

A GUIDE FOR **NEW** GRADUATES

CONGRATS

CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME TO THE **DURHAM COLLEGE ALUMNI FAMILY**

As a graduate of Durham College (DC), you are now a lifetime member of the DC Alumni Association (DCAA), a network of more than 95,000 other graduates that offers many opportunities to continue your personal and professional growth. Your membership in the DCAA is automatic and comes with many benefits and services; your success will continue to matter to us.

Benefits

We encourage you to take advantage of all that being a DC alumni has to offer. Benefits include:

- Discount program providing access to more than 100 venues, restaurants, stores, attractions and travel opportunities, such as Canada's Wonderland and Via Rail.
- Access to the Campus Library.
- Discounted membership at the Campus Recreation and Wellness Centre.
- Access to the services offered by the Career Development office.
- Exclusive rates on home, auto, travel and small business insurance.

Accessing your benefits

New this year is DC Alumni Connect, a mobile app meant to make staying connected after graduation more rewarding.

Through the app, DC alumni can browse more than 100 food, fashion, travel and entertainment perks and stay up-to-date when it comes to exclusive alumni contests and events. The app also provides access to a digital alumni card, making it easier to unlock perks and offers while shopping, dining or traveling.

DC Alumni Connect is available through the Apple and Google Play stores or www.dcalumniconnect.ca.



STAY CONNECTED



Visit our alumni webpage at www.durhamcollege.ca/alumni for DCAA news. You can also update your personal information so we can continue to stay in touch. Follow us on social media to get up-to-date notices on events, information and news.

DC Alumni LinkedIn and Facebook – @durhamcollegealumni | Twitter – @Alumni_DC
Instagram – @alumni_dc | Email – alumni@durhamcollege.ca





Resources – life after DC

Figuring out the next steps after graduation can be a challenge which is why the DCAA is proud to provide you with the same free access to the career development services you experienced as a student. Visit the Hired Portal at hired.durhamcollege.ca to view job postings exclusive to DC alumni or book an appointment with a career coach to aid in your success.

We also offer the backpack2Briefcase program to help recent grads make a smooth transition from college to the workplace. To find out more about these resources which will help get your career started, visit www.durhamcollege.ca/alumni.

Read all about it

The DC Alumni Magazine is distributed four times a year as an online publication. It contains updates on what's happening at the college including news, events and sports articles. You can also view it online at www.durhamcollege.ca/alumnipublications.

To ensure you receive it, please subscribe by contacting alumni@durhamcollege.ca.

Pay It Forward

As a new grad, you know at DC the student experience come first, in part thanks to alumni who give back through volunteering or financial contributions.

There are many ways to give of your time at the college including serving as a mentor, becoming a campus tour guide, sitting on a program advisory committee or serving on the DCAA Board of Directors. Visit www.durhamcollege.ca/alumnivolunteers for more information on the various opportunities.

If you would like to support DC with a financial donation there are also a number of choices for philanthropy. Whether it's contributing to building new spaces on campus or supporting a bursary or scholarship, gifts to DC help ensure the college can meet the needs of its students.

For more information on how to financially give to DC visit www.durhamcollege.ca/giving.

Recognizing Our Alumni

We are proud of our alumni and want to recognize their achievements. The DCAA does this in a number of ways.

Given each year, the Alumni of Distinction Award honours the extraordinary contributions DC grads make to society while achieving career success. DC grads are also featured in alumni spotlights and inducted into Sports Hall of Fame.

The college also nominates alumni for Colleges Ontario's yearly Premier's Awards.

Visit www.durhamcollege.ca/notablealumni to learn more.

KPI Opportunity

DC is able to ensure the success of its students and graduates through data collected from the Key Performance Indicators (KPI) survey. Since 1998, colleges have been mandated by the Ontario government to collect and report performance data in five areas – graduate satisfaction, student satisfaction, employer satisfaction, employment rate and graduation rate. Gathered by an independent research company, the KPI results show that Ontario's colleges achieve consistently high results when measured by students, graduates and employers.

As a recent grad, you may be contacted by phone to complete the survey. Similarly, your employer may be asked to complete the survey but will only be allowed to do so with your permission.

KPIs are not meant to gauge the individual but the overall effectiveness of the college.

For more information about KPIs at DC, please visit www.durhamcollege.ca/kpi.

