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# MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The theme of Durham College's (DC) 50th anniversary in 2017 is 'The Start of Something Amazing' and with that, I've been thinking about what amazing means to me. One of the things that immediately comes to mind is the DC college community – our students, employees and alumni who form the fabric of our incredible institution.

Two of those groups recently came together to publicly kick off our year of anniversary celebrations during the college's annual Alumni and Employee Night at the Oshawa Generals hockey game. Despite a loss for the home team, the sold-out crowd energized the Tribute Communities Centre, launching our milestone year in style.

There are many other special events planned for the months ahead, giving the entire DC family, and alumni in particular, even more opportunities to get involved. If ever there was a time to reconnect with DC, this is it!

In the spirit of connections, DC's Office of Development and Alumni Affairs has launched the DC Brewing Memories Coffee Tour, a series of events that will see college representatives visit the workplaces of 50 graduates in honour of our 50 years. Each tour stop will offer great conversation, free coffee and treats, DC swag and more. If you are a DC alumni interested in hosting a DC Brewing Memories Coffee Tour stop at your workplace, please contact [our team to learn more.](#)

Looking even further ahead, I also encourage you to mark your calendars for our 50th anniversary Homecoming weekend. Preparations are well underway for these exciting two days of celebration, which will take place on Friday, September 8 and Saturday, September 9.

In addition to kicking off the 2017-2018 academic year, this event will bring the DC community together to connect and share favourite memories from the past five decades, while also looking to the future. Colleges Ontario's interactive 50th anniversary bus exhibit will also be making a stop, giving event goers a chance to explore and learn more about the rich history of the province's 24 colleges of applied arts and technology, with whom we share this important milestone.





As we look ahead, it's also nice to take time to reflect on where we've been. This edition of DC Alumni is filled with stories that highlight the important impact a DC education has on graduates, students, and the community, both here and abroad. Planning for our anniversary has brought into even sharper focus the incredible efforts of the entire DC community to support the college's growth and success.

So enjoy catching up on the latest stories from DC and remember to visit our 50th anniversary [website](#) to share your own memories about the college. I hope you are as proud of what we have accomplished, and all that lies ahead, as I am.

Don

# MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE DC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

As you may know, Durham College (DC) is celebrating its [50th anniversary](#) in 2017. During this year of festivities, we are remembering the past five decades, while also looking to the future, acknowledging the incredible growth and development of our alma mater.

In the spirit of 'The Start of Something Amazing', the official theme of DC's 50th, I would like to encourage my fellow alumni to continue your relationship with the college or make 2017 the year you re-engage with us.

One way you can do this is by nominating someone you know for DC's [Alumni of Distinction award](#). This annual award is presented during the college's Spring Convocation and honours the extraordinary contributions DC graduates make to society while achieving career success. This year the nomination deadline is Friday, March 10 at 5 p.m.

As you read through this issue of DC Alumni, you will find many stories about initiatives, achievements and programs that are designed to support students and alumni alike. From kicking off DC's 50th anniversary celebrations in style during Alumni Night at the sold-out Oshawa Generals game in early January, to the new Backpack to Briefcase ([b2B](#)) initiative, the Office of Development and Alumni Affairs has been hard at work and so have our alumni.

The year ahead looks great for the college, with a new athletics centre (the Campus Fieldhouse) having opened in November and construction starting on the [Centre for Collaborative Education](#).

If you haven't been very involved with DC since embarking on your careers, please consider [reconnecting](#) this year and join us as we celebrate the 'Start of Something Amazing'.

Chris Vale, '03  
President of DC Alumni Association





# CHEMICAL INSTITUTE OF CANADA AWARD WINNERS

## CREDIT DC TRAINING FOR THEIR SUCCESS

Four Durham College (DC) students were recently awarded for their hard work and academic achievements, winning silver medal and book prizes from the 2016 Chemical Institute of Canada (CIC).

The winners are:

- Chemical Laboratory Technician program students Da Eun Chung, who won the silver medal, and Brittney Richards, who won the book prize.
- Chemical Engineering Technology program students Natasha Beattie, who won the silver medal, and Kelsey Henderson, who won the book prize.

Silver medals are presented to the top students completing their final year at a Canadian college in chemical technology or a related program. Book prizes are presented to a student at a Canadian college who is completing her or his final year while also demonstrating the greatest improvement overall.

When asked how they achieved academic success, all four students credited their professors and the lessons being taught in the classrooms at DC.

