up mediation courses at the college. When he worked as a lawyer, he learned first-hand the importance of negotiating settlements. For example, a native woman he worked with was accused of child abuse because she let her children wander outside in the spring without any shoes on. After doing some research, Ewert found that it is common for native children to become strong by doing just that, and that in their culture, it was not considered abuse. This was one of the cases that influenced him to help design the Alternative Dispute Resolution graduate certificate program that is starting this September.

"These cases promoted a desire in me to find other ways through it, in negotiation, mediation and arbitration," said Ewert. Not only has his work touched Durham College, it has also touched the University of

Ontario Institute of Technology (UOIT). Before UOIT opened, Ewert was involved in the planning of the Criminology and Justice program at the university and later was involved in promoting a bridge for Durham College students to earn a UOIT Criminology and Justice degree.

While Ewert's career led him to law and teaching, his interest in the arts never wavered. In addition to a textbook he published, Ewert found the time to write four historical novels and dabble in painting landscapes and portraits and whatever else strikes his fancy.

Given his careers and interests, Ewert seems focused on intellectual and artist pursuits, but at one time the 6' 5" former football player was drafted into the Canadian Football League by the Montréal Alouettes. While he didn't have the football in his hands for that long, he still wields a paintbrush.

Now that he's retired, he anticipates having more time for his other passions, but hasn't said goodbye to teaching completely, continuing to teach part-time this past fall.

A SLICK ROAD TO SUCCESS

by Ashleigh Boehler-Upshaw

WORKING ON AN OFFSHORE OIL RIG IS DEMANDING to say the least. The 12- to 18-hour workdays, the harsh weather conditions and the remote locations don't suit everybody. But Steven Cochrane is not everybody.

Cochrane began his career by completing Durham College's Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning program. He then went on to take the college's Power Engineering program in 1991 and was recruited by Schlumberger, an oilfield services provider, after graduation.

At Schlumberger, Cochrane received the opportunity to work on many rigs and production platforms in the Gulf of Mexico. The offshore experience saw him floating in an ocean hotel. "Sometimes it's like a Hilton and other times it's like a roach motel," said Cochrane. He would live in close quarters with 50 to 100 colleagues for approximately two weeks at a time. It wasn't all bad though, as his employers attempted to make the living conditions comfortable by providing televisions, computers and fitness rooms. Plus, food was typically good and plentiful.

"Working offshore is a unique challenge. It's not like you can just run down to the store if something breaks," said Cochrane. "You are, for the most part, alone and you had better make sure you have everything you need. If something breaks, it might take 24 hours to get a spare part or a mechanic. If you need a \$3 part, it might cost around \$2,000 to get it to you, depending on where you are."

After seven years with the company, Cochrane became a tool supervisor frequently travelling across North America to different job sites.

"Two months back, I drove my truck from Texas to North Dakota. I did a job with a crew from there, then got back in my truck and drove back home," said Cochrane. "I was only there for a day then I drove down to south Texas. At one point, I was standing along the fence that borders Mexico so really, in a matter of four days, I was at both ends of the country."

Long-distance driving isn't Cochrane's only claim to fame. While very few people can say they have a world record under their belt, Cochrane has two of them. He and his crew received these honours for water-depth completions. In order to do this, Cochrane spent a total of six months on the world's largest offshore drilling rig, the Discoverer Enterprise.

Of course, there are downsides to being on a rig that can sometimes be dangerous. For instance, Cochrane has survived a number of hurricanes and tropical storms surrounding the rigs and platforms and almost crashed during his first helicopter ride. On the upside, offshore rigging can be a rewarding career as well.

"I love my job! I have traveled to various places in Europe and the United States, worked offshore in the Gulf of Mexico, rode out hurricanes in Louisiana and battled blistering heat in South Texas," said Cochrane. "Thank you Durham College! Without your help and support, I would not have been able to do any of this."

Along with giving him the job of a lifetime, Schlumberger also introduced Cochrane to his wife, Ashley, who he married in October 2009. You could say it was the first time Cochrane struck gold instead of oil.



Power Engineering graduate Steven Cochrane relaxes after diligently working for 36 hours straight. He is a tool supervisor for an oil company in Texas.

ALUMNUS OF DISTINCTION AWARD WINNERS

ELAINE GARNETT

by Nicole Shawchek

IT IS WELL KNOWN that there is no business like show business and Elaine Garnett knows this first-hand as the general sales manager of Channel 12 – CHEX TV Durham.

