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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The season of giving is upon us. As 2016 draws to a close, I'd like to say thanks and acknowledge the generous, continued support that Durham College (DC) has received from our community, on campus and beyond.

If you've been staying connected with us through DC Alumni, social media or our website, you know that 2016 has marked numerous milestones for the college. Many of these would not be possible without the assistance of our community, business and government partners – in particular our alumni – as well as our employees and students.

At the same time, we take great pride in all that DC has given back to the community. This includes initiatives like our annual United Way campaign. This year's campaign was such an overwhelming success, with DC raising more than \$27,000 in support of United Way Durham Region, that I was inspired to literally go green for the cause and (temporarily) dye my hair our signature hue! Our giving is ongoing with the annual campus holiday food drive now underway to raise funds for holiday hampers and a foodbank for our students, families and community members in need.

This edition of DC Alumni reflects several examples of the college's strong ties to our community such as the recent naming of the [Centre for Food \(CFF\)](#) at our Whitby campus after W. Galen Weston in recognition of a \$1 million donation from the W. Garfield Weston Foundation. We also held our annual Harvest Dinner, which saw students and faculty bring our field-to-fork philosophy to life for more than 130 community members, and our fall convocation ceremony and open house events, which brought alumni back to campus to share their college experiences with prospective students and their families.

Support for our new [Centre for Collaborative Education \(CFCE\)](#) also continues. I am proud to share that DC walkers and runners conquered their races at the [Scotiabank Toronto Waterfront Marathon](#) on October 16 and raised more than \$22,000 toward the construction of the CFCE. In addition, our very own Alumni Association recently announced a [\\$250,000 pledge](#) over five years toward this soon to be constructed building. This a wonderful testament to the association's ongoing support of the college.

These few examples show that in our own DC community and the community at large, we're working together to ensure our continued success. Of course, there is still more work to be done. That's why as we celebrate our 50th anniversary in 2017, and all we have accomplished over the past five decades, we're also looking ahead to what we can achieve next.

As alumni, you share the common bond of having made the decision to improve your lives through learning. It's a decision that has enabled you to improve the lives of others and have a positive impact on the social and cultural well-being of the communities where you live and work. I encourage you to build on that connection by getting involved in our [50th celebrations](#) and finding ways to reconnect with DC and with each other.

I wish all the best to you and your families this holiday season and, as always, let's stay in touch.

Don



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE DC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

What a terrific close to the year! As you will see in this issue of DC Alumni, it has been an inspiring couple of months at the college including several milestone announcements; new agreements with our community partners; and our fall convocation ceremony, which saw more than 1,500 students graduate, bringing the total number of DC Alumni to more than 77,000.

In addition, I'm delighted to officially share that during a November 10 networking event, your [DC Alumni Association](#) made a substantial commitment to future DC students via a [\\$250,000 pledge](#) over five years to support the [Centre for Collaborative Education \(CFCE\)](#) at the college's Oshawa campus.

This significant contribution represents a tremendous commitment to our alma mater and I could not be prouder of the Alumni Association's decision to support the continued growth of the college.

In particular, this gift underlines our belief in the need for the CFCE, a facility where students, employees and the broader community will come together in ways that extend beyond the scope of traditional education and, because this new facility is a legacy project tied to DC's 50th anniversary in 2017, our pledge will speak to future students while honouring DC's great history.

The Alumni Association also hosted its annual general meeting in September where we proudly introduced our 2016-2017 board. These graduates will be working hard to maintain and foster the link between DC and its alumni community and I couldn't be happier to be working alongside them.

It has been a great year for the DC community. All the best to you in 2017.

Chris Vale '03
President of DC Alumni Association



MEET THE 2016-2017 DC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD

The new DC [Alumni Association Board of Directors](#) has graduates from many programs and several stages of DC's growth.

Front row from left: Shane Cicchine, School of Science & Engineering Technology (SET), 2012; Vice-President Elaine Garnett, School of Media, Art & Design (MAD), 1990; President Chris Vale, School of MAD, 2003; Vanessa Hughes, School of Business, IT & Management (BITM), 1990.

Second Row from left: Sally Hillis, senior alumni development officer; Kevin Campbell, School of Skilled Trades, Apprenticeship & Renewable Technology, 2011; Robert Kowal, School of SET, 1981; Jonathan Hurter, School of Justice & Emergency Services, 2004; Meredith Dodge, School of BITM, 2015.

Missing from photo are: Nicole Blackman, School of Health & Community Services, 2004; Heather Bulman, School of MAD, 2015; Matisse Hamel-Nelis, School of MAD, 2015; Michele Roberts, School of SET, 2006.