“The professors teach us to really think outside of the box,” said Richards. “They tell us to think why you’re doing something beyond the assignment that we are working on.”

“Professors push and encourage us to achieve”, said Henderson. “They make you want to work harder.”

Each year the CIC, a national not-for-profit organization committed to advancing chemical sciences and engineering through its constituent societies in chemistry, chemical engineering, and chemical technology, administers awards and competitions to recognize outstanding contributions made by post-secondary students.



# ONTARIO COLLEGES LAUNCHES 50TH ANNIVERSARY INNOVATION FUND CONTEST FOR STUDENTS AND ALUMNI

To help mark their 50th anniversary celebrations in 2017, Ontario Colleges has launched a new William G. Davis Innovation Fund contest that encourages full-time students and alumni to pitch creative projects and initiatives to compete for cash prizes.

The fund is named after former premier William G. Davis, who served as Ontario's education minister from 1962 to 1971 and brought in the legislation that established the college system. It serves as a tribute to the bold and creative thinking that revolutionized post-secondary education in Ontario.

Entrants can be a graduate or current full-time student from one of Ontario's 24 colleges with an idea that could improve Ontario and beyond. Applications can be made in the categories of entrepreneurialism, health and welfare, arts and culture, or community benefit.

The first-place winner will receive \$15,000 to help fund the project and the second-place entry will receive \$5,000.

For full details about the fund, including a detailed timeline for submissions and voting, full contest rules and regulations, please visit [amazing50.ca/innovationfund](http://amazing50.ca/innovationfund). Successful entries must be achievable, sustainable, measurable, original and linked to the individual's college experience.

Current, full-time DC students as well as alumni will be able to start posting proposals in March. A shortlist of the top applications will be publicized in August and the winners will be announced in November.





# DC HELPS MAKE LOCAL STUDENT'S DREAM OF COLLEGE EDUCATION COME TRUE

On December 15, Durham College (DC) [helped make the holidays a little brighter](#) for a local high school student with dreams of attending DC to study nursing. The college welcomed Samantha Garrow to its Oshawa campus where a smiling crew, including DC President Don Lovisa, was waiting to take her on a tour, offer guidance on planning for her post-secondary studies, and present her with a tuition certificate to the college.

Earlier in the month, Garrow was nominated and selected to receive some extra help over the holidays as part of Toronto-based 99.9 Virgin Radio's annual Merry Little Christmas campaign. Garrow's story of pursuing her education while caring for her young daughter on her own included a wish to study nursing at DC. Ross Carnwith, manager of the college's Ancillary Services, was listening that morning and was so inspired by what he heard, that he brought Garrow's story to the attention of his DC colleagues.

"When Ross shared Samantha's story and wish to study at Durham College, we were moved to reach out to her," said Lovisa.

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**"SHE IS WORKING INCREDIBLY HARD TO EARN HER HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA AND REALIZE HER EDUCATIONAL GOALS SO THAT SHE CAN MAKE A BETTER LIFE FOR HER DAUGHTER AND HERSELF."**

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During the campus tour, Garrow got a glimpse of what her future studying at DC could look like. She also got information on the admissions process and the requirements for DC's [Practical Nursing program](#).

Of the experience Garrow said, "I can't even express how grateful I am."



PLAY VIDEO



# A YEAR OF ACCOMPLISHMENT FOR DC STUDENT MUSICIAN CALE CROWE

2016 was exceptional for third-year [Music Business Management](#) (MBM) student Cale Crowe, who saw success both onstage and off.

Having set a personal goal of playing 100 live shows, he ended the year performing 112 times in Durham Region and nearby communities and landed a highly desirable internship at Warner Music Canada as a digital marketing intern.

"I wouldn't have been able to land this internship if it wasn't for my program at DC," said the modern folk-rock troubadour, who has several videos on [YouTube](#).

"THE MBM PROGRAM TAUGHT ME HOW TO BE A **BETTER SPEAKER AND LISTENER**. THE CLASSES ALSO PROVIDE A SAFE LEARNING SPACE WHERE IT'S ACCEPTABLE TO MAKE MISTAKES AND LEARN FROM THEM. THE PROFESSORS ARE THERE TO NOT ONLY **SHARE THEIR KNOWLEDGE, BUT TO MAKE SURE STUDENTS UNDERSTAND IT**, AND THAT'S BECAUSE THEY CARE ABOUT BOTH THE STUDENTS AND THE FUTURE OF THE MUSIC INDUSTRY."

