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Do you have a story idea or something to share? Is there anything you would like to read about? We would love to hear from you!

Please [email us](#) with your comments, questions or suggestions.





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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As I watch our new and returning students arrive on campus for the new academic year, I can't help but think about how September once also marked the start of something amazing for you.

I'm sure you've heard by now that DC is once again building something amazing with the Centre for Collaborative Education (CFCE). In this edition of DC Alumni, you'll learn more about how we're fundraising for this ambitious project and how you can get involved, either by joining us for the upcoming Scotiabank Toronto Waterfront Marathon or donating in support of our runners and walkers.

The CFCE is a legacy project tied to the college's 50th anniversary in 2017 and to kick start our upcoming celebrations, we recently launched a new 50th anniversary website that complements the provincial 'start something amazing' year of celebration and recognition.

If you haven't already done so, please take a few minutes to visit the site, complete the brief survey and share your favourite memories of your DC experience. With our milestone birthday just ahead, it's a great time to reconnect with all generations of the DC family. It's a time to gather and share our stories, our successes and challenges, and our pictures and souvenirs from the past while looking ahead at how we can continue to make positive contributions to Durham Region and all the areas you'll find DC alumni.

With all that in mind, I'm pleased to share this edition of DC Alumni with you. As always, this month's issue features a cross-section of our alumni's successes, the positive impact they are having on our communities, along with DC students and employees, and the partnerships the college continues to forge with community and business partners that strengthen the social and economic fabric of Durham Region and well beyond.

DC's reputation as a leader in education and innovation is a source of endless pride for me and a testament to our people. I am constantly hearing about how well-respected the college is thanks to the connections forged by our alumni, students and employees with employers and other community members. It's even more remarkable to think that since opening our doors in 1967, DC's influence and ability to help our communities grow and adapt in a global setting have never been greater.

I hope you'll enjoy this edition of the magazine and that the stories will be as interesting for you as they are for me.

In the meantime, let's stay in touch.

Don



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE DC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

I hope all of you have enjoyed a pleasant summer including spending quality time relaxing with family and friends.

Back in June, I was privileged to be on stage at the General Motors Centre as the spring graduating class of 2016 received their credentials. On behalf of the Durham College (DC) Alumni Association, I was honoured to have the opportunity to congratulate them on their success and officially welcome them to the association. In addition, four outstanding alumni were recognized with DC Alumni of Distinction Awards including Hannah Elkington, Anna Forder, Melody Gaukel and Philip Pritchard. Be sure to check out the story about spring convocation on [page 18](#) and check out [this video tribute](#) to our 2016 DC Alumni of Distinction honorees!

Looking forward, plans are now well underway to mark DC's 50th anniversary in 2017. The college has come a long way from its humble beginnings in 1967 and it's a time to look back on our achievements with pride, while planning for the future of post-secondary education in the 21st century.

Many of you have already heard about plans for construction of the new Centre for Collaborative Education (CFCE) at DC's Oshawa campus. This unique educational environment, a legacy project tied to the 50th anniversary, will serve a new generation of students and the community. Take a moment to learn more about this project and how DC alumni can support a unique effort to turn this vision into a reality. Details are on [page 10](#).

I'd also like to encourage you to set aside some time on Wednesday, September 14 to attend the DC Alumni Association's annual general meeting. The event will be held at the Centre for Food at the Whitby campus beginning at 7 p.m. DC president Don Lovisa will be our guest speaker and will give an update on the CFCE. This will also be an opportunity to ask questions and learn more about the association's activities over the past year and upcoming 50th anniversary year.

I look forward to seeing you there!

Chris Vale, president
DC Alumni Association



PLAY VIDEO

DURHAM COLLEGE LAUNCHES 50TH ANNIVERSARY SURVEY AND WEBSITE

As Durham College (DC) gets closer to celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2017, it has launched its official [50th anniversary website](#). Offering news, updates and event information, the website serves as a hub for DC's anniversary celebrations, where alumni, students and community members can stay informed, entertained and engaged.

The site features photo and video galleries, anniversary special event listings, as well as interesting and unusual facts about DC and the Ontario college system, which will also mark its 50th anniversary next year. DC alumni are encouraged to take part in sharing their campus memories via social media using #DC50 and submitting favourite stories about their favourite DC experiences to the website.