DC RECEIVES \$13 MILLION IN FEDERAL FUNDING FOR CENTRE FOR COLLABORATIVE EDUCATION

DC announced in September that it has received \$13 million in funding from the federal government through the Post-Secondary Institutions Strategic Investment Fund (SIF) toward the construction of the new [Centre for Collaborative Education \(CFCE\)](#) at the college's Oshawa campus. The investment was made by Celina Caesar-Chavannes, MP for Whitby, on behalf of Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada at an event held at the college.

The \$13 million commitment, combined with the \$22 million in funding received from the provincial government toward the building in April 2016, brings the total amount being invested in the CFCE to \$35 million, the largest single-project investment by government in the college's history.

With a total build cost of \$40 million, the CFCE will replace the college's aging Simcoe building, which was originally built as a temporary structure and opened in 1969. The new multi-level, 75,000-square-foot-facility, a legacy project tied to DC's 50th anniversary in 2017, will serve as an educational access point for students while bringing together local, Indigenous and global community groups and members of key business sectors. The CFCE will be located to the east of

the current building, where it will connect directly to the Student Services building, and is being designed to reflect and address the needs of both students and the community, including the desire for more collaborative learning and social spaces.

"On behalf of everyone at Durham College, I extend my sincere thanks to the federal and provincial government for this significant investment in our unique vision and commitment to creating a facility that will expand local programming, further connect Indigenous communities to post-secondary education and drive entrepreneurship and internationalization via Global, Open and Collaborative spaces that connect the college to more than 50 academic institutions around the world," said Don Lovisa, president, DC. "Providing us with the opportunity to expand into new programs areas that offer experiential learning opportunities designed to match the labour needs of industry, the CFCE is a legacy building for the next 50 years that truly reflects Durham College's dedication to meeting the demands of students, employers and Ontario's changing economy."



Celebrating the federal government's \$13 million of funding for the CFCE, from left, are: Don Lovisa, president, DC; Celina Caesar-Chavannes, MP, Whitby; Elaine Popp, vice-president, Academic, DC; Granville Anderson, MPP, Durham; and Douglas I. Allingham, of the DC Board of Governors.

Designed to reflect DC's commitment to working with local business and community partners to create a new facility where students, employees and the broader community can work together in ways that transcend the traditional concepts of education, the CFCE will house the following:

- The School-College-Work Initiative and the affiliated Centre for Success program, a partnership between DC and the Durham District, Kawartha Pine Ridge District, Durham Catholic District, Peterborough Victoria Northumberland and Clarington Catholic District, and Trillium Lakelands District school boards that assists in-risk students by helping them find their way to college.
- The Aboriginal and Student Diversity Centres.
- Entrepreneurial, Innovation and Creative spaces including the Spark Centre, which will expand applied research opportunities for students, faculty and small-and medium-sized businesses.
- Global, Open and Collaborative spaces that will enable faculty, students and the broader community to use technology in creative ways to gain unprecedented access to students, educators, thought leaders, subject matter experts and other visionaries from more than 40 countries around the world.
- Health science facilities including state-of-the-art classrooms and labs; a spa focused on massage therapy, cosmetology and aesthetics; and programming centred around occupational therapy and physical therapy.
- Foundation programs designed to prepare students for the continuation of post-secondary education at college or university.
- Significant collaborative learning and social spaces for students, faculty and community.





CARPOOL KARAOKE WITH DON LOVISA AND STUDENT SARAH MARK

In September, DC president Don Lovisa teamed up with Music Business Management student Sarah Mark to give the host of The Late Late Show with James Corden some competition!

Lovisa and Mark got together to celebrate her recent achievements, including her Top 40 hit song Tun Up, with a take on Corden's popular Carpool Karaoke videos.

"Sarah's success story is quite unique, so we knew we wanted to share it in a unique way," said Lovisa. "What better way to celebrate a graduate of our [Music Business Administration program](#), who is now pursuing her diploma in [Music Business Management](#) here at DC, and her burgeoning music career than with a video that features her song and lets us have some fun at the same time?"

An international student from Trinidad and Tobago, Mark graduated from DC's Music Business Administration program in June 2016 just as her song was beginning to get airtime on popular radio stations across Canada, and even catching the attention of TV personality and radio host Ryan Seacrest.

She returned to DC in September to complete a third year of studies and earn additional credentials in DC's Music Business Management program.

Both the two-year [Music Business Administration](#) and three-year [Music Business Management](#) programs prepare students to enter the competitive music industry equipped with a solid foundation of business knowledge and plenty of hands-on experience. Students develop skills in management, marketing, promotions and small business while also learning the essentials of event production, live sound reinforcement, studio operations and media.



CENTRE FOR FOOD NAMED AFTER W. GALEN WESTON

On November 1, DC announced the naming of the [Centre for Food](#) (CFF) at the Whitby campus after Mr. W. Galen Weston in recognition of a \$1-million grant being made to the college by the W. Garfield Weston Foundation. One of Canada's most prominent business executives, Mr. W. Galen Weston is a leader in food innovation who has been at the forefront of change in the food retailing and baking industries for more than five decades. From bagging groceries in the supermarket to Executive Chairman of George Weston Limited, he has remained committed to the continued advancement of the food industry through teaching and learning.

