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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to 2020!

It's hard to believe we're two months into a new year and decade. So much has happened since our last issue, and just like our alumni who are out in the world doing amazing things, Durham College (DC) is looking forward to a number of new beginnings and an exciting year ahead.

Over the past several months, I've spoken to many of our alumni who have commented on how DC continues to change and grow at such a rapid pace. Our graduates are proud to be associated with a college that is leading the way in so many diverse and exciting areas. It's rewarding to know that the communities we serve see DC in the same light.

We continue to expand the comprehensive nature of our academic programs by responding to the demands of the marketplace with unique degree program offerings, like our Honours Bachelor of Behavioural Science and the advancement of four additional degree proposals. These programs are career-focused and integrate theory with intensive applied learning so that our graduates possess the comprehensive knowledge and practical experience that is a requirement for jobs in many of today's competitive sectors.

A growing number of post-secondary graduates are also returning to college. To support them, we have expanded on and enhanced our graduate certificate programs so that students can withstand the challenges that a changing economy and technological advancements bring.

As a college, it is critical that we continue to evolve, adapt and innovate to ensure we are preparing our graduates for rewarding careers, much like we have done for the past 50 years. Our applied research activities and research hubs are also part of that evolution – like our Centre for Cybersecurity Innovation, which was announced earlier this month. As you'll read in this issue, they provide students with experiential learning, connect them to industry and build critical skills for success.

So many great things are on the horizon for DC, our students and you – our alumni. We hope you will continue to follow along with us and also share your own stories of success.

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DC President Don Lovisa (middle) alongside alumni Gabby De Sousa (left) and Nicholas Coleman (right) at the DC Talks: Alumni Series event in February.



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE DC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

It may not feel like it yet, but spring is just around the corner – and as we near convocation, the Durham College Alumni Association (DCAA) is preparing for a busy few months ahead. Soon we will be welcoming a new cohort of alumni into our membership!

Next month, the Office of Development and Alumni Affairs will be assisting graduating students as they prepare for convocation at the annual Countdown to Grad event at both Oshawa and Whitby campuses and the Pickering Learning Site. Members of the DCAA board will also be helping to select this year's Leaders of the Future award recipients as part of the Student Leadership Awards committee. Presented annually at Spring Convocation, this award is given to graduating students who have demonstrated consistent and outstanding leadership both inside and outside of the classroom.

As our students cross the stage at convocation in June, they will become official members of the DCAA – but did you know that DC retirees are also considered honorary alumni? Retirees, just like alumni, are a big part of the DC family. From investing in the college professionally and personally, to helping move capital campaigns forward through generous donations, our retirees have provided valuable service and commitment to our students during their career. It's our hope that as a member of the DCAA, our alumni and retirees can stay connected or re-connect, and can take advantage of our amazing benefits.

If you know an alumni or retiree who may not be aware of the benefits that await them, I and the rest of the DCAA encourage you to share this publication so they can learn more. As always, you can also visit our alumni page at www.durhamcollege.ca/alumni or find us on social media at @durhamcollegealumni and @Alumni_DC.

Cameron Ackerblade
President
Class of 2005



LOVE AT DC

LORRAINE AND MARK FULLER

Lorraine and Mark both graduated in 1990. Lorraine from Business Administration – Accounting and Mark from Business Administration – Marketing.

How did the two of you meet?

Lorraine: When we were at DC, a group of us would meet for lunch and study breaks. At the time, many of us had responsibilities outside college with families and part-time jobs, so it was more beneficial to try to get as much homework done at the school where we could focus. During these breaks is probably where Mark and I spent a lot of time together talking and getting to know each other. We often attended pub nights together, too. To be honest, I can't tell you when our first date was, the transition from friendship to partnership happened so gradually.

Any special memories from your time at DC together?

Lorraine: We were married in the August 1989, and graduated June 1990. In our final year, there was a strike which caused fall semester exams to be rescheduled into the new year. I missed those exams, as I had our first child on January 4, which was the first day of exams. Mark also missed an exam that day but wrote one the next day. Regardless of the life events happening around us, we both graduated.

What does your career look like today?

Lorraine: I work as a co-ordinator, Financial Reporting and Planning with the City of Oshawa, and Mark is currently an account manager for a local company, WEGU Manufacturing Inc. We have both also volunteered with a number of organizations in the community over the years, including sports teams, clubs and recreational groups, have sat on committees at work and for professional organizations and are both members of the Durham College Alumni Association.

What does your life together look like?

Lorraine: Mark and I just celebrated our 30th anniversary, have two wonderful children together and are still in contact with many of the people we met at DC. We both plan on working for the short term, and have some property up in Apsley that we enjoy going to. We both love the outdoors and plan to continue canoeing, camping and hiking when and where we can.



MEGHAN MURRAY AND DUSTIN HADLEY

Meghan and Dustin both graduated from Police Foundations in 2012. Meghan also graduated from the Youth, Justice and Interventions graduate certificate program in 2013.

How did the two of you meet?

Meghan: We officially met in an ethics class taught by the wonderful Patricia Kimmerer (also known as PK). We had to get into assigned groups to decide who would survive a plane hijacking. Dustin and I fought for one of the hypothetical passengers, a pregnant woman, who wasn't sure about keeping the baby or not. PK specifically said we had to have a majority vote, and Dustin and I won over the other group members and saved our passenger! Dustin would say that he saw me before this, but didn't know how to approach me. After that, I introduced him to the other few amazing people I had just met and we all became great friends, and eventually Dustin and I became more.