Garnett first became interested in advertising in her later high school years as she felt it would be an exciting and dynamic career path. This led her to the Advertising Administration program at Durham College, which she graduated from in 1990. Since then, Garnett has continued on a successful career path with almost 20 years of working in the media industry.

While Garnett is passionate about her career, she is also passionate about her local community. As a long-time volunteer of the Durham YMCA, Garnett is the past chair of the Durham Family YMCA's

Leadership Gifts committee where she raised funds for the Strong Kids campaign to help provide youth programs and send children to camp.

"It's been a great experience for me because it has taught me a lot about giving back and what it feels like to be part of a community," said Garnett. "I've met a lot of amazing people through volunteering. It makes you feel good. It gives you a sense of being part of something bigger."

In honour of her hard work and dedication to her community, Garnett was presented with a Durham College Alumni of Distinction Award in June 2009. She previously received the 2006 Business Person of the Year Award from the Greater Oshawa Chamber of Commerce.

In her spare time, Garnett enjoys reading and spending time with her husband as well as gardening, an activity that led her to winning the Garden of The Week Award from the Communities in Bloom Committee in 2007.



PHOTO COURTESY OF ELAINE GARNETT

Elaine Garnett, seen here at Durham College's 2009 spring convocation ceremony, earned an Alumni of Distinction Award for her community involvement.

MARGARET GREENLEY

by Nicole Shawchek

WALKING INTO THE OFFICE of the vice-president of Student Affairs might make a student nervous but any fears are quickly put to rest.

Margaret Greenley is the kind woman who aims to make the student experience a pleasant one at Durham College and the University of Ontario Institute of Technology. Between her efforts with the student health insurance plan which allows students to access necessary health care and her creation of a bursary program for women returning to school, Greenley has been successful in keeping the student body happy.

"I am trying to find barriers and eliminate them and create a positive student experience," said Greenley. "Having a bursary available to women returning to school seems to support that initiative."

To honour her work with the college over the years, Greenley was presented with an Alumni of Distinction Award in June 2009, something that she says left her both shocked and honoured. "I believe it is a true testament to the success that Durham College graduates experience," said Greenley.

Outside of work, Greenley spends her spare time as a volunteer including being the previous chair of the Operations Committee for the Special Olympics Ontario 2008 Spring Games, which the college helped host.



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Margaret Greenley, vice-president of Student Affairs, said receiving a Durham College Alumni of Distinction Award left her shocked and honoured.

NANCY HUGHES

by Elisabeth Rowden

WHEN NANCY HUGHES SAID that if a good position comes up, let her know, she didn't think it would actually lead her to the Northwest Territories. But when the position of manager of Community Health and Rehabilitation in Hay River came up two years ago, that's exactly what happened.

Now the manager of Supportive Living Services with the Hay River Health and Social Services Authority, she is indeed thriving in the great white north.

Hughes' hard work was recognized in 2009 when she was presented with a Durham College Alumni of Distinction award. "It was such an honour and so rewarding to have the opportunity to meet everyone who was involved," she said.

Hughes' daily duties are challenging but rewarding. She manages three group homes for adults who have intellectual

disabilities and is building a new day program building. She is also the co-chair for an Occupational Health and Safety Committee; part of a clinical service team; part of a clinical continuing care standards evaluation team; and runs an admission review committee.

Living and working in such a remote location has its pros and cons. The summers are long and fabulous and although there are many activities such as kayaking and snowshoeing that Hughes engages in during the winter, the downsides are the cold temperatures and only five hours of sunlight.

No doubt those long nights provide Hughes with lots of time to reflect on her days at Durham College. For her, it was a balancing act, raising her four children as a single mother and pursuing her academic dream of obtaining a Human Services Counsellor diploma. Still, Hughes has only fond memories.

"I found the professors extremely supportive and able to help me when needed," said Hughes. "I have made some great friends that I am still in touch with and every day we have the opportunity to impact the lives of other human beings. I

try to always impact the lives of the people I come in contact with in a positive way and really make a difference."



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Nancy Hughes, a Human Services Counsellor graduate, spearheads supportive living services for adults with intellectual difficulties in the Northwest Territories.



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TEEING UP FOR SUCCESS

by Brodie Webster

STANDING IN THE TEE BOX, driver in hand and eyes toward the fairway, Ryan Hughes can clearly see his course and how every aspect of his job is linked together. He manages a diverse team made up of many different players. The grounds crew arrives before the sun is up to ready the course for the day. Pro shop staff are inside making sure the shelves are stocked. Everyone comes together as a team, ready for action.