Focused on the field-to-fork concept, the CFF opened to students in September 2013. Home to a range of complementary programs, it boasts numerous sustainable features and extensive grounds including an apple orchard, agricultural planting fields and a ramped garden feature with a pollinator garden and two-acre arboretum, providing a teaching and learning environment for students, the local agri-food industry, community organizations and the general public.

In addition, the grounds include an unheated hoop house, gardens and greenhouses that support applied learning and research while growing produce for use in the Centre's kitchens and laboratories. The CFF also features [Bistro '67](#), a full-service, teaching-inspired restaurant, and [Pantry](#), a unique retail store for student-created goods, which are both open to the public.

"Durham College is honoured to receive this significant gift from the W. Garfield Weston Foundation," said Don Lovisa, president, DC. "On behalf of the college, in particular the hundreds of students studying in our CFF programs, I would like to express my sincere thanks to the W. Garfield Weston Foundation for its generosity. Mr. W. Galen Weston is one of Canada's most accomplished businessmen and philanthropists and well renowned for his leadership in the food processing and distribution industries. The Weston family has long supported the field-to-fork concept and we are extremely proud to have his name linked permanently to the CFF."

The second significant contribution made by the Foundation in the last two years, the gift is being used to:

- Establish \$100,000 worth of scholarships and bursaries for students studying in a two-year field-to-fork program.
- Develop new research and testing programs related to food product development and food processing studies.
- Purchase equipment to support new research programs related to agriculture and agri-food products.

“I HAVE SPENT MY ENTIRE LIFE WORKING IN THE FOOD BUSINESS AND HAVE SEEN IT EVOLVE DRAMATICALLY SINCE MY YOUNGER DAYS WORKING IN THE BAKERY WITH MY FATHER. I AM PROUD TO BE SUPPORTING THE INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS OFFERED IN THE CENTRE FOR FOOD,” SAID W. GALEN WESTON. “THESE YOUNG PEOPLE ARE THE FUTURE LEADERS OF OUR INDUSTRY.”

“Ontario’s food and beverage manufacturing sector is the third largest in North America with manufacturing revenues of more than \$35 billion and the agri-food industry is the leader for goods production in Durham Region” added Lovisa. This gift will enable DC to further its commitment to bring the field-to-fork philosophy to life, harness the vibrant relationships in our region’s food industry, and provide a lasting legacy that will benefit our students and the region now and in the years ahead.”



THREE ALUMNI NOMINATED FOR PREMIER'S AWARDS

DC has proudly nominated three of its outstanding alumni for the 2016 Premier's Awards. Nominated are: Hannah Elkington, a 2014 graduate of the Police Foundations program; Melody Gaukel, a 1998 graduate of the Public Relations (PR) program; and Philip Pritchard, a 1985 graduate of the Sports Administration program.

After graduating from DC's Police Foundations program, Elkington was hired as a police constable with York Regional Police. In addition, she spent five years working for the Durham Regional Police Service, where she is now a constable, having previously been in its Youth in Policing program including two years as program co-ordinator. In 2014, she received the prestigious Public Hero Award from the Intercultural Dialogue Institute.

Gaukel saw her career take off rapidly after graduating from the DC's PR program. She started as a senior consultant with a Toronto-based public relations firm shortly after graduating before quickly moving into senior positions in larger agencies, rising to her current position as vice-president, Corporate and Finance, at Environics Communications, one of Canada's largest public relations and marketing firms.

Since graduating from DC's Sports Administration program, Pritchard has visited more than 35 countries and attended a number of key amateur and pro hockey events, including the Olympic Games and World Championships, promoting the Hockey Hall of Fame (HHOF) and Museum as well as exhibits in its collection. In addition to his responsibilities with the HHOF, he has served on the board of directors for the International Sports Heritage Association as well as the Canadian Association of Sport Heritage for many years.

In 2015, Debbie Low, a 1985 graduate of the Sport Administration program, was a [recipient of this prestigious honour](#). Low was recognized for her work with the Canadian Olympic and Paralympic Sport Institute Network's Athlete Transition Program, for serving as Canada's Chef de Mission in the 2008 Beijing Paralympic Games and for numerous other achievements.

The Premier's Awards celebrate the achievements of Ontario college graduates in the province and throughout the world. 107 outstanding graduates were nominated for this year's awards in the categories of business, community services, creative arts and design, health, recent graduate and technology.



DC's 2016 Premier's Awards nominees, clockwise, are Hannah Elkington, Melody Gaukel and Philip Pritchard.