Any special memories from your time at DC together?

Meghan: I think my favourite memories were when we and our group of friends would go out to lunch together, or to Dustin's house to watch Harry Potter. Also, being in class together, laughing together, or when we would get in trouble for holding hands in class.

What does your career look like today?

Meghan: Today I am currently an employment consultant with Canadian Hearing Services. I assist deaf and hard of hearing individuals with employment, accessibility, human rights, and educating the public. I am also the project coordinator for most youth projects. Dustin is currently the manager of inventory at Medicine Wheel Natural Healing and also freelances in web design, marketing, and community events.

What does your life together look like?

Meghan: We got married in October 2018 and are currently living in our home we bought together with my sister and our adorable fur-babies (two cats, two dogs, and hopefully more soon). We spend a lot of our time together playing games (video for him, cards or board games for me!), walking outside with our puppies, and spending time with family and friends.



ASHLEY AND TRAVIS SCOLA

Ashley graduated from Dental Hygiene in 2011 and Travis from Mechanical Engineering Technology in 2012.

How did the two of you meet?

Travis: My wife and her roommates were looking for two more people to fill the house they were living in off campus. We briefly met and she approved the addition of myself and my friend. The following school year we were living in the same house together. Two months later, we began dating.

What was your favorite spot on campus?

Travis: The Gym. Ashley loved playing basketball, and I used to play indoor soccer.

What do you both do now?

Travis: I am the innovation manager at Minus Forty Technologies (a freezer/refrigeration company). I've been with the company for almost seven years and started there as the lab technician after graduating from the Mechanical Engineering Technology program at Durham College. After five years in the dental industry working as a registered dental hygienist, my wife is now a court reporter/transcriptionist and will be managing the court reporting company she works for once she is back from maternity leave.

Any milestones you are celebrating?

Travis: We welcomed our baby boy and future DC grad, Ezra Scola, late last year.

MILESTONES

Did you find love at DC and recently get married? Have you welcomed a new addition to your family or celebrated an exciting career milestone?

Let us know by visiting www.durhamcollege.ca/alumni/updateyourinfo.



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: ERMINIO LABRIOLA

Erminio Labriola came to Durham College (DC) thirty years ago with a dream of pursuing a job that would allow him to create something from the ground up.

“I’ve always enjoyed building,” says Erminio, who graduated from DC’s Civil Engineering Technology program in 1992. “The courses at DC were creative and interactive, and the instructors were seasoned professionals. They offered real-world experiences and stories and that, along with the theory I was learning in class, really inspired my desire to pursue a career in construction. My project management, structural and design classes really gave me a better understanding of how all the pieces work together and those lessons have remained with me throughout my career.”

After college, Erminio worked for a few years at a geotechnical consulting firm, overseeing infrastructure for a housing development, and then moved into a role at a civil engineering company. It was during this time he became specifically interested in residential construction and took an entry-level position at Brookfield Residential to get his feet wet in the industry.

Since then, he’s worked his way up the corporate ladder, earning the title of vice president of Construction for the leading North American new home builder and land developer. Today, Erminio oversees ten ongoing residential projects that are enhancing communities across southern Ontario.

“The best part of my job is connecting with people and watching a newly constructed house become a home,” remarks Erminio. “Returning to finished communities is extremely rewarding as many team members have been involved – design, concept, trades, marketing, sales – and all work together to deliver an amazing finished product. It’s great seeing smiles, hearing laughter and witnessing the overall happiness of the residents who will now create the foundation of a community.”

As vice president, Erminio and his team have also won numerous awards for their design and construction and were named Builder of the Year by the Durham Region Homebuilders’ Association in 2010. They’ve also received nominations for their outstanding customer care, product design and community design in Toronto and the surrounding GTA.

“Industry awards are extremely important to us as they offer an opportunity for us to celebrate and acknowledge our hard work,” Erminio explains. “We strive to improve and build industry standards while providing the best customer experience.”

As Erminio looks towards the future of his own career, and the careers of those entering the industry, he is excited about the potential for innovation through new technology and the development of Smart Cities and has high hopes for the future generation of builders and designers.

“I am so pleased DC is expanding programs in the skilled trades sector. We are facing a demand for skilled workers who can fulfill the housing construction growth,” says Erminio. “The housing industry must continually evolve and stay ahead of demand so that it can adapt to the changing environment. Innovation in the housing industry will result in efficient living experiences at home. I really believe technology will make everyone’s life better at home and at work.”



PREMIER'S AWARDS NOMINEES 2019

The Premier's Awards celebrate the achievements and social and economic contributions of Ontario's notable college graduates.

Presented annually, these awards recognize graduates in the following seven categories – Apprenticeship, Business, Community Services, Creative Arts and Design, Health Sciences, Recent Graduate and Technology.

In 2019, three Durham College (DC) graduates were nominated across several categories, including Business, Community Services and Health Sciences.



From left: Andy Popko, Cailey Jones and Bev Woods.

ANDY POPKO

Andy graduated from DC's Public Relations program in 1987 and has spent over 40 years in the oil and energy sector working closely with western Canada's Indigenous peoples to develop equitable joint venture partnerships that will protect Indigenous land rights. For his work, he was named an honorary Chief at Heart Lake First Nations and also won a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Tribal Chiefs Institute in 2003. Presented on behalf of the Treaty 6 Chiefs, Andy is the first non-Indigenous person to be presented with the award. In 2004, he was also recognized as a Durham College Alumni of Distinction. Today, he is vice-president of Aboriginal Relations at NC Services Group Limited and a director at energy start-up Bitcrude. Andy was nominated for a Premier's Award in the Business category.