Right now, DC alumni can help get the celebrations rolling by taking a few minutes to complete the [50th anniversary survey](#) and provide input and contributions, ranging from favourite DC anecdotes to photos and artifacts that will shape our celebrations in the year ahead.

"The theme of the 50th anniversary celebrations for both Durham College and Colleges Ontario is 'The Start of Something Amazing' and that's exactly what this website embodies," said Don Lovisa, president, DC. "Designed to evolve as the year unfolds, the site will provide an opportunity for us to invite everyone – alumni, employees, retirees, students and members of the community – to share their memories of where we've been and their vision for where we are going. In particular, it will provide the opportunity to hear how DC has positively influenced some of our most successful alumni via video footage from our President's Panel."

Please be sure to visit the website frequently to stay up-to-date on the latest 50th anniversary news and events and help celebrate with the extended DC family.

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THE CELEBRATION COUNTDOWN IS ON

2017 marks the 50th anniversary of the founding of Durham College (DC), one of the first colleges established under the Ontario college system. The college has come a long way since 1967. From 16 portable classrooms and 205 students to more than 30,000 students, campuses in Oshawa and Whitby and a learning site in Pickering, DC has been meeting the changing needs of students, industry and government for almost five decades.

As our 50th anniversary unfolds, we will be posting news, updates and event information right here on this site. There will also be an opportunity to share stories and photos about amazing starts that began at DC. More information on our 50th anniversary is also available through your favourite social media platforms too including [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) using #DC50.

We've planned a lot of amazing things and you won't want to miss any of it. So check in and connect often to see what's happening at DC and to see how other students, alumni, employees, retirees and members of the community are celebrating.

The Start of Something Amazing starts here.

DC ALUMNI TO MATCH GIFTS FOR THOSE TAKING PART IN SCOTIABANK MARATHON

DC alumni pride for Durham College (DC) will be on display on Sunday, October 16 for the 2016 Scotiabank Toronto Waterfront Marathon (STWM). This year, for the first time, DC is one of the official charities participating in the Scotiabank Charity Challenge, which means participants and teams can seek sponsorship and raise money for a specific cause. All money raised by Run for DC participants will support the construction of the new Centre for Collaborative Education (CFCE) at the Oshawa campus.

The CFCE will replace the college's aging Simcoe building, which was originally built as a temporary structure and opened in 1969. The new facility, a legacy project tied to DC's 50th anniversary in 2017, will bring together local, Indigenous and global communities, providing a new home for several of the college's innovative and ground-breaking programs.

The DC Alumni Association Board has pledged to match all donations from alumni to Run for DC participants, up to a maximum of \$20,000. "Many alumni have passed through the halls of the Simcoe Building since it opened almost 50 years ago, and I think it's fair to say that most of them would agree that it's time for it to be replaced," said Alumni Association president Chris Vale.

"THE NEW CENTRE FOR COLLABORATIVE EDUCATION WILL BE AN **AMAZING LEGACY FOR THE NEXT 50 YEARS OF DC STUDENTS**, AND AS A BOARD, WE WANT TO INSPIRE DC ALUMNI SUPPORT FOR IT."





Hannah Elkington, a 2014 graduate of the Police Foundations program, is one of a number of DC alumni running or walking to support the college's efforts to raise funds for the CFCE. Hannah has had lots of practice both running and giving back to the community, having run 200 kilometres across the Kalahari Desert over four days to support the Impossible2Possible program. Please support Hannah or any of the other members of [Team Durham College](#).

"We're grateful for everyone who has signed up to participate in the event, and especially grateful to the DC Alumni Association for their generous matching funds for alumni donations and to Hannah for going the distance for DC," said Linda Marco, associate vice-president, Office of Development and Alumni Affairs. "We hope that our alumni community will rally and sponsor her, and help the college build the new Centre for Collaborative Education."

To learn more about how you can support DC runners and walkers, both individuals and teams, please visit [Durham College's](#) page on the STWM website. It's a great way to show your support for [this amazing project!](#)

DC AT 50: MEMORIES OF THE FIRST DECADE

Ron Backwell remembers the first day he arrived at Durham College's (DC) Oshawa campus in the spring of 1967. In an open field at the corner of Simcoe Street North and Conlin Road stood several rows of portable classrooms with no sidewalks, fences or parking lots.