Hughes, a 1992 Durham College Marketing graduate, has translated his extraordinary talent as a Durham Lord golfer into being the successful director of Golf at the Beach Grove Golf and Country Club near Windsor, Ontario. That talent was recently recognized when he was inducted into the Oshawa Sports Hall of Fame, an honour Hughes feels is a credit to all of the people in his life that helped him get to where he is today.

"From playing at different golf courses, I had the opportunity to meet and network with many people, some of whom have become cherished friends," said Hughes. "One such friend gave me a reference. It turned out that the person who interviewed me for my current position knew him and highly respected his opinion. He knew that for him, giving a reference meant something."



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Special guest Ryan Hughes takes a ceremonial tee off at the Canadian Colleges Athletic Association national golf championship at the Ambassador Golf Club in Windsor, Ontario.

This isn't the first Hall of Fame his picture has graced. Hughes was also inducted into the Durham College Sports Hall of Fame on April 7, 2000 and the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association (OCAA) Hall of Fame on April 30, 2003.

After graduating from Durham College, he began his apprenticeship as a professional golf instructor (pro), which normally takes up to seven years – he flew through it in three. Hughes landed a job as an assistant to the head professional at Lakeridge Links in Durham Region, gaining valuable experience that would lead him to a position as head pro at a small course in Beaverton, Ontario. From there he gained his first private course experience at the Oshawa Golf and Country Club in Oshawa, Ontario. After, honing his skills, he moved to the Granite Club, a private course in Toronto, Ontario.

As a Durham Lord, he won four consecutive individual gold medals at the OCAA golf championships as well as two team gold medals. Hughes later coached the team and with them acquired two more team gold medals.



Charlotte Hale, associate dean of the School of Media, Art & Design, works with Dean Greg Murphy on the development of Durham's new pilot incubator project.