CAILEY JONES

Over the last ten years, Cailey has worked her way up from volunteer to full-time teacher, vice-principal and finally principal of Botshabelo Urban Kids Educentre (UKE) in Midrand, South Africa. A 2010 graduate of DC's Early Childhood Education program, she is driven by the knowledge that early access to education can change a child's life. Over the past nine years, she's helped build Botshabelo's preschool program from the ground up, filling a need for children who may not otherwise access preschool education. In her role as principal, she

introduced play-based learning, parent workshops, standardized assessment processes, and regular teacher evaluations and training. In 2019, she was recognized as an Alumna of Distinction at Durham College and was a guest speaker during the Global Grad event. She was nominated for a Premier's Award in the Community Services category.

BEV WOODS

Bev has given thousands of people a reason to smile over her 39-year career. Since graduating from DC's Dental Assisting program in 1980 and the Dental Hygiene program in 1986, she has worked in both general practice and public health as a dental hygienist, consultant, and as a member and past president of numerous dental hygiene associations. In 2009, Woods founded Gift from the Heart (GFTH), a non-profit organization and annual one-day event that brings together dental hygienists across the country to offer no-cost dental hygiene services to those unable to afford or access care. The event has provided over \$1.2 million in no-cost dental hygiene care to vulnerable populations over the past ten years. In recognition of Woods' generous work with GFTH and meaningful contributions to dental hygiene and her community, she was recognized as a Durham College Alumna of Distinction in 2019. She was nominated for a Premier's Award in the Health Sciences category.

DONOR SPOTLIGHT – SHELLEY JONES

Education and innovation have been key throughout Shelley Jones's life. She began college at just 16, graduating from Durham College's (DC) Law Clerk Advanced program in 1985 and later receiving a Bachelor of Arts in Political Studies from Queen's University and a Bachelor of Laws in Common Law from the University of Ottawa. Her career since has been incredibly fulfilling: from interning at Yahoo! in California and becoming a lawyer and registered trademark agent with expertise in trademark law, to working for BlackBerry and then leading stakeholder relations for the Intellectual Property Institute of Canada, of which she is a member and Fellow – she's seemingly done it all.

When Shelley was recruited to establish the National Inventors Hall of Fame Canada (NIHF), a Canadian not-for-profit organization, she jumped at the opportunity. It would allow her to continue following her passion for intellectual property law and bring her back to education – this time by helping to inspire youth.

"I love working at the National Inventors Hall of Fame Canada. The stories of our Inductees, all world-changing inventors, are inspiring, and through our innovative STEM educational programs we introduce students to the invention process through hands-on, creative problem-

solving activities and project-based learning, which really helps them understand their own potential," says Shelley. "As an intellectual property professional, I am particularly proud of how these programs introduce entrepreneurship and IP concepts to students from Kindergarten to Grade 12 in a fun and engaging way."

Throughout her career, Shelley has also continued to strengthen her connection with DC. Named to the Alumna of Distinction in 1995, she participated on the President's Panel for the Building Something Amazing campaign in 2017, and delivered an address to graduates at that year's spring convocation. More recently, she returned to her alma mater in a professional capacity by bringing Camp Invention to DC this past summer, along with a reception for NIHF Canada hosted by DC President Don Lovisa.

"I was thrilled to have the opportunity to host Camp Invention, our summer enrichment program at DC, and I'm excited to be back again this summer," says Shelley. "With a focus on STEM and entrepreneurship, our program aligns perfectly with DC and its programs and resources."

She is also a longstanding DC donor, helping to support the construction of both the W. Galen Weston Centre for Food and the Centre for Collaborative Education, where Camp Invention took place.

“Giving back is so important to the vitality of our institution, especially in terms of dollars required to provide the best student experience,” remarks Shelley. “It’s a great feeling to be associated with DC and know that I remain very connected to my alma mater.”

As a donor, Shelley’s support currently goes towards the Student Experience Fund, which is used to support the college’s top priorities. The fund is currently focused on increasing enrolment in the skilled trades through the expansion of the Skills Training Centre at the Whitby campus.

“Regular giving is so easy and seamless, and you can see the results that the donations make for students – those attending the college today, but also in the future,” says Shelley. “There are various ways to contribute and I’m truly happy to support the great work DC is doing in this way.”

If you would like more information on how to support DC, please contact sally.hillis@durhamcollege.ca.



DURHAM COLLEGE LAUNCHES CENTRE FOR PROFESSIONAL AND PART-TIME LEARNING

The School of Continuing Education at Durham College (DC) is now the [Centre for Professional and Part-time Learning](#) (PPL). With extraordinary customer service at its core, PPL will deliver quality part-time programs and courses to individuals who are looking for professional development opportunities, as well as to students seeking credit towards a post-secondary credential.

“The world of learning is changing, especially when it comes to continuing education,” said Dr. Elaine Popp, vice president, Academic, at DC. “Today’s professionals understand that staying competitive in their field requires a commitment to continual upskilling and development. Durham College understands that these professionals require flexible learning that meets their needs. This is why we are so excited to introduce the Centre for Professional and Part-time Learning as the next step in the evolution of lifelong learning at DC.”