"WE WERE WAY OUT IN THE BOONIES," SAID BACKWELL. "THERE WERE COWS AND HORSES FROM WINDFIELDS FARM AND OTHER FARMS WANDERING AROUND NEAR US. WE JUST WENT INTO OUR CLASSROOMS, SAT DOWN AND BEGAN LEARNING."

For Backwell, that first day was the start of a long commitment to DC that saw him obtain diplomas in both Mechanical Drafting and Mechanical Engineering while establishing a successful career as a draftsman and later as a management consultant. As he recalls his early days at the college, laughter and fond memories seem to always be close to the surface.

"We had a computer in one of the portables where my classes were," said Backwell. "That computer, back in the late 1960s, took up almost the whole room. There was one small area where we could sit and feed in the punch cards that were in use back then to have the computer undertake simple tasks. There was just barely enough room for the students and one teacher because the computer was so big."

Unlike today's modern campus eateries, Backwell remembers that there were few food services available at the DC of the 1960s. There were vending machines in one classroom that doubled as a lunchroom, or students could purchase food from a catering truck that stopped by the campus. With only 200 or so students in that first year, he says he and his classmates were quick to learn each other's names and to forge friendships. The student body was overwhelmingly male and all men were required to wear ties to class.



“We had one guy in my class who wouldn’t wear a tie and he was always being warned about it and being threatened with getting kicked out,” he added. “One day he showed up with the gaudiest tie I’d ever seen. Ties back then were maybe an inch wide and his was probably five or six inches wide and he’d tied it so that the smaller end hung way, way down. I don’t think I’d ever laughed as hard as I did when I saw that tie.”

In 1992, Backwell was honoured with an Alumnus of Distinction award for his outstanding career achievements and for the many years he served on the college’s Technology Advisory Committee. The Backwell family’s commitment to DC has also carried over to the next two generations. In 1997, his eldest son, Doug, graduated from the Mechatronics program and his grandson,

Nick, is expected to graduate from the Electrical Engineering Technician program in 2017, five decades on from when Backwell began his own journey at DC. As a talented painter, Backwell has created several acrylic paintings that highlight various buildings and sculptures on the Oshawa campus.

Looking back over the past five decades, did Backwell ever think DC would now grow to encompass campuses in Oshawa, Whitby and a learning site in Pickering while providing education and support to more than 30,000 students?

“Never. Not in my wildest dreams,” he said with a laugh. “But I’m immensely proud and really glad it did.”