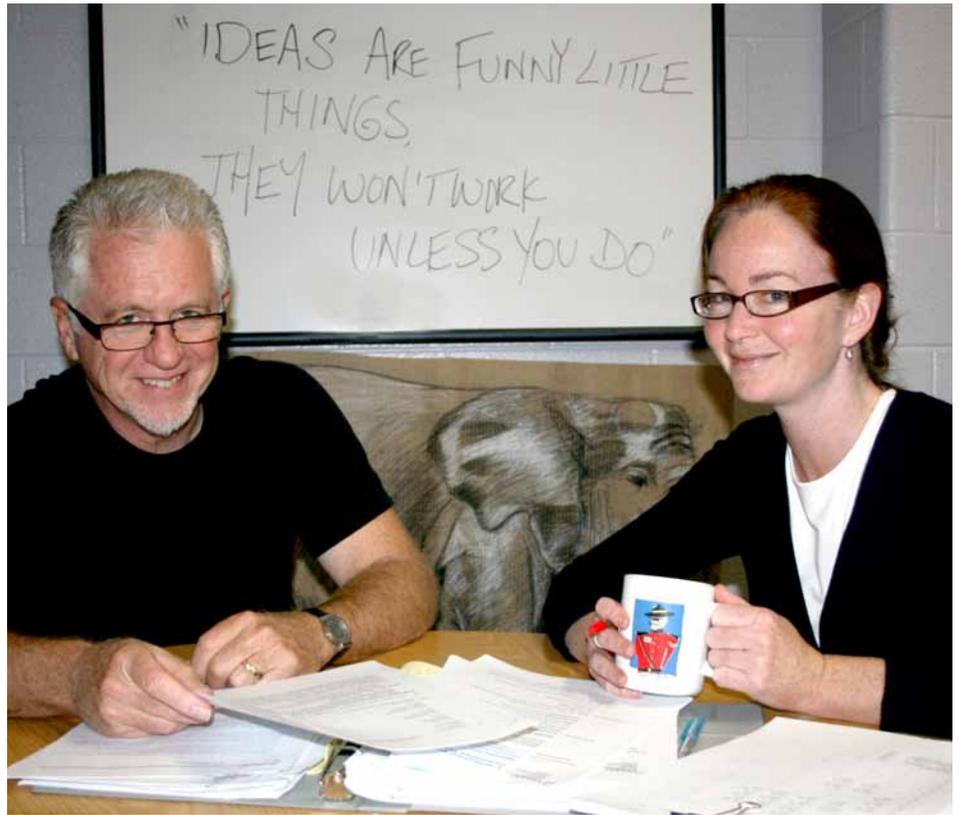


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STUDENT INCUBATOR PROJECT

GIVING BIRTH TO VALUABLE INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

by Jessica McComb

ALTHOUGH AN INCUBATOR is commonly thought to be a place for cultivating chickens, Durham College's School of Media, Art & Design's (MAD) pilot incubator project with Yowza Animation will be a hatching ground for student creativity and innovation. The project, which began earlier this year, will provide senior students from select MAD programs with an opportunity to work as part of a team comprised of award-winning industry professionals, on an animation project that goes beyond the college's walls.

"The potential for this, for the students and for the school is really quite huge," said Charlotte Hale, associate dean of the School of Media, Art & Design. "We have a lot of programs that have natural synchronicity that we have yet to explore."

Students from Game Development, Web Development, Animation and Music Business Management programs will merge together with Yowza Animation, Frozen North Productions and Scientists in Schools to create a variety of short, animated films that will be distributed within the elementary school system.

The films, which will serve as a teaching tool for science classes, will be titled Hippothesis with the main character a hippopotamus that answers simple scientific questions that young people might ask. Potential questions include why is the sky blue or why does an apple fall to the ground?

Durham College students who participate in the project will apply their ideas to a real industry assignment and create a viable product for which they can take credit.

"The incubator will be an excellent introduction to commercial work for students hoping to pursue careers upon graduation since it will simulate real industry experience including a fast-paced environment and tight working deadlines," said Hale.

Furthermore, since students will be working with their peers, there is an element of familiarity and comfort that will help create a smoother transition from the classroom to the industry and support the development of a professional network.

"In an environment where students are supported by the college and the industry, they will get the experience of working on a diverse team among their peer group with different areas of specialization. It's an enormous opportunity," added Hale.

In addition to providing students with valuable industry experience, the incubator will help students create a foundation for networking as they emerge into the working world. "I'm actually very excited about this project," said Hale. "We are looking forward to expanding the concept to other programs in the future."

ACCOUNTING GRADUATE DOES A NUMBER ON THE AIRWAVES

by Amanda Thede

AFTER GRADUATING from high school, college or university, most students wouldn't usually jump at the chance to go back to school unless it gave them a chance to follow their dreams. Andrew McNamara, a 2004 Accounting graduate, combined his love of sports and broadcasting to do just that.

For McNamara, finding his passion didn't happen until the year after he graduated. That's when he contacted Kris Dickerson, manager of the RIOT campus radio station at the time, with an idea. McNamara had always had an interest in broadcasting and thought he'd like to work with the campus station when he was a student.

"I had always wanted to be involved with the RIOT campus but just wasn't sure how to go about it," said McNamara. "But once I got started, I ended up working with Kate Beirness, a University of Ontario Institute of Technology Commerce graduate who was an amazingly talented colour commentator, during all the Lords basketball broadcasts. We learned a lot from one another and grew as broadcasters."

When McNamara contacted Dickerson about starting a sports broadcasting segment for the college and university sports teams, he was delighted to learn that Dickerson had been thinking the same thing but didn't have anyone to take the lead with it. McNamara jumped at the opportunity.

Even though he has worked full time as a staffing manager for Robert Half Canada, a specialized staffing firm, in Toronto, Ontario for more than three years while writing a blog for the FAN 590 sports radio, McNamara has remained dedicated to working with the RIOT, broadcasting the college basketball and volleyball games since the fall of 2005. Perhaps it's no coincidence that the station won the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association media award for sports broadcasting in the first two years that McNamara was involved.

For his part, the talented graduate feels he received more than just an award. "Doing the Durham broadcasts gave me the experience to expand into doing television sports for Rogers TV and TV Cogeco," he said. "I still want to do a lot more in this

industry and my ultimate goal is to make sports broadcasting my full-time career."

Though he very much enjoys where his career and education have taken him, McNamara admits that it's not quite what he had always expected. He hopes to someday use what he learned at college and his experience at Robert Half Canada to go further in his broadcasting career.

"I will always be grateful to Kris and Ken Babcock, (Durham College's athletic director), for giving me the opportunity to start my sports broadcasting career at Durham College," said McNamara. "Sports broadcasting is a passion that consumes me. There is no better feeling in the world than when that microphone goes on and I'm live on the airwaves."