Looking ahead to his graduation this spring, he feels positive about his life in music. "I crave the atmosphere that surrounds the music industry – be it live performance or administrative work, or something in between, as long as I'm contributing to music I will be satisfied."

While 2016 was a very good year, 2015 wasn't bad either as Crowe released his debut album, *Stars and Promises*, which is available on iTunes.



# CAMPUS COMMUNITY CELEBRATES NEWEST ATHLETICS FACILITY

The impressive list of leading-edge athletic facilities at Durham College (DC) grew this fall with the opening of the Campus Fieldhouse at the Oshawa campus.

The multi-sport turf centre, shared with the University of Ontario Institute of Technology (UOIT), features two playing fields that can accommodate a variety of intramural sports and activities including soccer, field lacrosse, ultimate frisbee, flag football and bubble soccer, among others.

The Campus Fieldhouse, formerly the Campus Tennis Centre, was officially opened on November 24 by DC President Don Lovisa and Tim McTiernan, president and vice-chancellor, UOIT. The celebration saw students participate in an exciting score-to-win contest and an intramural game of soccer.

When not being used by the Department of Athletics, the Campus Fieldhouse is available for rent by community recreational leagues, sports organizations and by members of community for birthday parties.





# ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: HOTTS AND LESSARD RETURN FOR ALUMNI IN THE PIT

## JOHN HOTTS: TAKING THE ADVERTISING WORLD BY STORM

Since graduating from Durham College's (DC) [Advertising and Marketing Communications](#) program, which is housed under the [School of Media Art & Design](#) (MAD), in 2008, John Hotts has made a big impact in the advertising world.

His ability to be innovative with technology and to create something original has influenced the work of others in the industry, within Canada and around the world.

Hotts' accomplishments include three Applied Arts awards for his work with Smarties and being shortlisted at Cannes for a Union Hearing Aid Centre campaign. His reputation has led to iconic brand re-creations including being tasked with re-designing the logo for the Canadian Football League prior to the 2015 Grey Cup. Notable clients he has worked with include Delissio, Freshii, Haagen-Daz and Iceberg Vodka.

Currently serving as associate creative director at OneMethod, Hotts oversees and helps develop quality creative outputs for clients while working with and mentoring employees. Over the course of his eight-year career, he's also spent time working as an art director in an advertising and design capacity. In this role, Hotts has been a part of teams that have created a wide range of multi touch-point advertising campaigns, digital and real-world experiences, branded content, and the creation of new brands.

Hotts attributes much of his career success to the education he received at DC and the practical, theoretical and technical skills he acquired while he was a student in the School of MAD.

## BRENT LESSARD: TRAVELLING AT THE SPEED OF SOUND

Travel at the speed of sound? Durham College (DC) alum Brent Lessard is making it happen.

Lessard graduated top of his class from DC's [Mechanical Engineering Technology](#) program in 2014.



He now works as technical co-ordinator for International Leak Detection (ILD), as well as a project manager for rLoop, an online think tank and talent resource company, which he co-founded.

rLoop is comprised of a team of more than 140 people from 14 countries that is working to revolutionize the future of transportation. Through open-source and collaborative design, a prototype is being developed for a pod that would travel at hyper speeds to get people where they need to go, faster – much, much faster!

At ILD, Lessard designs and implements new intelligent building monitoring systems, combining innovative sensor technology with high-performance cloud solutions to produce secure and reliable information on a building's integrity.

He is also involved with developing improvements to technical testing equipment and creating new testing procedures and services.

Lessard and Hotts were guest speakers at DC's Alumni in the Pit on February 7, an annual event that sees past DC students return to campus to share their experiences following graduation, to answer questions and provide guidance to students who are about to set out on their own career paths.



# DURHAM COLLEGE CELEBRATES STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND HONOURS DONOR GENEROSITY

On January 30, Durham College (DC) recognized both academic achievement and community generosity during the college's annual Student and Donor Recognition Evening.

The event celebrated the accomplishments of DC's [scholarship and bursary award](#) recipients and gave DC the opportunity to thank the countless individuals, organizations and corporate donors who choose to support students and post-secondary learning. It also gave donors the opportunity to meet with the students who benefit from their generosity.