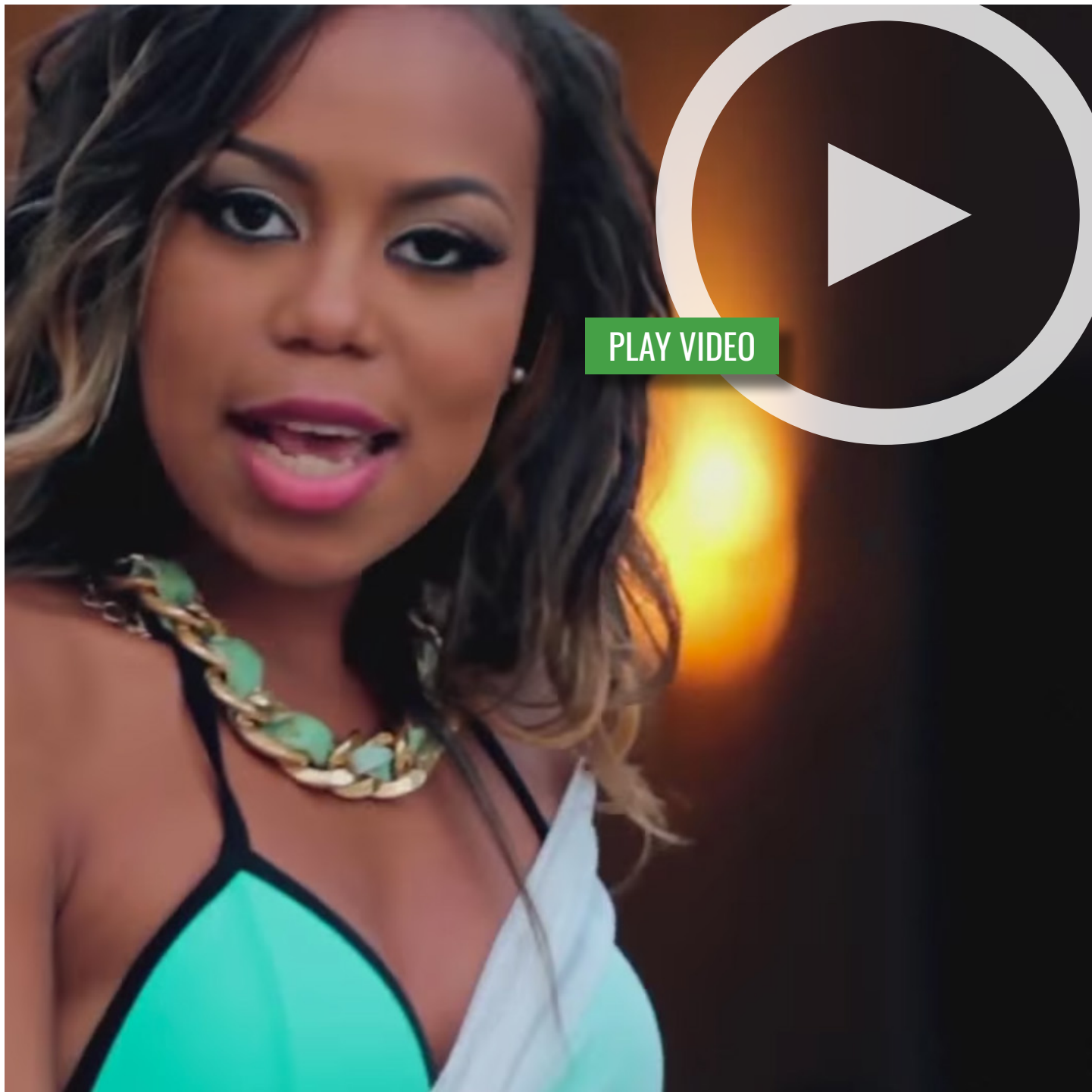
DC GRADUATE MAKES HER MARK

Less than a month after graduating from Durham College (DC) this past June, Sarah Mark, a graduate of the [Music Business Administration](#) program, is certainly making her mark on the Canadian music industry. On June 25 her hit song, 'Tun Up' debuted at number 49 on Canada's Billboard Contemporary Hit Radio chart and quickly climbed to a spot in the top 30.

'Tun Up' is getting airtime on popular radio stations across Canada, including Virgin 99.9 in Toronto and Winnipeg, and even caught the attention of U.S.-based TV personality and radio host Ryan Seacrest.

When she graduated from DC, Mark also landed a spot on another top list: the President's Honour Roll, which recognizes students with a cumulative grade point average of 4.0 or greater.

The two-year Music Business Administration program prepares students for the competitive music industry. Students develop skills in management, marketing, promotion and small business while learning the essentials of event production, live sound reinforcement, studio operations and media.



DC GOVERNOR NAMED TO HONOURS LIST

Durham College (DC) governor Nneka Bowen was recently named one of [100 Accomplished Black Canadian Women](#), a publication that pays tribute to women from across Canada for their social, educational, political and professional accomplishments.

Bowen's accolade highlighted her tireless commitment to education as a member of [DC's Board of Governors](#), as well as her leadership as vice-president, Commercial Banking at Royal Bank of Canada (RBC) of Durham Region. She was also honoured for her contributions to the development of DC students through the hiring and mentoring of summer co-op students and creating RBC projects for University of Ontario Institute of Technology capstone students.

"My sons are my greatest inspirations," said Bowen. "Having grown up with nothing but a dream of what I wanted my future to look like, I am driven every day and with every breath to give them the life I didn't have growing up; to live as an example for them to follow and aspire to achieve and contribute even greater than my most ambitious dreams."

Asked about her secret to success, Bowen offered a piece of wisdom she gives her children:

"NEVER FEEL ENTITLED; WORK TOWARDS YOUR DEFINITION OF SUCCESS, EARN IT, ACHIEVE IT, DO NOT APOLOGIZE FOR IT, AND PAY IT FORWARD."

Even with all her tremendous achievements, Bowen sees the award as a call-to-action to do more to help others live up to their full potential; something she's perfectly positioned for on DC's board, her team at RBC, and in the surrounding communities.