DC WINS GOLD AT WORLD FEDERATION OF COLLEGES AND POLYTECHNICS' AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

In September, DC's W. Galen Weston [Centre for Food](#) (CFF) and its unique field-to-fork vision was recognized internationally with the highest achievement – Gold – in the Green Colleges category at the World Federation of Colleges and Polytechnics (WFCP) Awards of Excellence. The college received the award at the 2016 WFCP World Congress held in Vitória, Brazil from September 23 to 25.

The CFF was recognized for its demonstrated excellence in advancing environmental sustainability through knowledge, tools, practices and technologies, including both its facilities and programs. Along with the gold award, the college was asked to facilitate a best practices session about the CFF during the World Congress, and also participated in a Green Colleges Panel Discussion with an institution from Brazil.

“DURHAM COLLEGE’S CFF BRINGS THE FIELD-TO-FORK PHILOSOPHY TO LIFE IN A UNIQUE POST-SECONDARY SETTING,” SAID KEVIN BAKER, DEAN OF THE CFF.

“In just three years, the CFF has been recognized locally, provincially and now internationally for the sustainable practices we live every day in all we do. It embodies the college’s focus on sustainability and social responsibility, and we’re honoured to be recognized with a gold award from this prestigious, global competition.”

Focused on the field-to-fork concept, which is based on the planting, harvesting, storing, processing, packaging, sale and consumption of food – in particular the production of local food for local consumers – the CFF opened to students in September 2013.



Supported by ambassador and celebrity chef Jamie Kennedy, it boasts numerous sustainable building features, including:

- Glass curtain walls to maximize natural light.
- A fully automated building controls management system.
- A two-storey living wall that includes herbs on the ground level.
- A comprehensive recycling and compost program that includes food waste in order to reduce the CFF's carbon footprint.

- A hydration station for filling reusable water bottles.
- Use of compostable take-out containers.
- Low-flow toilets, touchless sensor faucets and waterless urinal technology.

In addition, the CFF's production methods have low environmental impact, demonstrate water stewardship and result in reduced energy consumption.

PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS GET A LOOK AT THEIR FUTURES AT DC'S ANNUAL FALL OPEN HOUSE

On November 12, DC employees, students and alumni delivered information and inspiration to more than 2,300 prospective students, as well as their friends and families, at the college's annual Fall Open House.

Doors were open at the Oshawa and Whitby campuses, and the Pickering Learning Site, providing visitors with the opportunity to explore the facilities, take guided tours, check out support services and visit individual program classrooms and labs to speak with faculty and students.

DC President Don Lovisa was also on hand to meet with visitors and answer questions about the college.

"There is no better way to get a feel for the DC community and all that we have to offer – from programs and support services to athletics and campus life – than to attend an Open House event," said Lovisa. "A unique energy fills the air when prospective students step on campus and see all the possibilities for their future opening up before them."

In addition to the Open House activities geared toward students, DC's [Office of Research Services, Innovation and Entrepreneurship](#) held a pre-Open House event at the college's Whitby campus for its applied research partners. The event highlighted new applied research capabilities involving the newly commissioned research brew line and growth chambers focused on agri-tech research.

DC offers more than 140 market-driven programs including five new programs being launched in 2017, two of which will serve as educational pathways from DC to the University of Ontario Institute of Technology (UOIT). They are:

- [Massage Therapy.](#)
- [Entrepreneurship and Small Business – Transfer to UOIT.](#)
- [Mechanical Technician – Elevating Devices.](#)
- [Office Administration – Real Estate.](#)
- [Supply Chain and Operations – Transfer to UOIT.](#)



DC STUDENTS BRING FIELD-TO-FORK TO LIFE AT SECOND ANNUAL HARVEST DINNER

Traditionally, harvest time is a time for community celebration. That was certainly the case at DC on September 22 when students, faculty and more than 130 community members came together for the college's second annual Harvest Dinner in celebration of the amazing work being done at the college's W. Galen Weston [Centre for Food](#) (CFF) at the Whitby campus.

The sold-out event brought DC's field-to-fork vision to life and marked the culmination of countless hours spent in the fields, labs, classrooms and kitchens as students and faculty from the culinary, horticulture, hospitality and events programs worked side-by-side to plan and execute an evening that guests won't soon forget.

"Watching our students in action at all stages of the planning and execution of this event filled me with immense pride," said Don Lovisa, president, DC. "The Harvest Dinner is both an incredible opportunity and an immense undertaking for everyone at the CFF and I want to extend my sincere thanks to everyone, and our students and employees in particular, who helped make the evening a resounding success."

CFF ambassador and celebrity chef Jamie Kennedy was also in attendance to show his support and greet guests. The multi-course, family-style meal was served under the stars, surrounded by the CFF's fields and greenhouses, and featured recipes inspired by and featuring food planted, picked and prepared by DC students.

"IT'S EXTREMELY MEANINGFUL TO HAVE SO MANY MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY JOINING US TONIGHT TO CELEBRATE OUR STUDENTS' ACHIEVEMENTS," SAID KEVIN BAKER, DEAN, CFF.