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Andrew McNamara, an Accounting graduate, broadcasts for The RIOT campus radio station at a fall Durham Lords men's volleyball game held at the college's Oshawa campus.

JOURNALISM GRADUATE STUDIES DOWN UNDER

by Krista Turner

AS AMANDA GAUTHIER PREPARED to finish her final year of the Print and Broadcast Journalism program at Durham College, she faced a dilemma common to many students. The idea of entering the workforce so soon was not something that excited Gauthier as she knew she wanted more education behind her before taking on the world of journalism.

That was when she heard about Griffith University located near the Gold Coast in Brisbane, Australia. "I was getting ready to graduate while working in the School of Health & Community Services office at the school," said Gauthier. "While my boss was looking online at the credits I could transfer with, she came across this articulation agreement with Griffith University in Australia and I thought why not?"

The college recently became involved with schools in Australia, including Griffith and the University of Western Sydney, offering articulation agreements that allow graduates to obtain their degrees in as little as two years.

Susan Barclay-Pereira, director of Program Development and Quality Initiatives for the college, says that although Durham has arranged the articulations, the onus is on students to do the necessary research including working with KOM Consultants, the official Canadian agent for selected universities throughout Australia.



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"Our role is to make sure the information is available," says Barclay-Pereira. "KOM is the one that bridges the information between the Australian universities and the college."

Gauthier says there are many steps involved in the process of going to school down under and the first would be to find the desired school online and then take it from there. After being accepted, Gauthier paid a \$75 fee to KOM Consultants, who guided her through the whole thing. "If you decide to do it, join KOM. They help you through the entire process," said Gauthier.

Griffith University has created a guideline for its agreement with Durham College, breaking it down in terms of credit points. All of the information is available through the school and Durham College's online transfer guide. Among the degrees offered by Griffith that accept credits from Durham College are Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Engineering and Bachelor of Communications.

Gauthier is working toward her Bachelor of Arts in Journalism with specializations in Writing and Film Criticism. Although she loves Durham College, she is having an amazing time at Griffiths and loves her classes, the university and her teachers.



Graduate Amanda Gauthier is in Australia working on her Bachelor of Arts in Journalism. Seeing Koalas, only found in Australia, is now something she gets to experience personally.

"It seems like the teachers here want to help you learn and will give everything they've got to do so," she said. "The best part about this whole journey is how much I have learned, not only about my chosen career path but also about myself."

Students interested in learning more, can visit www.durhamcollege.ca/transferguide or www.komconsultants.com.

PUBLIC RELATIONS GRADUATE STRIKES GOLD

SIOBHAUN WILLIAMS ADDS ANOTHER AWARD TO HER GROWING LIST OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

by Emily Turney

FOR SIOBHAUN WILLIAMS' NINE-YEAR-OLD daughter, the highlight of her family's trip to San Francisco, California last June was the cable cars, which she still talks about today. But the highlight for Williams, a 1986 Durham College Public Relations graduate, was the 2009 International Association of Business Communicators (IABC) world conference where she received a Gold Quill Award of Excellence.

The IABC Gold Quill Award of Excellence program is an annual international competition that honours excellence in business communication. Williams accepted the award on behalf of her team at Practice Solutions, a Canadian Medical Association (CMA) company, and in partnership with Cohn & Wolfe, a public relations firm. The award recognized the CMA's successful launch of the mydoctor.ca health portal.

The launch was designed to position Practice Solutions and the CMA as leaders in e-health and secured more than 17 million media impressions, generating awareness of the portal among physicians and patients. Among other tactics, the launch used a media briefing webinar, a social media news release and blogs.

"I was thrilled. I had never won a Gold Quill before," said Williams. "When we launched the portal it was such a feather in our cap. We were all delighted with the coverage and media attention we received. I have to say winning the award was



PHOTO COURTESY OF IABC

International Association of Business Communicators (IABC) Chair Barbara Gibson (right) congratulates Public Relations graduate Siobhaun Williams (left) on her IABC Gold Quill Award of Excellence. Williams won for the launch of the Canadian Medical Association's mydoctor.ca health portal and she received her award at the Gold Quill Awards ceremony during IABC's 2009 world conference.

definitely the icing on the cake."

Mydoctor.ca is the first physician-driven electronic patient health record platform in Canada. The portal allows doctors and their patients to manage chronic illnesses such as asthma, diabetes, high blood pressure and obesity online through a secure site using innovative e-health technology.

