

Don Lovisa - Bio



As Durham College's (DC) president for over ten years, Don Lovisa has been the driving force behind the organizations' growth and success, leading close to 2,300 employees and educating more than 13,800 full-time, post-secondary and apprenticeship and over 30,000 part-time students annually. Under Lovisa's leadership with a goal of providing students with the best possible learning experience and influencing an almost a one-billion dollar annual impact on the Durham Region, the college has added over 45 post-secondary programs, many domestic and international partnerships, an expanded applied research portfolio and infrastructure to support teaching and learning, including the newly opened Centre for Collaborative Education.

Lovisa holds a Master's degree in International Management from the University of St. Thomas in Minneapolis, Minnesota; a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology from Lakehead University in Thunder Bay, Ontario; and has completed the course work for a PhD in Community College Leadership through the University of Toronto. He is the Chair of Colleges Ontario, was founding co-chair of the Ontario Council on Articulation and Transfer (ONCAT), and is leader of the Idea Summit for the establishment of an Innovation Hub in Durham Region, was Oshawa Chamber of Commerce 2017 Business Person of the Year and received Business Achievement Award in 2011 from the Whitby Chamber of Commerce.