WHAT IS B2B?

DC has launched the exciting new program backpack2Briefcase (b2B) – an event series designed to help students and recent alumni make a smooth transition from college to the workplace.

The program is supported by our DC Alumni Association and is offered in partnership with Career Development and the Office of Student Diversity, Inclusion and Transitions. It provides students with access to insight, skills and networks in addition to the expertise they gain via their academic programs. b2B also includes opportunities to connect with employers, learn how to build a comprehensive, relevant and appropriate social media presence, and gain valuable leadership skills, which are just a few examples of the non-academic components that are essential to achieving success as a young professional.

b2B will also support DC's co-curricular recognition program, which acknowledges students' participation in campus activities that will complement their resume, portfolio, academic transcript and more. Students will receive one point for attending four or more of the b2B events offered throughout the academic year.

New alumni are encouraged and welcome to attend. All DC Alumni are entitled to lifetime access to Career Development supports. To learn more about and register for upcoming b2B events please visit [DC's hired portal](#).



backpack2Briefcase



ESTATE OF ANNE SABAT DONATES \$900,000

In September, DC, in conjunction with the University of Ontario Institute of Technology (UOIT), announced a \$900,000 donation from the Estate of Anne Sabat.

Ms. Sabat, who passed away in 2015, was a longtime resident of Oshawa whose family built a successful dry goods and retail business after arriving in Canada in the early 1900s.

Although Ms. Sabat's father and mother had little formal education, they strongly believed in its benefits and this commitment was carried on by their children, and in particular Anne, who strongly supported the college and the university.

“MY AUNT ANNE TOOK GREAT DELIGHT IN MEETING WITH STAFF AND STUDENTS AND LEARNING MORE ABOUT THEIR WORK, STUDIES AND NEEDS. I KNOW SHE WAS VERY PLEASED WITH HER DECISION TO MAKE THESE GIFTS TO BOTH THE COLLEGE AND UOIT, WHICH WILL TOTAL ALMOST \$1 MILLION,” SAID SYLVIA BOISSOIN, OF THE SABAT FAMILY.

This generous bequest will create bursaries for graduates from DC's [Centre for Success](#) (CFS) program. The program is a partnership between the college and five local school boards designed to enable in-risk secondary school students to complete their high school academic requirements in a college setting via access to smaller class sizes, flexible schedules and increased one-to-one access to teachers.

“We are incredibly grateful to the Sabat family, and particularly to Ron and Sylvia Boissain, who have served as executors of Anne's estate and have worked tirelessly to ensure that her wishes to make this generous donation to DC become a reality,” said Don Lovisa, president, DC. “Thanks to their commitment to education and to the young people of Durham Region, more students will be able to continue their post-secondary education and go on to lead successful and fulfilling lives.”



Members of Anne Sabat's family celebrating her \$900,000 donation to DC and UOIT are, from left:

*In the back row, William Vetzel, Ron Boissin, Karen Boissin, Tom Smith, Rose Boissin, Richard Boissin.
In the front row, Margaret Vetzel, Sylvia Boissin, and Irene Smith.*

COLLEGE HONOURS GRADS AT 2016 FALL CONVOCATION

While the fall season meant the beginning of school for many DC students, it has also brought an exciting culmination of post-secondary pursuits for others.

Those achievements were celebrated on October 27 at the college's annual fall convocation ceremony, which commemorated the graduation of 1,159 students from 109 programs. The event also honoured students who earned a place on the highly regarded President's Honour Roll as well as recipients of scholarship and leadership awards.

Graduates from the [Centre for Food](#) and the schools of [Business, IT & Management](#); [Continuing Education](#); [Health & Community Services](#); [Interdisciplinary Studies](#); [Justice & Emergency Services](#); [Media, Art & Design](#); [Science & Engineering Technology](#); and [Skilled Trades, Apprenticeship & Renewable Technology](#) were awarded their diplomas and certificates in front of hundreds of family and friends.

In his address to graduates, DC President Don Lovisa encouraged students not to buy into the negative perceptions of their generation often perpetuated by the media.

"Some of you are part of the generation that's been loosely termed as 'millennials' or 'Generation Y' and for a lot of media commentators, it's become a handy stereotype to say that this generation has a sense of entitlement when it comes to their work and personal lives," said Lovisa.

"MY ADVICE TO YOU IS SIMPLE. DON'T ACCEPT THAT. DON'T ACCEPT FOR A MINUTE THAT YOUR GENERATION, AND THOSE WHO FOLLOW YOU, ARE ANY LESS PREPARED, ANY LESS CAPABLE AND ANY LESS WILLING TO WORK THAN PREVIOUS GENERATIONS. I KNOW THIS TO BE TRUE BECAUSE OF MY WORK AT DC, AND WHEN I LOOK AT YOU HERE TODAY, I SEE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE READY TO TAKE ON THE IMPORTANT ISSUES OF THE WORLD AND MAKE A POSITIVE DIFFERENCE."