The market-driven programming is focused primarily on the areas of health, technology, business, education and training, languages, and specialized trades. Offering more than 1,000 courses and 75 programs across a broad range of disciplines, PPL will continue to leverage the wealth of experience provided by DC faculty and provide students with flexible learning opportunities via in-class, online and hybrid delivery.

“Industry and learner needs are shifting rapidly and the transformation of Continuing Education into PPL will ensure that the college is able to maintain its reputation as a leader in lifelong learning,” said dean Debbie Johnston. “We are committed to meeting, anticipating and adapting to the needs of learners both today and going forward.”

PPL offices remain in the location of the former School of Continuing Education at the Oshawa campus in Room A160, Gordon Willey building (near the main entrance to the B Wing).



A SPOTLIGHT ON ENACTUSDC'S GIRLS ENPOWER PROJECT

Alexandra Gillis is an EnactusDC team member who serves as the Girls EnPower project leader. She graduated from Durham College's (DC) Horticulture – Food and Farming program in April 2019 and is currently enrolled in an online French certificate through the School of Professional and Part-time Learning.

Describe the Girls enPower project and your goals and objectives.

Alexandra: Girls EnPower is a mentorship program for girls aged 10 to 17 that seeks to overcome the gender and financial barriers faced by many young women in our community. Our program builds confidence, self esteem and a brighter financial future through the journey of entrepreneurship.

Last year we started She-Ro, an artisan jam company, with our members, and this year we plan to diversify into other handmade goods. The girls in our program are involved in every step of the process, including ideation, product development, marketing, branding and direct selling of the goods. We host bi-weekly sessions, each with a different theme surrounding various aspects of entrepreneurship and/or promoting confidence and self-esteem.

What influenced you to become involved with EnactusDC and this particular project?

Initially, I was asked by my instructor Wendy Smith if I would be interested in assisting with a mentorship program which involved producing a jam with young girls. I had no idea what Enactus was or the true scope of the project, which was at the time led by faculty advisor Sara Mercier. The more involved I became, the more I began to love the project and was inspired by the Enactus community as a whole.

What lessons have you learned at DC that have helped you along the way?

During my time at DC, I have learned how beneficial it can be to work with a group of people from a wide variety of backgrounds as it can really help open your mind to contrasting perspectives.

Who are the partners/stakeholders involved in this project?

We are currently partnered with the Durham District School Board, specifically with Queen Elizabeth Public School in Oshawa and are planning a full day conference for their Grade 7 and 8 girls called She Owns It. This event is slated to take place in April of this year and will be a fun-filled day centred around female empowerment with the theme of encouraging entrepreneurship.

What do you love most about working on this project?

There are so many things I love about working with Girls enPower, but I would have to say the most rewarding is seeing our members gain confidence and truly become engaged in the workshops.

What impact are you making on your organization, community, DC or those around you?

As a group, Girls enPower is positively impacting our community through the empowerment of local girls, as we inspire and guide them as they become the next generation of entrepreneurs, while giving them the tools to become confident adults who will empower others.

What are your plans for the future?

I plan to start a health food business that I created during my fourth semester Artisan Product Development class, while continuing to help run my family's furniture and interior decorating business.



ALUMNI PROFILE – ELLEN STITT

As a Walkerton, Ontario native, providing access to safe, clean drinking water has been Ellen Stitt's calling since 2000. That year, more than 2,300 people in her hometown became sick and seven people lost their lives after a heavy rainfall event caused the drinking water supply to become contaminated with E.coli. It was this crisis event that influenced Ellen's career path and saw her pursue a Water Quality Technician diploma at Durham College (DC).

"Durham College gave me the education, skills and support I needed to become a treatment plant operator and help prevent major events, like the Walkerton E.coli outbreak, from ever happening again," says Ellen, who graduated from DC in 2013.

It's been seven years since she earned her diploma and in that time Ellen has fostered an incredible career. Currently, she works as a senior operator and mechanic with the Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA) and is the marketing manager for the Ontario Association of Sewage Industry Services. In 2016, she was a recipient of the OCWA Marine Citizenship Award and was a finalist for the Water Environment Association of Ontario's Outstanding Young Professional Award and the Water's Next Young Professional Award in 2018.

Aside from her operational responsibilities as a senior operator and mechanic, Ellen facilitates the agency's OneWater Education workshops, teaching grade eight students about water and wastewater treatment processes and how everyone has a role in protecting and conserving our water. She also promotes the I Don't Flush campaign, which protects wastewater infrastructure and source waters from items that shouldn't be flushed down the toilet, like pharmaceuticals, personal care products, fats, oils and grease and household hazardous waste.

"I love my job and the fact that every day brings a new challenge – you can work in this industry for five years and still not know everything," Ellen remarks.

Outside of work Ellen volunteers much of her time serving on the Walkerton Clean Water Centre's Board of Directors and numerous other committees. This includes the Great Waters Challenge Youth Advisory Board with Waterlution, a non-profit organization that promotes water awareness and collaboration. Through her work on this committee, she also co-authored a children's book entitled Canada's Great Water Adventure.

Ellen has also had the opportunity to attend Waterlution's H2O Global Leadership Training, and participated in their Water Innovation Labs in Australia and Canada, where she was chosen to receive seed funding for her project Rain It In, a competition that empowers college and university students to make a difference in their communities and positively impact the environment.

In March 2019, Rain It In became a reality when it was hosted for the first time at DC, with 10 teams from post-secondary institutions across Ontario pitching innovative solutions for mitigating the impacts of intense rainfall events to a panel of industry experts.