SPRING CONVOCATION HIGHLIGHTS

SUCCESS OF DC GRADS

This year's spring convocation ceremonies saw more than 3,800 Durham College (DC) graduates embark on the next phase of their life journey, witnessed by proud friends, family and DC employees who gathered at the General Motors Centre in Oshawa in mid-June.

Graduates from more than 140 programs received recognition for their accomplishments, as the schools of [Interdisciplinary Studies](#); [Justice & Emergency Services](#); [Media, Art & Design](#); [Continuing Education](#); [Science & Engineering Technology](#); [Skilled Trades, Apprenticeship & Renewable Technology](#); [Business, IT & Management](#); [Health & Community Services](#) and the [Centre for Food](#) were presented with diplomas and certificates during five ceremonies held across three days.

DC president Don Lovisa told graduates to be proud of their accomplishments and to recognize that they have the skills and talent needed to succeed in today's modern job market. He said: "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."

Chris Vale, president of DC's Alumni Association was also on hand to congratulate graduates and encourage them to remain connected to their alma mater through the association's many activities and benefits. He also introduced the 2016 winners of the DC Alumni of Distinction Awards:

- Hannah Elkington, a 2014 [Police Foundations](#) program graduate, who is a police constable with Durham Regional Police Service. During her studies, Hannah participated in the Impossible2Possible Botswana expedition, and in her graduation year, received the prestigious Public Hero Award from the Intercultural Dialogue Institute.
- Anna Forder, a 1971 [Public Relations](#) program graduate, represented Canada in figure skating at the 1968 Olympic Games in Grenoble, France and has worked as a professional figure skating coach, mentoring young skaters in Durham Region for 45 years. She was inducted into the Oshawa Sports Hall of Fame in 1988 and recognized with the Canadian Women's Mentor Award in 2000.



- Melody Gaukel, a 1998 [Public Relations](#) program graduate, is vice-president of Corporate and Financial Services at Environics Communications where she played a major role in promoting the Ontario Tire Stewardship program, and makes time to mentor many DC graduates.
- Philip Pritchard, a 1985 [Sport Administration](#) graduate, has visited more than 35 countries promoting the Hockey Hall of Fame and Museum as well as exhibits in its collection, but is best known for his position as Keeper of the Stanley Cup during the National Hockey League playoffs. In 2009, he received the Schroeder Award, the International Sports Heritage Association's highest honour.

In addition, Katherine E. Cummings, former professor in the School of Health & Community Services, was granted the title of professor emeritus. This honorary designation recognizes the contributions and service of DC's retired employees and was awarded to Cummings for her tireless pursuit of enhanced math literacy for nursing students.

All five spring convocation ceremonies can be viewed on [Durham College's YouTube page](#). DC now boasts more than 76,000 alumni as it prepares to celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2017.

TWO MORE ACCOLADES FOR DC'S CENTRE FOR FOOD

Durham College's (DC) field-to-fork, teaching-inspired restaurant, [Bistro '67](#), located at the [Centre for Food](#) (CFF), was recently honoured with a [Feast ON](#) designation in recognition of its support for local food producers. Sponsored by the [Ontario Culinary Tourism Alliance](#), Feast ON is a criteria-based program that promote restaurants and other businesses that showcase Ontario's unique, locally produced food and beverages.

To receive a Feast ON designation, a restaurant must demonstrate that products grown and made in Ontario make up at least 25 per cent of its annual food and beverage receipts. The program supports Ontario farmers and food providers by encouraging restaurants to buy from local suppliers, which in turn benefits local economies. Feast ON member restaurants purchased more than \$14 million worth of Ontario food and beverages in 2015 and educated consumers about the importance of sustainability in the food and beverage sector.

The field-to-fork concept is based on the harvesting, storing, processing, packaging, sale and consumption of local food for local consumers. Named for the year that DC opened, Bistro '67 seats up to 70 guests and offers a variety of seasonal dishes designed to satisfy any palate, including the Summer Fresh Wednesdays series, which features produce from the CFF gardens. Meals are prepared and served by the college's skilled staff and students, who create flavourful dishes inspired by local ingredients from across Durham Region.

In July, the CFF, including Bistro '67, was also named as a [3 Star Green Certified Restaurant](#) by the [Green Restaurant Association](#), a non-profit that guides restaurants on becoming more environmentally sustainable through its Dine Green program. The 3 Star certification recognizes the college's commitment to environmental sustainability in food and beverage preparation and presentation, and covers a total of nine areas at the facility.