"The support of our donors means that our students can continue to access first-class post-secondary education, which in turn will enable them to gain the skills and knowledge they need to move confidently from college to a successful career", said Don Lovisa, president, Durham College. "Whether it's sponsoring a bursary so a student can pursue their education without the burden of financial limitations, or funding a scholarship, which celebrates a student's hard work and academic success, we are very grateful for the support of our community."

During the evening Lovisa paid special tribute to two long-standing donors. The college has enjoyed a decade-long partnership with Ontario Power Generation (OPG). Over that period, OPG has invested more than \$5-million to support student success, scholarships and bursaries, as well as capital expenditures, new program development and equipment.

In addition, the Roger Anderson Charity Classic, an annual fundraising golf tournament celebrating its 20th anniversary this year, was also recognized for being a long-time donor to DC. Funds raised at the event provide assistance to students across Durham Region, including those attending DC. Anderson was joined by his two sons Warren and Ryan, who also enjoyed the opportunity to meet recipients of the bursary.

Several new donors were also recognized during the ceremony including:

- Bowmanville Lions Club - Russell Oke Award
- David Worsley Bursary
- Debbie Low Premier's Award Bursary
- Organization of Canadian Nuclear Industries
- Kent and Douglas Farndale Culinary Award



# WELCOME LISA MCINERNEY, YOUR ALUMNI CONTACT – FAREWELL LORI CONNOR

After 29 years with Durham College (DC), Lori Connor, a DC alumna (Class of '78) herself, retired from her role as alumni development officer in the [Office of Development and Alumni Affairs](#) in December.

Highlights of Lori's career include starting new events for alumni including Countdown to Grad and the [Alumni Guest Speaker](#) series, hosting a joint Calgary Alumni reunion with colleagues from several colleges and work on DC's 40th anniversary.

"Lori played an integral role in the development of DC's strong alumni community," said Sally Hillis, senior alumni and development officer.

"Her commitment to the Office of Development and Alumni Affairs is a reflection of her belief in DC graduates. It has been a pleasure working with Lori and we wish her all the very best in her retirement."

Stepping into the role of alumni development officer is Lisa McInerney. Also a DC alumna, Lisa graduated from DC's [Sport Management](#) program in 2010. She joins the college after working with the Canadian Hockey League, where she was the manager of corporate partnerships.

"I'm a proud DC alumna and I look forward to building and maintaining strong relationships with our graduates. The Alumni Department is doing a variety of great things to support both our students and alumni and I'm excited to be part of this team," said McInerney.

Lisa can be reached by [email](#) or phone at 905.721.3035.





# DC IS BREWING MEMORIES FOR ALUMNI AT WORK

There is something soothing about a cup of coffee with friends, which is exactly why Durham College's (DC) Office of Development and Alumni Affairs has created the DC Brewing Memories Coffee Tour. In honor of DC's 50th anniversary, the tour will see representatives visit the workplaces of our graduates to update them on college developments and alumni events and learn about their career successes – all while offering coffee, tea, treats and alumni swag.

With a goal of hosting 50 events across Durham Region and beyond this year, the tour kicked off in mid-February. One special stop is also being planned in Ottawa where over 300 DC graduates are currently employed.

If you would like to host a stop on the DC Brewing Memories Coffee Tour, please contact Lisa McInerney, alumni development officer, by [email](#) or phone at 905.721.3035.











## DURHAM COLLEGE ALUMNI AND EMPLOYEES TAKE OVER AN OSHAWA GENERALS GAME

January 13 was DC Alumni and Employee Night at the Tribute Communities Centre as the Oshawa Generals took on the Hamilton Bulldogs. The sold-out game saw alumni, employees and students come together to publicly kick off its year of celebrations in honour of the college's 50th anniversary.

DC President Don Lovisa, Chris Vale, president of the DC Alumni Association, and Ryan Cullen, student governor for DC's Board of Governors, proudly represented the college by dropping the puck to start the game.

While the Gens weren't able to defeat the Bulldogs, a good time was had by all.



# HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE RAISES OVER \$40,000

It was another successful year for the annual campus Holiday Food Drive.

The longstanding tradition brings the campus community together to provide hampers and financial assistance to student families at Durham College (DC) and the University of Ontario Institute of Technology (UOIT) during the holiday season.

This year, more than \$40,000 was raised during the month-long campaign, which was used to assist more than 230 DC and UOIT student families and more than 500 people in total.