“Like with Rain It In, the work I do in the industry helps inspire future water warriors and opens the door for others to dive into a career in water,” says Ellen. “I hope to inspire change in perspectives and behaviours related to how we interact with water in our day-to-day routines.”

Since founding Rain It In, Ellen has graduated from the Water Environment Federation's 2019 Water Leadership Institute, adding to her long list of accolades. As she looks toward the future, Ellen hopes to eventually transition into a career that is primarily focused on public education and engagement in the water industry.



Ellen Stitt at the Rain It In competition at DC early last year.

[READ MORE ABOUT THE RAIN IT IN COMPETITION](#)

FROM OUR KITCHEN TO YOURS

CHOCOLATE STOUT CAKE WITH IRISH BUTTERCREAM, CHOCOLATE GANACHE AND BUTTERED PECANS

Created by second-year Culinary Management students for their final capstone cookbook project last spring, this indulgent dessert will make embracing the colder months easier – and tastier.

CHOCOLATE STOUT CAKE

INGREDIENTS

- 475 ml stout (or one tall can)
- 2 cups butter
- 2/3 cup dark chocolate, finely chopped
- 1 cup cocoa powder
- 4 and 2/3 cup all-purpose flour
- 5 cups sugar
- 1 tbsp. baking soda
- 4 eggs
- 1 ¼ cups sour cream

METHOD

1. Pre-heat oven to 350°F.
2. Grease and line three 8-inch round cake pans with parchment paper.
3. In a pot, bring stout and butter to a gentle simmer over medium heat.
4. Gently stir in chocolate and cocoa powder, and once melted let cool slightly.
5. Whisk together all dry ingredients, sift twice, set aside.
6. In a stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment or with a hand mixer, beat eggs and sour cream until light.
7. Slowly add the chocolate mixture and mix to combine fully.
8. Add the dry ingredients in three batches, scraping down the bowl after each addition.
9. Separate batter into three prepared cake pans.
10. Bake for about 60 minutes or until you can insert a toothpick into the cake and it comes out clean with no wet batter.
11. Remove cakes from oven and place on a wire rack.
12. Wait 10 minutes before removing cake from the tins and cooling the cake upside down.
13. Once cakes are completely cool, level and ice as desired.



IRISH BUTTERCREAM

INGREDIENTS

- 2 cups butter, softened
- 4 to 6 cups icing sugar, sifted*
- 2 oz. Irish cream (such as Bailey's)
- 1 tbsp. vanilla extract

*add sugar to desired sweetness

METHOD

1. In a stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment, beat butter until light and fluffy.
2. Add icing sugar, Irish cream and vanilla, mix to fully combine, continue beating icing until desired texture is formed.

CHOCOLATE GANACHE

INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup 35% cream
- 1 cup dark chocolate, finely chopped

METHOD

1. Heat cream over low flame to a gentle simmer.
2. Pour hot cream over chocolate, let stand for 10 minutes.
3. Start in the middle of the bowl and whisk in small circles to fully incorporate the chocolate into the cream.



BUTTERED PECANS

INGREDIENTS

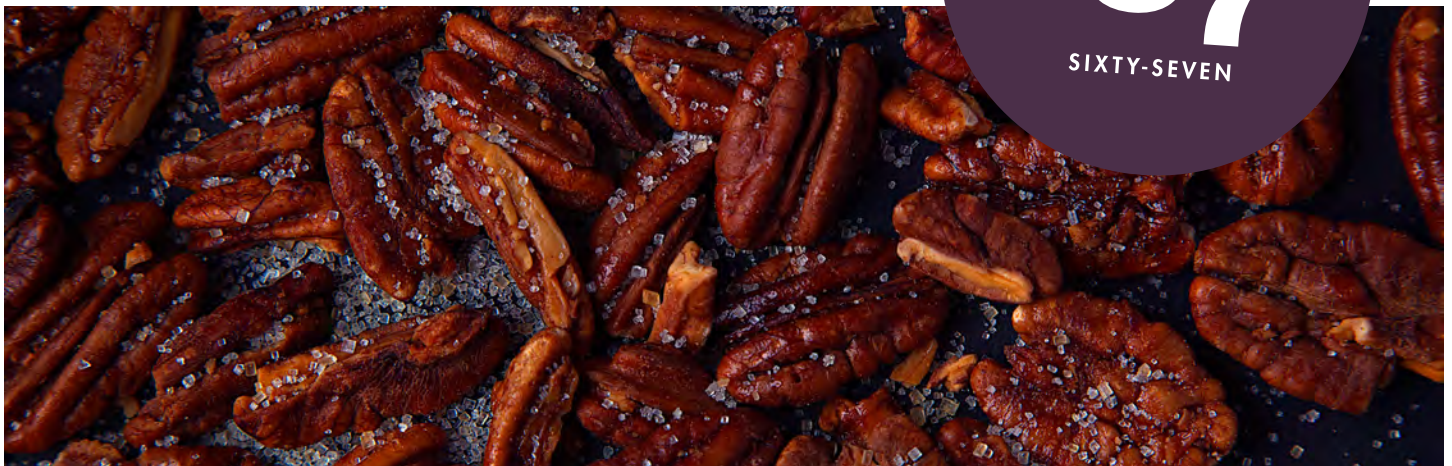
- 1 cup pecans, whole
- 3 tbsp. butter, melted
- 1 tsp. salt

METHOD

1. Pre-heat oven to 325°F.
2. Coat pecans in butter and place them on a parchment-lined baking sheet.
3. Sprinkle with salt and place in oven for 10 minutes or until fragrant.
4. Cool before use.