Check out the links in this story to learn more about the Feast ON program, the CFF and Bistro '67.



SMALL FARM, BIG AMBITIONS

In 2015, first-year [Horticulture – Food and Farming](#) student Alisha Kingsley wanted to gain some experience in her chosen field before starting her course work. She connected with Jason Atkins and Brenda Brown, two Whitby residents who wanted to enjoy homegrown food throughout the year by building a greenhouse that utilized a 760-gallon aquaponics system to feed crops placed in raised beds.

Kingsley began supervising every aspect of the project, including the construction and installation of the water and feeding systems and daily maintenance and care of the plants. It was a task she happily accepted and one that has proven to be the perfect way for her to hone her horticultural skills. Kingsley has faced a number of challenges – excavating the pit where the greenhouse now stands took 100 hours alone – but she views them as an opportunity to learn.

“My Durham College education has run parallel with the practical experience from the mini farm and my main goal in both is to learn,” said Kingsley. “I’ve learned about the families of crops, their needs, and what I need to do to grow delicious food.”

With construction of the greenhouse now finished, troubleshooting occupies a large portion

of Kingsley’s time as she cares for each individual crop, monitoring its needs and maintaining the aquaponics system that feeds the plants. Over the past summer, in addition to staying on the lookout for pests and disease that could damage the crops, Kingsley worked with Atkins and Brown to create an outdoor permaculture garden complete with fruit trees and perennial crops.

“Alisha was the best thing that could have happened to this project. We all underestimated what it would take to build a greenhouse,” remarked Brown. “One scoop of dirt, one piece of wood, one pane of glass at a time, it came together. Alisha’s ability to problem solve has proven to be invaluable in the flexibility required to get it done.”

Using all the knowledge she gained through this project and her first year of studies, Kingsley plans to keep working with her new friends to build the garden to be environmentally sustainable, ensuring that the plants grow harmoniously and no materials are wasted.

“After finishing my first year of school, I now understand all aspects of my due diligence as a farmer and I can make educated decisions building a business of my own. Making the decision to attend DC has set my farming plans in motion,”



DC HOSTS IDEA SUMMIT

Durham College (DC) was proud to be one of the key players at the first-ever Idea Summit, which was held at DC's Centre for Food in early May. The summit saw representatives from eight of Durham Region's largest employers come together with the Ontario Chamber of Commerce (OCC) to begin the process of developing a new strategy aimed at creating jobs and stimulating investment and innovation in the region.

DC president Don Lovisa was one of the catalysts for the event, with the college, 360 Insights, AECOM, General Motors of Canada, Lakeridge Health, Ontario Power Generation, Spark Innovation Centre, and the University of Ontario Institute of Technology all in attendance along with the OCC and leadership from chambers of commerce and boards of trade across Durham Region. The chief executive officers (CEOs) of each organization committed a total of 90 employees and partners to be part of the full-day session, which was full of energy, engagement and discussion about how to move the community forward.

"It is clear that Durham Region is in an early maturation stage of an innovative economy and therefore it is critical that our local business leaders come together to develop a new community vision to drive innovation, growth,

productivity and workforce development," said Lovisa. "Together we are proud to play a role in this community-wide effort, which will lead to positive change and innovation throughout the region."

A number of objectives were identified as priorities for the coming months, including establishing a common and clear vision for Durham Region to be endorsed and supported by all levels of government, business and other organizations, and the broader community.

In the weeks after the summit, the CEOs took ownership of the different ideas and began holding meetings to continue to build momentum on the issues that were raised during the summit.

They will reconvene early in 2017 to discuss the progress they have made thus far on meeting their objectives.

The summit was the first step in what is expected to be an ongoing process designed to increase local job growth and investment in the area through a long-term dialogue that will provide recommendations to all levels of government on ways to improve Durham Region's competitiveness and help attract investment opportunities.



Key Priorities in 2016-2017

In what ways can the Durham Region grow and Prosper? What needs to happen? What must we do?

- Brainstorm at your tables
- Please capture all your ideas in your table "tab"
- Aim: > 5 ideas per table



DC, UOIT AND OPG RENEW PARTNERSHIP

Ontario Power Generation (OPG) is continuing its support of post-secondary students in Durham Region, recently renewing its decade-long partnership with Durham College (DC) and the University of Ontario Institute of Technology (UOIT). The \$5 million investment will support capital expenditures, educational programs, equipment, scholarships and bursaries for students at both institutions.