On December 18 hundreds of volunteers flooded the Campus Recreation and Wellness Centre to pack and deliver the hampers. Of the donation one recipient said,

“I’M BLOWN AWAY BY EVERYONE’S GENEROSITY. I’M NOT SURE EXACTLY HOW MANY PEOPLE RECEIVED HAMPERS, BUT I KNOW IT HAS MADE A BIG DIFFERENCE TO THEIR HOLIDAYS. WHEN YOU HAVE TO CHOOSE BETWEEN BUYING FOOD OR CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR YOUR CHILDREN, IT’S HARD TO ENJOY THE SEASON. ALL I CAN SAY IS THANK YOU SO MUCH TO EVERYONE. WHEN I CAN, I WILL BE SURE TO PAY IT FORWARD.”







## DC FORGES STRONGER TIES WITH IRISH INSTITUTIONS

Expanded international opportunities for student exchange and research collaboration in Ireland are on the horizon, following the signing of a new agreement by Durham College (DC), the University of Ontario Institute of Technology (UOIT) and the Technological University for Dublin Alliance.

The signing was part of the Higher Education in Transformation Symposium (HEIT), held in November. DC and UOIT jointly hosted their counterparts from Ireland to explore new ways of improving all aspects of higher education, from curriculum and teaching methods to student experience supports.

HEIT spawned robust discussion between academic leaders, as well as Canadian and Irish government officials, including Jim Kelly, Ireland's Ambassador to Canada, who was one of many speakers at the symposium.





# DC GRAD AWARDED BY GALLERY FOR CREATIVE PHOTOGRAPHY

Durham College (DC) graduate Stephanie Foden has a talent for finding art from behind the camera.

The 2011 graduate of the college's Print and Broadcast Journalism program, now [Journalism – Mass Media](#), which is housed under the School of Media Art & Design (MAD), recently won the Emerging Photographer Award at this year's Robert McLaughlin Gallery (RMG) Exposed photography exhibition and auction. Her prize? A solo exhibition at the Oshawa-based gallery during the Contact Photography Festival in May. She also won the Community Choice Award, as voted on by attendees of RMG Exposed.

Foden said DC's programs, resources and staff enabled her to explore many facets of media work. She especially credits her third-year broadcast professor, Anna Rodrigues, for inspiring her to progress as a professional by introducing students to new media and different forms of storytelling. She is currently planning for her solo exhibition at RMG in the spring and is working on a personal project in Brazil.

Her RMG awards are an example of the community relationship the gallery and the college enjoy. DC has been a sponsor of the RMG Exposed event for seven years. Students in the college's Fine Arts – Advanced program are also given memberships so they can use the gallery for research and attend exhibitions throughout the year. They are also given the opportunity to connect with local young artists, writers, photographers and musicians at RMG Fridays, in which live music, interactive art and social networking occur each month.



# DC GRAD LAUNCHES CAREER AT GLOBAL NEWS

Recent Durham College (DC) graduate Katie Scott is applying what she learned in the [Broadcasting – Radio and Contemporary Media](#) program, formerly Broadcasting for Contemporary Media, to her new career as a national online journalist covering entertainment and lifestyle stories at [gobalnews.ca](#).

“My Durham College education prepared me for my current role at Global News by teaching me the skills I needed in order to land an internship and stand out from the crowd,” said Scott.

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“IT TAUGHT ME A LOT ABOUT MEETING DEADLINES IN THE BROADCASTING INDUSTRY AND I WAS ALSO ABLE TO EXPLORE EVERY ASPECT OF BROADCASTING BEFORE DECIDING WHICH PART OF THE INDUSTRY I WANTED TO WORK IN”.