CAKE ASSEMBLY

1. Layer cake with icing, ganache and pecans.





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DURHAM COLLEGE LAUNCHES CENTRE FOR CYBERSECURITY INNOVATION

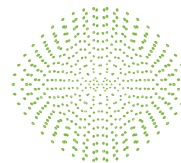
Durham College (DC) is responding to the ever-changing and complex threat landscape of cyberattacks, including data breaches and service disruptions and misdirections, with the launch of the Centre for Cybersecurity Innovation. The launch of the college's fourth applied research centre was announced at an event this morning.

"Cybersecurity is an increasingly significant risk to business, no matter what size or scale, and very few are prepared to respond or equipped with the proactive knowledge of how to protect themselves," said Don Lovisa, president, DC. "The Centre for Cybersecurity Innovation is our solution for business and industry to help build capacity and the systems they need to protect their interests."

The centre is designed to be a collaborative enterprise between DC's Office of Research Services, Innovation and Entrepreneurship (ORSIE), Centre for Professional and Part-time Learning and School of Business, IT & Management.

Services will include:

- Applied research in cybersecurity with acute focus on technologies for cyber range deployments, threat intelligence, anomaly detection and incident management.
- Micro-credentials that provide training in industry-accredited programs at various levels. These flexible part-time programs and courses will appeal to individuals seeking development opportunities to advance or change their careers.
- A [Cybersecurity graduate certificate program](#) that prepares aspiring cybersecurity professionals to work in the industry.
- Conferences and seminars held in collaboration with corporate partners and high-profile industry experts to increase public awareness.



CENTRE FOR
CYBERSECURITY
INNOVATION

A number of industry leaders attended the launch event and participated in a panel discussion, speaking to the need for the Centre for Cybersecurity Innovation and the positive impact it will have on their industry. Speakers included:

- Farooq Naiyer, chief information security officer, ORION
- Ishwinder Cheema, manager, Technical Account Management, Zscaler
- Jeff Dawley, founder, Cybersecurity Compliance Corp
- Ted de Vos, president, SIMNET
- Heather Ricciuto, Academic Outreach Leader, IBM Security

“With ORSIE celebrating its tenth anniversary in 2020, I can think of no better way to kick off this milestone year than with the launch of DC’s fourth applied research centre,” said Debbie McKee Demczyk, dean, ORSIE. “DC is an established leader in innovative applied research and the Centre for Cybersecurity Innovation is a natural complement to our AI Hub, Centre for Craft Brewing Innovation and Mixed Reality Capture Studio.”

“The college’s applied research centres embody the vision of our extraordinary employees,” said Lovisa. “It is through their expertise and dedication that DC is leading the way in supporting, transforming and advancing economic prosperity in Durham Region and beyond.”

For more information, [visit the website](#).



CLASS NOTES

1976

Brian MacIntyre
Aviation Engineering Technology

Brian is a senior advisor, Outage at Ontario Power Generation and lives in Whitby, Ont. with his wife Marla.

1995

Alison K. Ewart
Sport Administration

Alison is the owner of Aria Web Design and lives in Whitby, Ont.

1999

T.J. Fields
Business Administration – Information Systems

T.J. is a senior product manager at 360Insights and lives in Ajax, Ont. with his wife Jolanta.

2015

Leanne M. Smallbrook
Law Clerk Advanced

Leanne is a law clerk at Walker Head Lawyers and lives in Oshawa, Ont.



With over **91,000** members in our alumni community our records need a refresh from time to time.

Update your contact information to receive the latest Durham College (DC) news and information on benefits and special offers exclusive only to DC grads.

We encourage you to make this a part of your routine so that we always know how best to reach you.

Here's to staying in touch!

[UPDATE YOUR INFO](#)

MEET YOUR DURHAM COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (DCAA) BOARD – NICOLE BLACKMAN

Why is it important for you to be a part of the DCAA?

Durham College (DC) started me on my academic journey. When looking to apply to the Nursing program at DC, it became evident that my grades from high school and my previous post-secondary experience were not going to serve me well on my quest to become a nurse. In order to be a strong applicant for the high-demand program, I engaged in academic upgrading through DC's Centre for Professional and Part-time Learning. As a result of the upgrading, I was a successful applicant and completed my diploma at DC! It's important for me to be a part of the DCAA so that I can give back to the community that set me on my path to success.

What is your favourite memory of DC?

By far, my favourite memory of DC and what I cherish the most is the friendships I made. Those relationships, which are still strong today, supported me through the challenges that come with being a young adult and a student. I have fond memories of study groups, memorable group projects, peer learning for clinical skills and celebrating when exams were done!

If you could give one piece of advice to a student, what would it be?

I would tell students to take advantage of this time to grow and learn. Work hard, but make sure you build connections and have fun! Chi meegwetch (thank you very much) Durham College, for all you do to support the DC community!

About Nicole

Nicole Blackman is currently vice president and has been a director of the DCAA Board since 2016. She graduated from the Office Administration - Health Services program in 2000 and Nursing program in 2004. Upon graduating from DC, Nicole continued her education to receive her Bachelor's Science of Nursing degree, Masters of Nursing and Doctorate in Nursing Practice. As a First Nation woman, she is extremely passionate about Indigenous health, working towards addressing health issues at the local, regional and provincial levels. Nicole serves on the Board of Directors for Bawaajigewin Aboriginal Community Circle and CELHIN First Nations Health Advisory Circle.