Patients can log onto the portal daily to input information like blood sugar levels, blood pressure readings and weight gain or loss. A report is then sent to their physician so he or she can see if a prescribed treatment is working.

"It's a way to really engage patients more in their care and engage them in using a tool that can help them manage what needs to happen," said Williams.

Williams has worked exclusively for Practice Solutions and MD Physician Services Inc., both CMA companies, since 2004 in a variety of communications and marketing management roles.

For the last three and a half years, she has performed her job duties from Vancouver because her husband, who works in marketing, was transferred to Vancouver leading up to the 2010 Winter Olympics. As a result, Williams travels to Ottawa, where her head office is located, several times a year and spends most of her day either on the phone or on her computer dealing with communications issues.

"Sometimes the different time zone actually works to my benefit," Williams said. "If there is a crisis at the end of their day, I can pull something together quickly. The downside is I usually come in to a full e-mail inbox."

Williams is no stranger to awards, especially ones given by IABC. While working as a marketing supervisor for AT&T Canada Enterprises Corporation (AT&T), Williams won the 1997 and 1998 IABC Excel Award for AT&T's direct mail program. Additionally, she received the IABC Thunder Bay Award in 1994 while working as the community relations manager for St. Joseph's Care Group in Thunder Bay, Ontario for the hospital's joint newsletter.

The key to her success is a desire to continually improve her writing and her willingness to work as part of a team. She also credits the various teachers, professors, managers, teammates and friends she's worked with throughout her career as being crucial to her numerous achievements.

When not achieving success in the communications and marketing worlds, Williams enjoys reading, hiking, cooking and spending quality time with her family, including her dog. "I think sometimes they (dogs) are the best communicators of us all," she said.

FROM SCHOOL BOOKS TO COOKBOOKS

by Stephanie Maxwell

TACO SALAD, CHICKEN PARMIGIANA and Indonesian pork. You may think these meals sound like ones made only at restaurants or ones that sound next to impossible for someone with no cooking experience to create at home.

Pick up Romona Worden's new cookbook, *But I Don't Cook*, and these recipes may become your new best friend.

In 2006, after 21 years of full-time work and four years of part-time teaching at Durham College, Worden decided it was time to retire. She had played an active role in the Durham College community with the Sport Management program, the School of Business, IT & Management (formerly the School of Business); and Adult Upgrading.

However, Worden's passion was teaching, something that is easy to see from the way she smiles and laughs while talking about it.

In addition to having a passion for teaching, Worden found something else that made her eyes light up just as much – cooking. It was something she decided to put some work into and she ended up with her own cookbook.

A simple phone call from her son is what inspired her to write it. He was making chicken for guests and didn't know what to make with it. This got Worden thinking, a lot of people must feel the same way when making meals. After two and a half years of testing food on family and friends, Worden completed *But I Don't Cook*, even including her own photos of some of the meals.



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Former Durham College teacher Romona Worden (above) handpicks all of the ingredients for her favourite meal, Indonesian Pork, a recipe you can find in her cookbook, *But I Don't Cook*.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF ROMONA WORDEN

"I did it all myself," said Worden. "I took the pictures, learned the computer programs to make the book and will soon start the marketing and distribution of it."

The book comes with the entire package for creating numerous complete meals. On the left-hand side are the ingredients for an entire meal, and on the right-hand side are the step-by-step procedures for making it. It is so simple, that Worden says even students who have never cooked can make meals.

"What I wanted to do was firstly, make it simple; and secondly, that the entire package would be there, it wouldn't be a recipe, it would be a meal," said Worden. "You can go to the grocery store and you can buy any of these ingredients."

But I Don't Cook includes more than 25 delectable meals for brunch, lunch and dinner. It is filled with variety, such as a Thai lunch, vegetarian meals, overnight meals, pasta, pitas and omelets. Worden says her personal favourite is the Indonesian pork and the easiest to make is the taco salad.

With such an assortment of meals, it's easy to find something for everyone.

"I think it is great to do something that you enjoy and to go through the process of writing and creating a book," said Professor Ernie Rainbow, one of Worden's former colleagues in the Sport Management program. "It certainly makes the point that you are able to pursue your passions and it can be rewarding."

With the printing services of Sunview Press in Markham, Ontario, Worden is currently distributing the book through colleagues at Durham College, Algoma Orchards, the Violet Door bookstore and White Feather Country Store.