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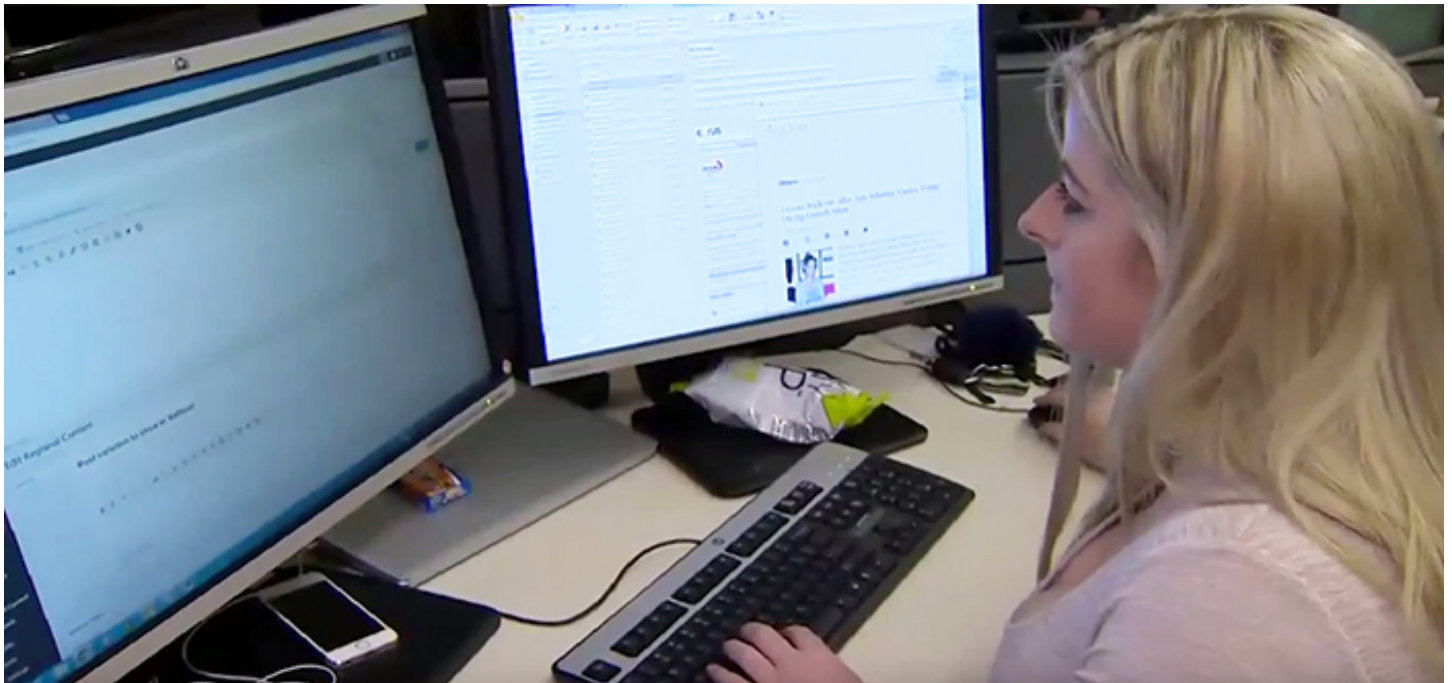
Scott said she loves the diversity of her work at Global News, where she did her field placement as part of the college’s curriculum. “In my work, an average week consists of pitching and writing stories about anything that is happening in the entertainment industry or viral videos.”

As a part of Corus Entertainment, her stories are also available on SoCast radio outlet websites and Facebook pages, such as those belonging to Q107 and Fresh FM.

Phil Raby, professor and program co-ordinator, said, “ours is one of the few two-year diploma programs in Canada that not only teaches traditional radio and television production, but also a variety of content creation skills for new and emerging online media.”

He added, “Passionate and driven students like Katie, who make the most of that training, wind up with a diverse set of skills and knowledge that make them very desirable prospects for a wide variety of forward-thinking employers like Corus Entertainment.”





# COLLEGE BREAKS GROUND ON NEW CENTRE FOR COLLABORATIVE EDUCATION

Members of the Durham College (DC) community, including retirees, alumni, students, employees, elected officials, and industry and community partners, gathered on November 25 to celebrate the official groundbreaking of DC's new Centre for Collaborative Education (CFCE).

The event marked the start of a new chapter at DC while also honouring its past. The CFCE, a legacy project tied to the college's 50th anniversary, will replace the Simcoe building.

"When I reflect on how our small community college has evolved over the past 50 years into a leading post-secondary institution serving communities locally, nationally and even worldwide, I can't help but wonder what the next 50 years will bring," said Don Lovisa, president, DC.

The groundbreaking commenced with a blessing offered by Kim Wheatley, an Anishinaabe Traditional Grandmother, to honour the territory of the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation on which the college sits.

The event also included removing a piece of the Simcoe building to incorporate it into the new CFCE as a symbolic integration of the old with the new.

A crossroad of education, services, supports and community, the CFCE will serve as a unique academic and cultural access point for students that brings together local, Indigenous and global community groups along with members of key business sectors.