The collaboration between the three organizations began in November 2005 to meet the need for 'career-ready' workers available for employment in the Canadian nuclear industry and provide training opportunities for OPG employees to build their skills through industry-related college and university programs.

"We are offering students access to the highest level of curricula in technical areas specific to the current nuclear industry," says Don Lovisa, president, DC. "This renewed funding commitment will enable us to enhance our equipment and facilities and provide our students with a learning environment designed to prepare them for immediate entry into the workforce."

The funding, to be provided in annual installments over the next five years, will help with the acquisition of training and mock-up equipment for both the college and university. DC will continue to align its science, apprenticeship, skilled trades and technology programs to meet employment criteria outlined by OPG to produce qualified graduates that meet the requirements for operations and maintenance programs in the energy industry. The college and university will also work together to implement bridging programs to enable DC students to enter UOIT degree programs with advanced standing in order to produce graduates with a greater range of technical skills and knowledge.

"We believe this partnership creates educational and research opportunities for students who go on to become leaders in our industry and our community," says Jeffrey Lyash, OPG president and chief executive officer. "OPG is proud to continue our partnership with Durham College and the University of Ontario Institute of Technology."



DC STUDENTS THANK THEIR HOST EMPLOYERS

A special group of Durham College (DC) supporters were honoured at the Centre for Food in early May when the college paid tribute to the employers who take part in its field placement and practicum programs.

Each year more than 5,000 students are given the opportunity to put their classroom experience to practical use in workplaces throughout Durham Region and the Greater Toronto Area. More than 600 businesses, non-profit organizations and government agencies serve as hosts for DC students in sectors including business, health, justice, science and technology.

When addressing attendees, Dr. Elaine Popp, vice-president, Academic, DC, shared that field placements are a two-way street. They give students the opportunity to gain self-confidence and practical knowledge, while providing employers with a chance to share their knowledge with potential new members of their workforce.

"It is our sincere hope that you enjoy a sense of satisfaction and pride in knowing that you are helping to provide our students with the skills and expertise they need to take on an active role in your industries," said Dr. Popp. "It's a classic win-win situation and all of us at DC are keen to see it continue to grow and expand in the years ahead."

Highlights of the evening included the remarks delivered by both DC students and graduates who spoke about the importance of building trust and support with their co-workers during their placements. Sarah Harrison-Edge, a [Communicative Disorders Assistant](#) program student, felt both welcomed and appreciated during her field placements.

"It was like I was already a part of the team because everyone valued my ideas, appreciated my input and were thankful for my help," said Harrison-Edge. "I was encouraged to keep in touch with everyone I met at both agencies."

The event also highlighted some of the organizations that have been involved as employer hosts for several decades, such as the Ontario Shores Centre for Mental Health Sciences and Distress Centre Durham. Stephanie Ball, executive dean of the School of Justice & Emergency Services, summed up the impact of all of the college's employer hosts, both past and present.

"Quite simply, when it comes to producing graduates who are smart, savvy and job-ready, we couldn't do it without you," she said.



DC ALUMNI BENEFIT OF THE MONTH – RIPLEY'S AQUARIUM OF CANADA

Durham College (DC) alumni enjoy savings of 15 to 20 per cent off the price of admission to [Ripley's Aquarium of Canada](#) in Toronto. Getting your discount tickets is quick and easy:

- Visit the aquarium's [Preferred Partner Store](#) to purchase your tickets.
- Enter the following user name: durcol.
- Enter the following password: 288durc.
- Select the promotional code tab and enter PDURC to access special offers.
- Choose your ticket options and complete your purchase.
- Your e-tickets to the aquarium will be sent to your designated email address.

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





UPCOMING EVENTS: FALL 2016

DC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, September 14

7 p.m.

Centre for Food, 1604 Champlain Avenue,
Whitby campus

Learn more about your DC [Alumni Association](#) and cast your votes to fill openings on the association's Board of Directors. Guest speaker: Don Lovisa, president, Durham College.

CAMPUS CUP

Wednesday, September 14

Men's game at 7 p.m.
Vaso's Field

Cheer on the Durham Lords men's soccer team as it takes on the UOIT Ridgebacks at the seventh annual Campus Cup.