DC also bestowed its prestigious Faculty Emeritus award to retired professor William (Bill) Marlow in recognition of his outstanding contributions and exemplary service to the college community. During his more than 30 years with the college, Marlow brought his expertise and good humour to several positions including professor and co-ordinator for the [Computer Programmer Analyst program](#), field placement co-ordinator, and acting dean of the [School of Business, IT & Management](#). He also served on DC's Academic Council where he helped select the software and best practices that have supported the college's evolution into a modern post-secondary institution.



50TH ANNIVERSARY UPDATE – CHECK OUT OUR PRESIDENT’S PANEL

DC’s 50th anniversary is right around the corner and to prepare a committee of employees and retirees has developed event initiatives that will see the college through the next year.

Be sure to visit the [50th anniversary website](#) to get involved in the conversation, share your memories, join us at events and spread the word that we are celebrating the start of something amazing!

In addition, take a look at our President’s Panel videos which feature interviews with alumni such as John Hughes, a panel member and a student at DC in the early 1970s. Now president of The Max Financial, his video demonstrates the pride of DC grads along with sharing an interesting story about rocker Alice Cooper’s DC connection!



PARTICIPANTS AND SPONSORS GO THE #DISTANCEFORDC AT THE SCOTIABANK TORONTO WATERFRONT MARATHON

More than 26,000 people took part in the Scotiabank Toronto Waterfront Marathon on October 16 including 28 participants from DC.

Three teams of college walkers and runners, comprised of employees, students and alumni, participated in the marathon, half-marathon and 5 km events, raising more than \$22,800 for construction of the new [Centre for Collaborative Education](#) (CFCE) at the Oshawa campus.

The DC Alumni Association gave a total of \$2,500, including its matching of donations made by alumni members.

“Thank you to our amazing college community, along with our alumni and valued community members for supporting our walkers and runners and helping us to surpass our original fundraising goal of \$20,000,” said Linda Marco, associate vice-president, Office of Development and Alumni Affairs. “Everyone who participated in Run for DC at the Scotiabank Toronto Waterfront Marathon in support of the new [Centre for Collaborative Education](#), is contributing to a new modern learning space where students, employees and the broader community can work together in ways that transcend traditional concepts of education.”

A legacy project tied to the college’s 50th anniversary in 2017, the CFCE will replace the aging Simcoe building, which was built at the Oshawa campus in 1969.

In support of the event and to raise awareness on campus, Run for DC Day was held on October 12 at the college’s Oshawa campus. Fundraising activities included a boot drive, a combined effort of students (primarily in the [Firefighter](#) program) and employees; a bake sale; a motivational poster signing and live entertainment provided by students. Students’ and employees’ efforts at Run for DC Day raised over \$900.

Thank you and congratulations to everyone who participated in and supported the event.



BOOSTING INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WITH THE DURHAM CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

On November 2, DC announced that it has signed a five-year academic agreement with the Durham Catholic District School Board (DCDSB) to enhance opportunities for DCDSB international students looking to pursue post-secondary education in Canada following high school graduation.

“DC prides itself on offering international students a high-quality college education and we’re proud to be working with the DCDSB to offer international high school students the opportunity to further their studies in Canada, and with Durham College in particular,” said Don Lovisa, president, DC. “This agreement provides a new way of engaging our educational partners in DC’s ongoing international activities and outreach and we are proud to be working with the board to provide this group of students with access to our unique academic programming and student services.”

The formal General Agreement of Co-operation (GAC), signed by Lovisa and Anne O’Brien, director of education, DCDSB at the college’s Oshawa campus, is designed to stimulate and support educational, professional and intercultural activities and projects among students and employees of both organizations with respect to international education.

This includes the creation of an educational pathway from the DCDSB to DC, including the potential for students to pursue further post-secondary studies via the more than 450 educational pathways the college offers in partnership with universities in Ontario, across Canada and around the world. Additionally, the GAC will promote collaboration in program delivery, scholarship opportunities, international marketing, student recruitment and academic training.

“We are pleased to partner with DC as we encourage international students to discover the numerous pathways that are available through our Durham Catholic secondary schools into our local college programs,” said O’Brien. “Adopting a pathways planning mindset, our programs are designed to assist students with transition planning, and we look forward to working with international students as they prepare for the next step in their individual educational journeys here in our very own Durham Region.”

In September 2016, DC welcomed more than 350 new international students, bringing the total number to over 600 students who have travelled from 52 countries around the world to study at the college.



Anne O'Brien, director of education, DCDSB, and Don Lovisa, president, DC, celebrated the signing of a five-year academic agreement to enhance opportunities for international students looking to enhance their opportunities upon graduation from high school.