# CFF STUDENTS' 5-MILE BURGER IS TOPS AT NATIONAL COMPETITION

A burger, and the story behind it, won the day for Durham College (DC) students at the Taste Canada Cooks the Books national competition, which took place during the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in November.

Culinary Management students Victoria Rinsma and Jonathan Soligo, and Advanced Baking and Pastry Arts student Kristin Atwood represented DC, competing against peers from other colleges.

Each team was paired with a culinary author and tasked with recreating a recipe from their cookbook, along with creating a signature garnish. The DC team took on Barry C. Parsons' recipe for a peanut butter sriracha bacon cheeseburger from his cookbook *Rock Recipes 2*.

Not only was their recipe creative and delicious, but the story behind the dish provided the extra dash of local flair the students needed to win the title of Best New Student Chefs. In their presentation of the burger to competition judges, the students described where each locally-sourced ingredient came from, inspiring Parsons to dub it 'the Five-Mile Burger'.

"Since starting at DC, I have really found a love and passion for locally-sourced food as well as growing your own ingredients," said Rinsma. "Being able to promote and showcase those things at the competition was great."

"We applied our field-to-fork philosophy in making the burger, as we do with everything at the Centre for Food," said the team's proud coach Peter Lee, a professor and program co-ordinator for the college's Culinary programs, which are housed at the Centre for Food (CFF) in Whitby.

Many of the key ingredients such as onions, peppers, zucchini and the student-prepared relish came from the CFF's gardens. The star ingredient, a triple-A sirloin, came from the CFF's Advanced Butchery lab.

In keeping with DC's field-to-fork vision, the team also made beer-battered onion rings with an onion from the CFF gardens and a blonde ale beer from Whitby's own Brock Street Brewing Company.



# DC WINS WHITBY CHAMBER'S BUSINESS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

In November, Durham College (DC) won the prestigious Whitby Chamber of Commerce 2016 Business Achievement Award in the category of Business Achievement (50+ employees) for the development of its Whitby campus.

"On behalf of everyone at DC, I'd like to thank the Whitby Chamber of Commerce for this 2016 Business Achievement Award, which recognizes the college as a valued member of the business community and contributor to the growth of Whitby and Durham Region," said Don Lovisa, president, DC, following the award presentation. "To be acknowledged by our peers in this way is a testament to the tireless work of our employees to enhance the business community through initiatives such as partnerships, program expansion, research and innovation, and creating a healthy workplace."

Over the past six years, DC has invested more than \$45 million at the [Whitby campus](#) to further its evolution into a community hub focused on innovative learning, skilled trades and applied research. The Whitby campus is also home to [W. Galen Weston Centre for Food \(CFF\)](#), which is based on the sustainable field-to-fork concept and features a range of complementary programs in baking, culinary, food and farming, horticulture, hospitality, and event management.

The CFF boasts numerous sustainable features and extensive grounds that include an apple orchard, agricultural planting fields, gardens, hoop house and greenhouses that support applied learning and research while growing produce for use in the CFF's kitchens and laboratories, as well as Bistro '67 and Pantry.





# DC SUPPORTS AWARD-WINNING CANCER RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY

In November, Durham College (DC) proudly shared that its applied research partner, Bykart Software Ltd. (Bykart), in conjunction with the Odette Cancer Centre at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre, had received the prestigious 2016 Quality and Innovation Award from the Cancer Quality Council of Ontario (CQCO).

The award was presented at a ceremony hosted by CQCO in partnership with Cancer Care Ontario, and co-sponsored by the Canadian Cancer Society – Ontario Division.

Bykart was recognized for its Chemotherapy Appointment Reservation Management (CHARM), a revolutionary new software system, developed in partnership with DC, which is fundamentally changing the way care is delivered to cancer patients.

Through collaboration with student and faculty researchers at DC's [Office of Research Services, Innovation and Entrepreneurship \(ORSIE\)](#), Bykart was able to deploy a suite of integrated, health-care application services to complement CHARM's existing functionality and simplify integration into existing hospital software.

Specifically, ORSIE supported the project by delivering a unit test suite for each functional area of the new system for quality assurance, transitioning the existing database structure to a new database platform and developing several web service interfaces to support access to the application by mobile devices such as tablets and smartphones.

The framework was then implemented at the Odette Cancer Centre and the Louise Temerty Breast Cancer Clinic. Results have included:

- An increase in the number of patients treated.
- Reduction in unplanned over-time, which proved cost-effective as well as boosted morale among staff.
- Savings in the cost of training since staff were involved throughout development of the product.