Currently, Nicole is the Health and Social Services Manager for Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, working collaboratively with program and service providers to meet the needs of the community. Nicole strives to use her education, experiences and knowledge to work towards building awareness of the history of the Indigenous population and how that history impacts the population's health today.



SPORTS SHORTS

FORMER LORDS COACH VASO VUJANOVIC GETS CALL TO OSHAWA SPORTS HALL OF FAME

The Durham College (DC) athletic department is proud to announce the nomination of Vaso Vujanovic to the Oshawa Sports Hall of Fame. Formally announced in January at Oshawa City Hall council chambers, Vujanovic is one of five inductees making up the 2020 class.

“When you start to make a list of Vaso’s accomplishments while coaching here at Durham College it becomes quite extensive and we’re excited to see him be recognized for that with this nomination,” said DC athletic director Ken Babcock. “Vaso brought our program to the top and made Durham College one of the premier programs in not only Ontario, but the country. We’re extremely proud of what he did here and can’t wait to see him inducted into the Oshawa Sports Hall of Fame this spring.”

Vujanovic became head coach of the Lords Soccer program in 1973 and spent the next 17 years guiding the team to numerous successful seasons. A great soccer player in his own day growing up in Yugoslavia, his coaching record doesn’t just speak for itself, it issues a profound statement about his abilities.

From 1973 to 1989 leading the men’s soccer program he amassed 128 career victories against just 35 losses and seven draws, a phenomenal winning percentage of .774. Among those totals are a pair of Ontario Colleges Athletic Association (OCAA) championships in 1980 and 1988, three silver medals, five bronze medals and two trips to the Canadian Collegiate Athletic Association (CCAA) national championship. Vaso returned to the sidelines in 1999 to lead the women’s program, claiming four OCAA championships and a CCAA bronze for the green and gold.

For his outstanding achievements he was a member of the Durham College Sports Hall of Fame induction class of 1997.

The Lords would like to congratulate Vujanovic on his nomination and thank him for all he has done for the soccer programs.

DURHAM LORDS ANNOUNCE DARRYL REID AS NEW BASEBALL HEAD COACH

The Durham College (DC) athletic department is excited to announce the hiring of Darryl Reid as the new head coach of the Durham Lords baseball program. Reid, a DC baseball alum, becomes just the second head coach in program history following the retirement of long-time manager Sam Dempster this past fall.

“It was a very challenging task in finding a replacement for the only head coach our baseball program has ever known in Sam, and it was a very difficult decision following the search and interview process,” noted DC athletic director Ken Babcock. “We had some truly outstanding candidates, but at the end of the search I am extremely pleased to know one of our very own baseball alumni is going to be the next head coach of our program.”

The Lords new coach brings with him a plethora of experience. Reid comes to the Lords from the Toronto Mets where he has served as a general manager and head coach with their elite programs since 2013. The Mets are recognized as one of the top elite baseball programs in the country, in particular in the 15U and 18U divisions. Reid will continue in his capacities with the Mets, which should provide a benefit to the Lords program

Prior to his time with the elite program, Reid served as an assistant under coach Dempster for three years after graduation from DC. This included the 2011 season where the Lords captured their first national baseball championship.

“With his experience, knowledge of the game, connection to players in the province and the fact he is one of our own, we felt Darryl was the absolute right fit for leading our program’s next chapter,” said Babcock.

DURHAM WINS ADIDAS CUP CHAMPIONSHIP

The Durham College women’s volleyball team went undefeated the weekend of January 4, winning the Adidas Cup championship on the Sunday afternoon at the Campus Recreation and Wellness Centre.

Serving as host, the Lords claimed the tournament title for the first time since 2017, knocking off the Cambrian Golden Shield 3-1 in the final match of the annual exhibition tournament. Set scores for the final were 23-25, 25-18, 25-21, 25-10.

Second-year setter Georgi Williams (Whitby, Ont.) was named the tournament MVP after leading the Lords offence while also delivering key points from both the service line and setter position. Third-year middle Cassidy Nicholson-Clarke (Ajax, Ont.) and fourth-year outside hitter Jessica Joensen (Newcastle, Ont.) were honoured as tournament all-stars for their stellar play.

DC returned to regular season action on Friday, January 10 as they traveled to North York to challenge the Seneca Sting.

FEATURED BENEFITS FOR DURHAM COLLEGE (DC) ALUMNI

DC alumni have access to hundreds of benefits and services. To view them all, please visit www.durhamcollege.ca/alumnibenefits or download the DC Alumni Connect app through the [Apple App Store](#) or [Google Play](#).

RAPTORS905

DC alumni receive up to 30 per cent off Raptors 905 tickets for their 2019/2020 season. To access tickets, visit www.raptors905.com/ticketpass and use the code: DURHAM905.

PURE + SIMPLE

DC alumni pay only \$85 (regular price \$115) for any deluxe Elemental Facials. Elemental Facials provide a great foundation for glowing and nourished skin. All elemental facials include a cleanse, steam, extractions, massage and mask.

Offer valid only at the Pure + Simple Oshawa location, which is owned by DC alumnus Leslie Seeley. To book an appointment, please call 905.240.6764.