SUMMER FRESH WEDNESDAYS

Every Wednesday until September 28

Bistro 67

Centre for Food, Whitby campus
5 to 8 p.m.

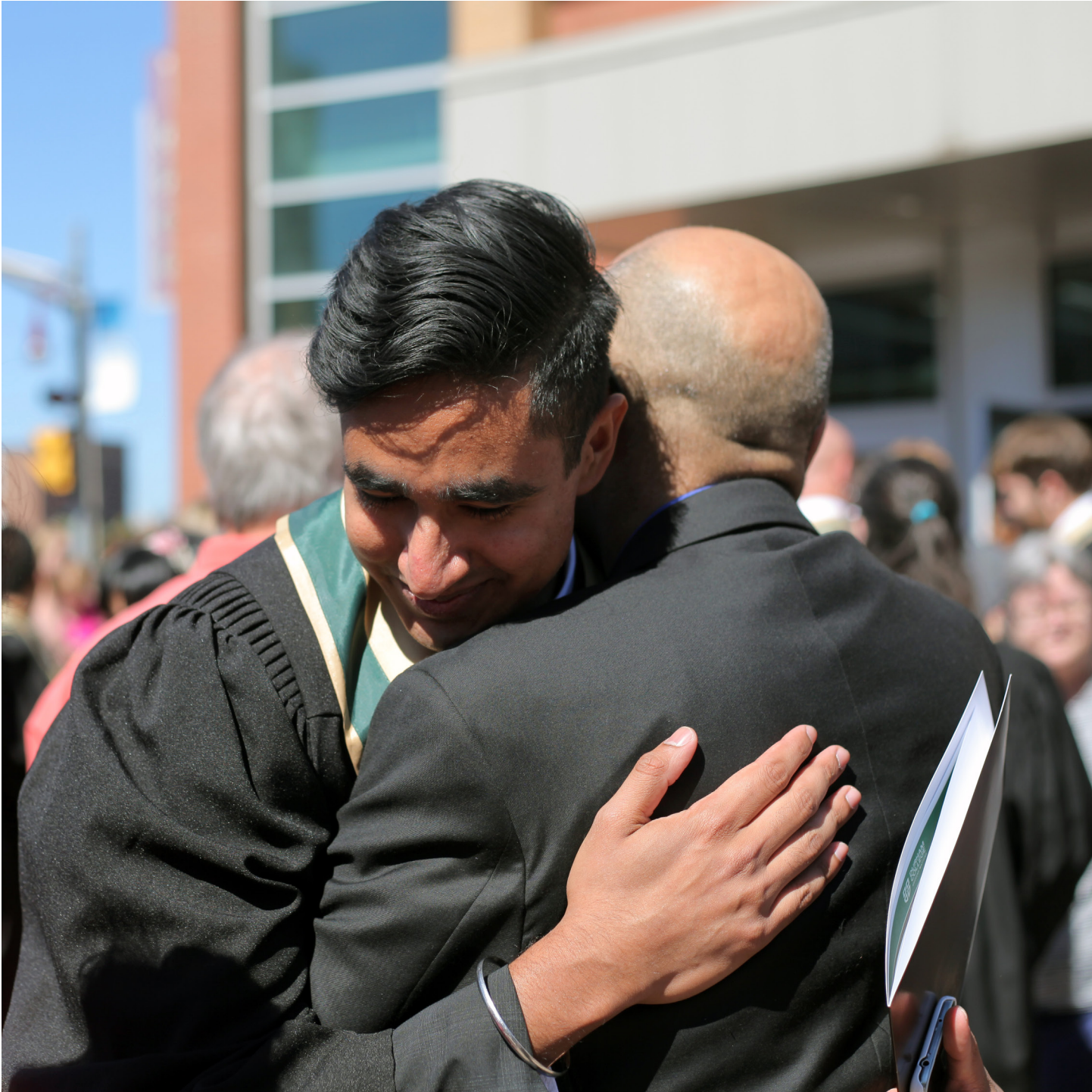
Enjoy a three course \$25 summer fresh menu harvested from the Centre for Food's gardens by our food and farming students.

FALL CONVOCATION

Thursday, October 27

General Motors Centre
6:30 p.m.

Full details available [here](#).





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