It is a book she created on her own, but with some help from friends and family, who acted as taste testers, Worden was able to deliver the best of the recipes in her end product. For only \$9.95, *But I Don't Cook* is sure to give families something to talk about at the dinner table.

Durham College student Gary Rose pitches for the Durham Lords at Kinsmen Memorial Stadium in Oshawa, Ontario during the Canadian Intercollegiate Baseball Association national championships.



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LORDS LEAVE IT ALL ON THE FIELD

by Jayde Naklicki

CONFIDENCE WAS HIGH as the Durham Lords welcomed the opposing teams from across Canada who competed in the 2009 Canadian Intercollegiate Baseball Association (CIBA) national championships.

In October 2009, the college hosted the national championships for the first time. Anticipation and excitement mounted leading up to the playoffs which were held at the Kinsmen Memorial Stadium in Oshawa, Ontario and Kirky Fields in Pickering, Ontario. The top six teams that competed were Cape Breton University (Sydney, Nova Scotia); Concordia University (Montreal, Quebec); St. Clair College (Windsor, Ontario); the University of Western Ontario (London, Ontario); the University of Ottawa (Ottawa, Ontario); and Durham College.

“Durham was chosen to host the event because of its strong reputation and good track record,” said Ken Babcock, the college’s athletic director and chair of the championships. “The games were an economic boost for the region as family members, friends and the teams were dining out and enjoying Durham Region’s entertainment and fine hotels. It was also a competitive boost for the athletes.”

The Durham Lords previously represented Ontario at the national championships, winning the CIBA provincial championships four times. Last year, the nationals were held in Ottawa and the University of New Brunswick Cougars took the title. This year the Lords were determined to be the victors.

“The ultimate competitive athlete wants to test themselves against the best, so now they have had a chance to do that,” added Babcock. “With the nationals in Durham Region, the team did not have to travel and the spotlight was on Durham College as well as the region. This event was an excellent opportunity to show off what the college has to offer.”

The Durham Lords gave an outstanding team effort in the nationals, even though the outcome wasn’t as they anticipated. They made it to the final four but were defeated in the semi-finals.

RE-BUILDING AND EXPANDING FOR OUR FUTURE

by Meeka Marsolais

IN TODAY'S ECONOMIC CLIMATE, it's no easy task finding a job. But with growing concerns about climate change, the energy sector is one field that is expanding. With the three-phase expansion of the Whitby campus and its new renewable energy programs, students now have an advantage when it comes to finding a job after they graduate.

To help ensure phases 2 and 3 of the expansion have everything they need to produce top-notch energy sector workers, Durham College has launched the Building for our Future capital campaign chaired by Rocky Varcoe, owner of a local dinner theatre.

"The Building for Our Future campaign is important to me because I am all about the community," said Varcoe. "What can I do that will make Durham Region a better place to live? Supporting Durham College is always a good investment, particularly this project. It is about sustainability and training graduates for the real jobs of the 21st century. Students, families and businesses will prosper across the region, now and for generations to come."

Currently, Durham College's Office of Development and its Associate Vice-President of Development David Chambers are involved in the capital campaign. The goal is to raise \$3 million for phases 2 and 3 of the expansion which will increase the shop area in the Skills Training Centre to accommodate new students and classroom space and see the construction of a food centre on campus.

Phase 2 will also include the development of two houses – one older home with dated technology and wiring and one newly constructed home with the latest energy efficient and environmentally friendly technology available – to give students a sense of the changes that continue to occur in the construction and building trades and how to utilize them effectively. The completion of Phase 2 will enable the college to introduce additional new programs in areas focused on sustainability such as power engineering technology, sustainable energy, biomass energy, building trades and technology as well as new programs focused on the skilled trades sector including precision machining, metal fabricator, carpenter, steamfitter, construction millwright and tower crane operator.

In the fall, Chambers was organizing the campaign committee and finalizing the case



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Durham College's Whitby campus has been undergoing many structural changes and enhancements.

for support in order to successfully raise the necessary funds. "We are currently in a quiet phase, which includes doing research, the cultivation of prospects and making approaches for major gifts in the community," said Chambers. "Eventually everyone will have the opportunity to give to the campaign. These efforts go toward meeting the community's desire to produce graduates who will meet the demands for employment in the 21st century. In an era of renewable energy and conservation, graduates of programs in wind and solar energy, biomass and geothermal will have special expertise in understanding these energy systems and helping to create sustainable communities."