Follow Pure + Simple Oshawa on Instagram @pureandsimpleoshawa and Facebook @oshawapureandsimple

SCANDINAVE SPA – BLUE MOUNTAIN LOCATION

DC alumni receive \$10 off the regular price for access to the Scandinavian Baths from Monday to Friday.

Alumni must present a completed privilege program form upon check-in. To access the privilege program form, please email alumni@durhamcollege.ca.



SAVE THE DATE

ALUMNI OF DISTINCTION NOMINATION

Due Friday, March 6 at 5 p.m.

Do you know Durham College (DC) alumni who are making an impact in their field? Do you know any graduates creating change in their community?

If so, please help us recognize their success by nominating them for the [Alumni of Distinction award](#), which honours the extraordinary contributions DC grads make to society while achieving career success.

Recipients are selected based on professional, community and personal accomplishments, contributions to the advancement of DC, and the geographic (regional, national, and international) scope of impact for their achievements.

Please submit a completed [nomination form](#) by Friday, March 6 at 5 p.m. to Sally Hillis, manager, Alumni Development by email.

Please note: Active DC employees, active members of Durham College Board of Governors and DCAA Board of Directors are not eligible to be nominated for an Alumni of Distinction award.

ETIQUETTE DINNER

Monday, March 9 from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

Bistro '67
1604 Champlain Ave. Whitby, ON L1N 6A7

For more information and to purchase tickets, please visit www.durhamcollege.ca/b2b.

DC TALKS: GLOBAL GRADUATE

Wednesday, March 11 from 11 a.m. to noon EST

Global Classroom,
Centre for Collaborative Education

Oshawa campus
2000 Simcoe St. N.
Oshawa, ON, Canada L1G 0C5

Attend in person or catch it online at www.theglobalclass.org.

SPRING OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, April 4 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Oshawa and Whitby campuses and
Pickering Learning Site

For more information, please visit www.durhamcollege.ca/openhouse.

EVENT RECAP: DC TALKS: GLOBAL GRADUATE CLASS - NOVEMBER 13, 2019

Held in the Global Classroom in the Centre for Collaborative Education at the Oshawa campus, students, alumni and the general public were invited to hear from four graduates via livestream who are currently working across the world:

- **Mike Peleshok:** A 2005 Advertising and Marketing Communications graduate and photographer, videographer and director who was on the road with Johnny Reid's national tour.
- **Isabelle McLemore:** A 2003 Sports Business Management graduate living in Colorado Springs, Colorado and working as managing director of communications for USA Swimming.
- **Maggie Darling:** a 2012 Public Relations and 2018 French certificate graduate living in Edinburgh, Scotland and working as marketing manager for Registers of Scotland.
- **Sarah Pantaleo:** A 2014 Marketing – Business graduate living in Queensland, Australia and working as a business development executive at Coca-Cola Amatil.

The event was part of International Education Week and showcased the unique opportunities DC alumni have had since graduating from the college.



AT DURHAM COLLEGE, THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE COMES FIRST AND YOU CAN HELP MAKE IT EVEN BETTER

WHY GIVING MATTERS :

Durham College (DC) offers more than 140 full-time, market-driven programs in a variety of fields, providing students with an opportunity to excel in their chosen area.

Whether DC students are inventing new ways to implement sustainable practices; writing, designing, filming, or animating; utilizing their caring nature to contribute to the health and social wellness of others; or advocating on behalf of the law – they are successful!

With your support, anything is possible.

CHOICES FOR GIVING:

At DC, the student experience comes first, and our funding priorities support our mission. Gifts to the **Student Experience Fund** are used for the college's highest priorities, which over time include such initiatives as building inspiring, modern, well-equipped teaching and learning spaces; great opportunities for students to gain new knowledge and hone new skills; recognition of students' excellent skill development and academic performance; and student financial aid. Currently,

the highest priority is the expansion of the Whitby Campus.

There is a current and growing shortage of industrial and construction professionals and skilled trades talent across Canada that is significantly impacting the economy and which is acutely felt in Durham Region – home to two of the country's largest infrastructure projects – Ontario Power Generation's Darlington refurbishment and Metrolinx's Lakeshore East GO Train extension. DC is embarking on its fourth phase of its Whitby Campus revitalization, which includes a 60,000 sq. ft. expansion. With more than 75 per cent of the revitalization project funded by DC, the college is reaching out to the community through the **Building for Skills** campaign, for your help in fully funding the expansion. Together we will transform skilled trades and professional education at DC, helping to meet industry needs and preparing students for satisfying, lucrative skilled and professional careers and business opportunities.

DC is pleased to be able to provide more than \$2 million in scholarship and bursary funding each year. While expanding the Whitby Campus is our

highest priority, gifts supporting **scholarships and bursaries** are also welcome.

Regardless of where you choose to direct your gift, all donations are eligible for tax receipts and donor recognition is provided to honour your generous contribution.

HAVE QUESTIONS?

Please contact [Linda Flynn](#), associate vice-president, Office of Development and Alumni Affairs if you have any questions.

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There are two ways to make a donation:

Online:

Giving online is a fast, efficient and secure way to support our students and projects. To give online now, [click here](#).

Mail:

Donations may be sent by cheque, money order (made payable to Durham College Foundation) or credit card. Please complete and mail the [giving form](#) to:

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Office of Development and Alumni Affairs

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Oshawa, ON, Canada L1G 0C5

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WWW.DURHAMCOLLEGE.CA/ALUMNI