DC AGAIN RANKED ONE OF CANADA'S TOP 50 RESEARCH COLLEGES

On November 3, DC announced it has been ranked among Canada's top 50 research colleges by Research Infosource Inc. for the fourth consecutive year.

Research Infosource, a Canadian research and development intelligence company, compiles the annual list using data on research income, research intensity and research partnerships and projects at colleges across the country.

"Research and innovation have always been at the heart of what DC does as one of Ontario's leading post-secondary institutions," said Debbie McKee Demczyk, dean, [Office of Research Services, Innovation and Entrepreneurship](#) (ORSIE), DC. "This ranking once again proves the importance of, and our commitment to, prioritizing applied research on campus to enhance our students' experiences, provide real-world solutions, and advance business and industry ideas to support our community's economic health."

Led by the team at ORSIE, DC continues to initiate and support a variety of research activities aimed at integrating discovery and innovation into the academic environment. The college puts particular focus on the areas of energy efficiency, agriculture, health care and wearable technology, which closely align with the college's market-driven academic programs and research capabilities, and help support local business, industry and community organizations.



DC ALUMNI BENEFIT OF THE MONTH – BROADWAY ACROSS CANADA

Durham College (DC) alumni have access to discounted tickets via Broadway Across Canada. Part of Broadway Across America, Broadway Across Canada offers discounted tickets to first-class touring productions including past and current shows such as Beautiful, Chicago, Fiddler on the Roof, Hairspray, and more.

The discount ticket offers are for productions in Vancouver, Edmonton, Calgary, Saskatoon, Regina, Winnipeg, Kitchener, Ottawa, Montreal and Quebec City.

The online discount program works by giving 25 per cent off select performances during the launch period, then 15 per cent off select performances 12 weeks later. Once the show goes public through Ticketmaster, alumni can still purchase at 10 per cent off select performances. Check out [current deals!](#) The passcode is ALUMNI.

To learn more about other great benefits available to DC alumni, please visit our [Benefits and Resources](#) page.



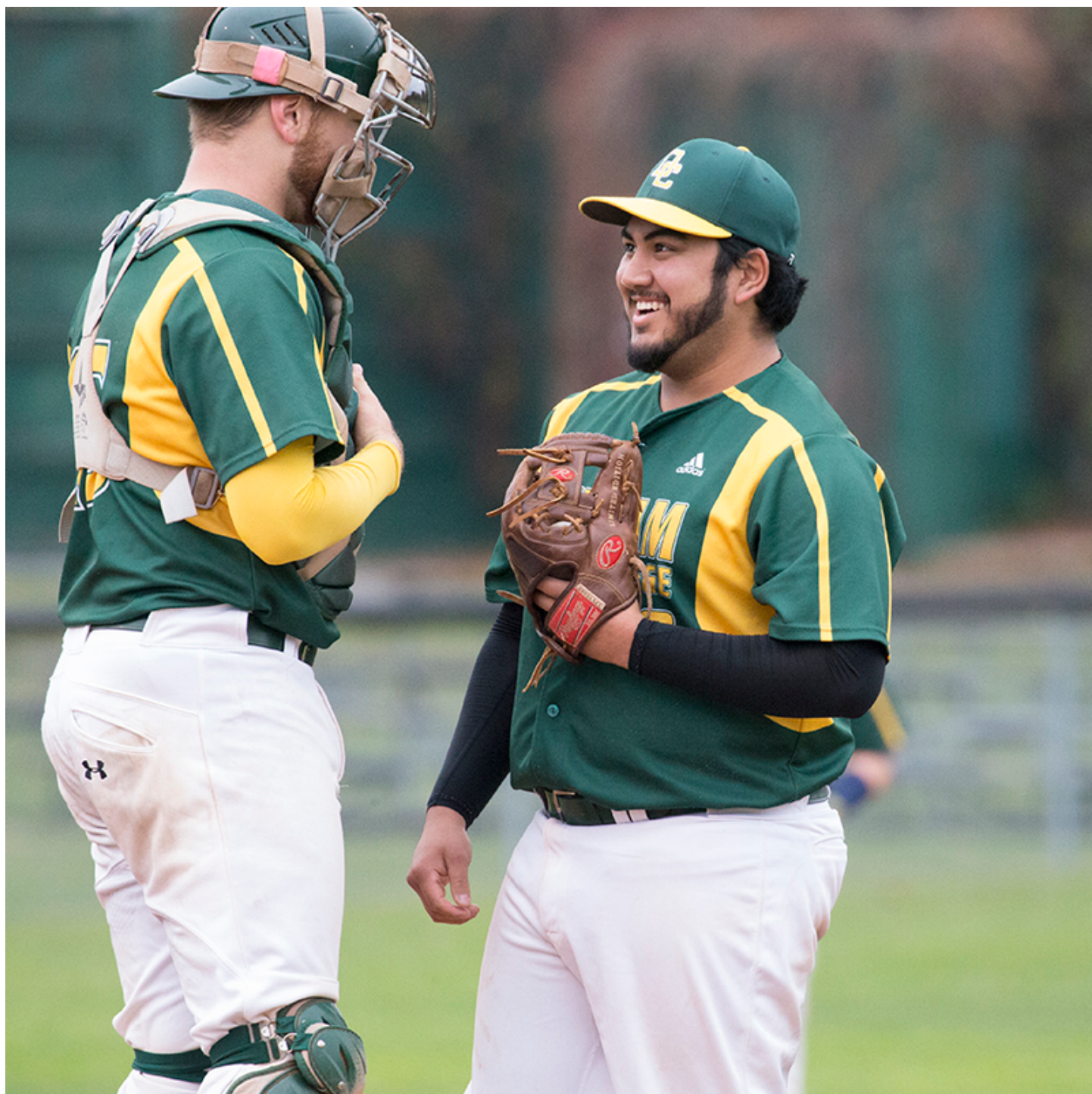
Broadway Across Canada discount tickets are for productions in several cities including Montreal.