The fundraising campaign is also raising money for Phase 3 of the expansion which will offer culinary arts programs; a food and agricultural component; a food processing centre; and agriculture and science laboratories. Students will have access to new areas of post-secondary education for Durham Region including chef, cook, food processing, food research and hospitality and tourism management.

The campaign will be a tremendous benefit, not only to Durham College students, but to Durham Region as a whole. For instance the new food centre will showcase locally grown produce to connect the agricultural sector to the rest of the community.



The use of wind turbines is one of several ways the Whitby campus is becoming more energy efficient.

ALUMNI UPDATE

1978

JOHN BROWN (General Business – Accounting) lives in Strathmore, Alberta with his wife Terri. They have two children, 30-year-old Jeremy and 29-year-old Shannon. Brown is the director of IT Applications at Agrium Inc. in Calgary, Alberta.

1984

JEFFREY EDWARDS (Business Administration –Accounting) lives in Richmond Hill, Ontario with his wife Lucia. He is a manager with the Ontario government.

1985

DAVID SEAGER (Electronic Technology) lives in Omemee, Ontario. He is employed as a senior sales representative with Eaton Electrical in Toronto, Ontario

RUTH MORRISON (nee Howard) (Office Administration – Word Processing) lives in Trenton, Ontario with her husband Douglas and their two children, 18-year-old Joshua and 12-year-old Amanda.

1986

JONATHAN WALSH (Nursing) lives in Florenceville, New Brunswick, with his wife Cynthia and their three children. He is employed by Upper River Valley Hospital in Waterville, New Brunswick as an operating room nurse.

1987

JAY DeFOA (Mechanical Engineering Technology) lives in Oshawa, Ontario with his wife Lisa and their three children, 17-year-old Josh, 15-year-old Sarah and 14-year-old Caleb. DeFoa is an electrician.

1992

THOMAS JONES (Sports Administration) lives in Brooklin, Ontario with his wife Shelagh and their two children, seven-year-old Kaitlyn and three-year-old Darryl. Jones is the general manager of Club Markham in Markham, Ontario.

1994

AUDREY NICKELCHOK (nee Robertson) (Office Administration –Medical) lives in Bobcaygeon, Ontario with her husband Darryl. Nickelchok works as a medical transcriptionist for MTS Transcription Services. She has three sons, 27-year-old Derek, 24-year-old Chris and 18-year-old Brett.

1995

WAYNE JONES (Business Administration – Information Systems) lives in Bowmanville, Ontario with his wife Tammy and their two children, 15-year-old Thomas and seven-year-old Elizabeth. Jones works for HP Enterprise Services (formerly EDS).

2001

LESLEY WESTON (Business Administration – Information Systems) lives in Aurora, Ontario. She has three children, 22-year-old Michael, 19-year-old Michelle and 14-year-old Nicholas. She also has one granddaughter, 10-month-old Violet. She is currently working as a technical specialist with State Farm Insurance.

STEVEN COCHRANE (Power Engineering) lives in Granbury, Texas with his fiancée Ashley Pearson. Cochrane is employed by Schlumberger, in Texas, as a tool supervisor.

2002

COLLEEN LAMOND-KETT (Human Services Counsellor) lives in Port Perry, Ontario with her husband Mark and their two children. Lamond-Kett is employed by Dr. Vera Tarman as an assistant/intake counsellor.

2003

LUIS PEREZ (Computer Systems Technology) lives in Bowmanville with his wife Lillian. Perez works as an analyst for CGI.

2004

ASHLEY TEMPLETON (Advertising Administration) lives in Airdrie, Alberta with her husband Derek. Templeton works for St. Joseph Media and was recently promoted to senior account manager.

2005

EMILY DUNCANSON (nee Steeves) (Public Relations) lives in Calgary with her husband Sander. Duncanson works for Cohn & Wolfe as a communications consultant.

2006

JENNIFER KYLE (nee McCallum) (Public Relations) lives in Ayr, Ontario with her husband Carman and their daughter, one-year-old Madelyn. Kyle works for Semex Alliance in the Corporate Events and Tours department.

2008

TERRY SHIRK (Music Business Management) lives in Courtice, Ontario and works in rentals and sales at Apex Sound & Light in Pickering, Ontario.

TAMMY MACKENZIE (Human Resources Management) lives in Whitby, Ontario and is employed as a human resources generalist at IKO Industries in North York, Ontario.

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