Thane Fitzgerald, director of development, Bykart said, “Our work with both Durham College and the experts at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre has resulted in an award-winning application suite that has been deployed at the Odette Cancer Centre and the Louise Temerty Breast Cancer Clinic. The real reward, however, is that we were able to equip staff with a system that enables them to deliver services more efficiently, thus improving the overall quality of care for people living with cancer.”

“DC is proud to offer top-quality applied research facilities and resources led by a talented team of faculty and student researchers,” said Don Lovisa, president, DC. “Applied research opportunities not only provide an excellent platform for teaching and learning, but enable the college to be involved in leading-edge projects that support the advancement of other industries – in this case, health care. We offer congratulations to Bykart and the Odette Cancer Centre for their success and commitment to enhancing cancer care in Ontario.”



# DC ALUMNI BENEFIT OF THE MONTH: ONTARIO SCIENCE CENTRE

Alumni receive a 20 per cent discount at the Ontario Science Centre for general admission tickets, IMAX films or a combination of both.

Films being shown in the centre's IMAX Dome are include Dream Big, The Human Body and A Beautiful Planet.

To receive this discount, please call 416.696.1000 or 1.888.696.1000 and quote Durham College Alumni Association (organization name) and 5284 (discount code) to purchase tickets.



# SPORTS SHORTS

- The Durham College (DC) women's volleyball team continued its winning streak at the 29th Annual Adidas Cup in early January, walking away with the tournament title for the first time in 12 years. The team finished off its weekend by sweeping the Loyalist Lancers 2-0 (25-11, 25-14) in the final. "It was a great weekend of volleyball in preparation for the second half of the season," said head coach Tony Clarke. By mid-January, the team had not lost a set in conference play since October 28.
- The DC's men's volleyball team brought home winning hardware after beating its competition at the Niagara Invitational in early January. After losing 3-0 to the Georgian Grizzlies earlier this season in conference play, the DC Lords got some redemption by sweeping the same Grizzlies team in the tournament final.
- On January 14, alumni of the DC men's soccer program gathered for the inaugural alumni game against University of Ontario Institute of Technology (UOIT). More than 40 soccer players joined former DC coaches Vaso Vujanovic, Stan Bombino and Mario Bombino and played for two hours at the new Campus Fieldhouse. The inaugural alumni game was such a big success that two more events are being planned (women's team and outdoor games).







# UPCOMING EVENTS: WINTER 2016

## BANK OF CANADA GOVERNOR STEPHEN S. POLOZ VISIT

*Tuesday, March 28*

*10 a.m.*

*Student Services building, Room 116AB*

In honour of Canada's 150th year, and to offer congratulations to Durham College (DC) on its 50th anniversary, Bank of Canada Governor Stephen S. Poloz will visit the DC campus on March 28 where he will discuss the evolution of banking in Canada.

The event is open to alumni from DC, the University of Ontario Institute of Technology (UOIT) and Trent University (Trent).



## BACKBACK2BRIEFCASE (B2B)

There are a number of exciting events happening in the coming months, offered as part of DC's [backpack2Briefcase \(b2B\) program](#).

### ETIQUETTE DINNER

*Monday, March 6, 6 to 9 p.m.  
W. Galen Weston Centre for Food  
Bistro '67, Whitby campus*

*Monday, March 20, 6 to 9 p.m.  
W. Galen Weston Centre for Food  
Bistro '67, Whitby campus*

This dinner, open to graduating students and alumni, is a practical lab where you'll learn how to properly navigate a three-course meal, from the first course all the way through to dessert. Tickets are \$20. Seating is limited so you must purchase a ticket to reserve your seat and dinner.

Tickets may be purchased at:

- School of Business, IT & Management, Room C223.
- School of Justice & Emergency Services, Room F211.
- W. Galen Weston Centre for Food, information desk.
- Office of Development and Alumni Affairs, Campus Corners, Room CC104.

For more information, please contact [Lisa McNerney](#), alumni development officer.

### COUNTDOWN TO GRAD

This pre-grad party gives graduating students the opportunity to learn about convocation, employment services and alumni benefits and receive a free alumni gift.

*Tuesday, March 7  
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Student Services building, lobby Oshawa campus*

*Thursday, March 9  
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Student Lounge, Whitby campus*

*Friday, March 10  
11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
Pickering Learning Site, main lobby*



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