SPORTS SHORTS

Here's a look at some sports highlights since the start of the academic year:

- Tyler Martin of Durham College was named the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association (OCAA) golf coach of the year. This is the second time in four years that Martin has received the award. "We're extremely proud of Tyler and this accomplishment," said Durham College athletic director Ken Babcock. "Since being named head coach of the golf program we have had consistent success at the provincial level and continue to be one of the top programs in Ontario."
- The women's softball team won its unprecedented 18th Ontario Colleges Athletic Association (OCAA) title in October with an 11-6 victory over the St. Clair Saints in the gold medal game. A week prior, DC's spot at the championship was in jeopardy as it sat in fifth place with eight games remaining in the regular season. The Lords reeled off seven wins over that time to qualify for the championship, where it went 3-0 outscoring their opponents 28-7 en route to the gold medal victory. "Our bats came alive," said Jim Nemish, head coach.
- DC hosted the top intercollegiate baseball teams in the country at the 2016 Canadian College Baseball National Championship from October 27 to 29. Six teams participated in the championship, which featured 13 games over three days. DC athletic director Ken Babcock said, "Baseball is growing throughout the country and we felt it was necessary to host a national championship at the collegiate level."
- After its strong start to the season, the men's soccer team has landed itself in the Canadian Collegiate Athletic Association (CCAA) rankings. Released by the CCAA on September 21, the Lords have moved into the national rankings in the 14th position.

Congratulations to all our teams and players. We look forward to another successful year on the field and on the court in 2016-2017.



UPCOMING EVENTS: WINTER 2016

VISITING ELDER — HOSTED BY THE ABORIGINAL STUDENT CENTRE

*Wednesday, December 7
11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Aboriginal Student Centre,
Simcoe building, Room 1264*

Elder Shirley Williams will be available at the Aboriginal Student Centre from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to share her wealth of knowledge about Anishnaabe culture, language, ceremonies and life in general. Simply stop by to visit with her or you can also book a private appointment by contacting Julie Pigeon, Aboriginal student advisor, Aboriginal Student Centre, at 905.721.2000 ext. 2529.

TEXTBOOK BUYBACK

*Wednesday, December 14
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Gordon Willey building,
South Wing Hallway*

Alumni who have graduated and no longer need their textbooks can now receive cash for their used books! For more information, please visit the [Campus Bookstore online](#).

HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE HAMPER PACKING AND DELIVERY

*Sunday, December 18
9 a.m. to noon
Campus Recreation &
Wellness Centre*

DURHAM COLLEGE ALUMNI NIGHT WITH THE OSHAWA GENERALS

*Friday, January 13
7 p.m.
General Motors Centre*

Oshawa Generals vs
Hamilton Bulldogs
7 p.m. pre-game reception
7:35 p.m. puck drop

\$25 Suite level tickets.

Tickets, which are available at the Alumni office, include reception, snacks and non-alcoholic beverages. Please call 905.721.3035 for tickets.

MONEY MATTERS – TD MELOCHE MONNEX

*Tuesday, January 24
5 to 7 p.m.
Oshawa campus,
Gordon Willey building,
Room G213*

Learn about spending,
borrowing and saving while
at school and when you're
a graduate.

TRADESMART CAREER FAIR

*Tuesday, February 7
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Whitby campus,
Main hallway near
SA Student Lounge*

Tradesmart is a trade-focused
recruitment event with more
than 28 employers typically
attending.

JOB FAIR

*Wednesday, February 8
11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Campus Recreation Centre,
gyms 3, 4 and 5*

Annual job fair provides an
opportunity to meet more
than 80 employers who are
promoting graduate and student
employment opportunities.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

*Thursday, February 23 and
Friday, February 24
8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Oshawa campus, Student
Services building, Room 116*

Enjoy presentations and
interactive sessions to inspire
your inner leader including
how to brand yourself using
social media.



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