

DURHAM COLLEGE

DCALUMNI

NEW GRAD GUIDE

CONGRATULATIONS ON
RECEIVING YOUR DIPLOMA!

We are #DCProud of you.

WHAT'S NEXT?

NAVIGATING LIFE AFTER
DURHAM COLLEGE





LETTER FROM JESARA HOLLA & ARIEL SULLY TO NEW GRADUATES

Dear Graduate,

Congratulations on reaching this incredible milestone – the completion of your post-secondary studies at Durham College (DC)! As a DC graduate, you are now a lifetime member of the DC Alumni Association (DCAA).

Your journey with DC doesn't end after your final classes; it's just the beginning. As you navigate life after graduation, the DCAA is here to provide you with services and resources designed to help you thrive.

As one of the newest members of the DCAA family, you will soon discover the many benefits that your membership provides, including access to exclusive alumni events, career support services and discounts for insurance and more than 100 perk partners. Get access to these benefits and your digital alumni card on our app, **DC Alumni Connect**.

With a network of more than 125,000 graduates across the globe, we believe that maintaining meaningful connections with our alumni is at the heart of the work we do. Visit us at durhamcollege.ca/alumni to learn more about the DCAA and to update your contact information. If you'd like to share what you get up to after graduation, please email us at alumni@durhamcollege.ca or visit durhamcollege.ca/alumnifocus to submit your story for a chance to be featured on DC's online channels – we love amplifying alumni stories that help inspire the next generation of learners!

Best wishes for your continued success. We can't wait to see what you do next!

Sincerely,



Jesara Holla
President
Durham College Alumni Association
Print Journalism, Class of 2006



Ariel Sully
Associate Vice President, Advancement and Alumni Relations
Durham College



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DCAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The DC Alumni Association (DCAA) is a diverse global network of DC alumni that supports and encourages its members to stay connected by inspiring collaboration, engagement, giving, and a commitment to success for future students.

Read more about the current DCAA Board of Directors, a group of grads who help guide alumni engagement programs. A call for board nominations takes place each summer.



EVENTS

The DCAA hosts a number of events for alumni to attend to network or learn something new.

DC ALUMNI HOCKEY NIGHT

For more than a decade, the DCAA has welcomed alumni, DC employees and their families to cheer on the Oshawa Generals at the Tribute Communities Centre in January.



CAREER LAUNCH

From January to March each year, DC hosts events and workshops at both the Oshawa and Whitby campuses to provide current students and alumni with opportunities for professional development.

DC TALKS

The DC Talks series welcomes alumni and current students to campus to hear from a panel of DC graduates around the globe and discuss their career journeys as well as hot topics in a wide variety of industries.



DISCOUNTS & BENEFITS

WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ALL THAT THE DCAA HAS TO OFFER.

BENEFITS INCLUDE:

- ✓ A discount program that provides access to more than 100 venues, restaurants, stores and attractions such as Canada's Wonderland, Great Wolf Lodge and Ripley's Aquarium.

- ✓ A discounted membership at the Campus Recreation and Wellness Centre.

- ✓ Exclusive rates on home, auto, small business, dental and health insurance, and so much more!

ACCESSING YOUR BENEFITS

DC Alumni Connect is a web app meant to make staying connected after graduation easier and even more rewarding.

Download the DC Alumni Connect app by visiting dcalumniconnect.ca



PREMIUM
LIVE

Premium Live

15% DISCOUNT
ON SELECT SEATS

Ripley's
AQUARIUMS

Ripley's Aquarium

15-20% OFF
GENERAL ADMISSION

 toronto
ZOO

Toronto Zoo

10% OFF ADMISSION

 perkopolis

Perkopolis

MORE THAN
5,000 DISCOUNTS

SoftMoc

SoftMoc

10% OFF
ALL REGULAR AND SALE-PRICED MERCHANDISE

 **FlightHub**

FlightHub

5-20% OFF
FLIGHTS, HOTELS, CAR RENTALS AND
AIRPORT TRANSFERS

 GREAT
WOLF
LODGE

Great Wolf Lodge

SAVE UP TO **30%**



Crave Doughnuts

10% DISCOUNT

 THE
CANADIAN
BREWHOUSE

The Canadian Brewhouse

20% OFF FOOD
AND 10% OFF DRINKS

 TELUS

Telus

EXCLUSIVE SAVINGS
ON TELUS MOBILITY AND HOME SERVICES

Bell

Bell Exclusive
Partner Program

SAVINGS OF UP TO **30%**
ON PLANS WITH UNLIMITED DATA
+ DISCOUNTS ON THE LATEST SMARTPHONES

 **CNE**

Canadian
National Exhibition

ENJOY **DISCOUNTED RATES**
ON GENERAL ADMISSION TICKETS



STAYING CONNECTED

Visit our alumni webpage at durhamcollege.ca/alumni for all the latest DCAA news and event information.

Be sure to update your personal information and follow us on social media, where we love to feature alumni success and achievements.

FAQ can be found at durhamcollege.ca/frequently-asked-questions/alumni or contact us anytime by reaching out by email at alumni@durhamcollege.ca.

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DCSA EXTENDED SERVICES

WHAT ARE THE DURHAM COLLEGE STUDENT ASSOCIATION (DCSA) HEALTH & DENTAL BENEFITS?

Powered by DCSA, you have access to extended health coverage including prescription drugs, practitioner, dental, travel and accident. You are covered from your first day of classes until August 31.

If you want to confirm eligibility, please email donna.judson@durhamcollege.ca

Certain exceptions apply.



WHAT DO MY BENEFITS LOOK LIKE IF I'M NOT ON CAMPUS?

Your benefits work the same, even if you're remote. No matter where you're located across Canada, you have full access to your health and dental benefits.

You can visit any registered clinic in the country, submit a claim and even access virtual services through the **Direct2U Health Hub**.

For plan registration, information or to submit a claim, please visit studentvip.ca/dcsa



ACCESS TO SUPPORT HUB UP TO SIX MONTHS AFTER GRADUATING

Support Hub supports an inclusive, anti-oppressive and positive environment for all students. Support Hub is focused on equality, equity and diversity within the campus community and beyond.

SERVICES:

- Confidential counselling services.
- Emergency food support for students experiencing food insecurities.
- Legal assistance clinic (lawyer with more than 30 years' experience).
- Free condom distribution program.
- Information on available community resources.

Please connect with us for further information regarding any of our services or programs by emailing us at supporthub@durhamcollege.ca

GRADUATION PHOTOS

Capture your great achievement for a lifetime of memories! Your graduation photo opportunity will include a minimum of nine unique poses that can be viewed and ordered online. Traditional graduation portraits and fun style photos (if desired) will be captured. Gowns, roses, graduating hoods, etc. will be provided on the day of your photo shoot. Graduates can also choose from over 25 different backgrounds or upload their own.

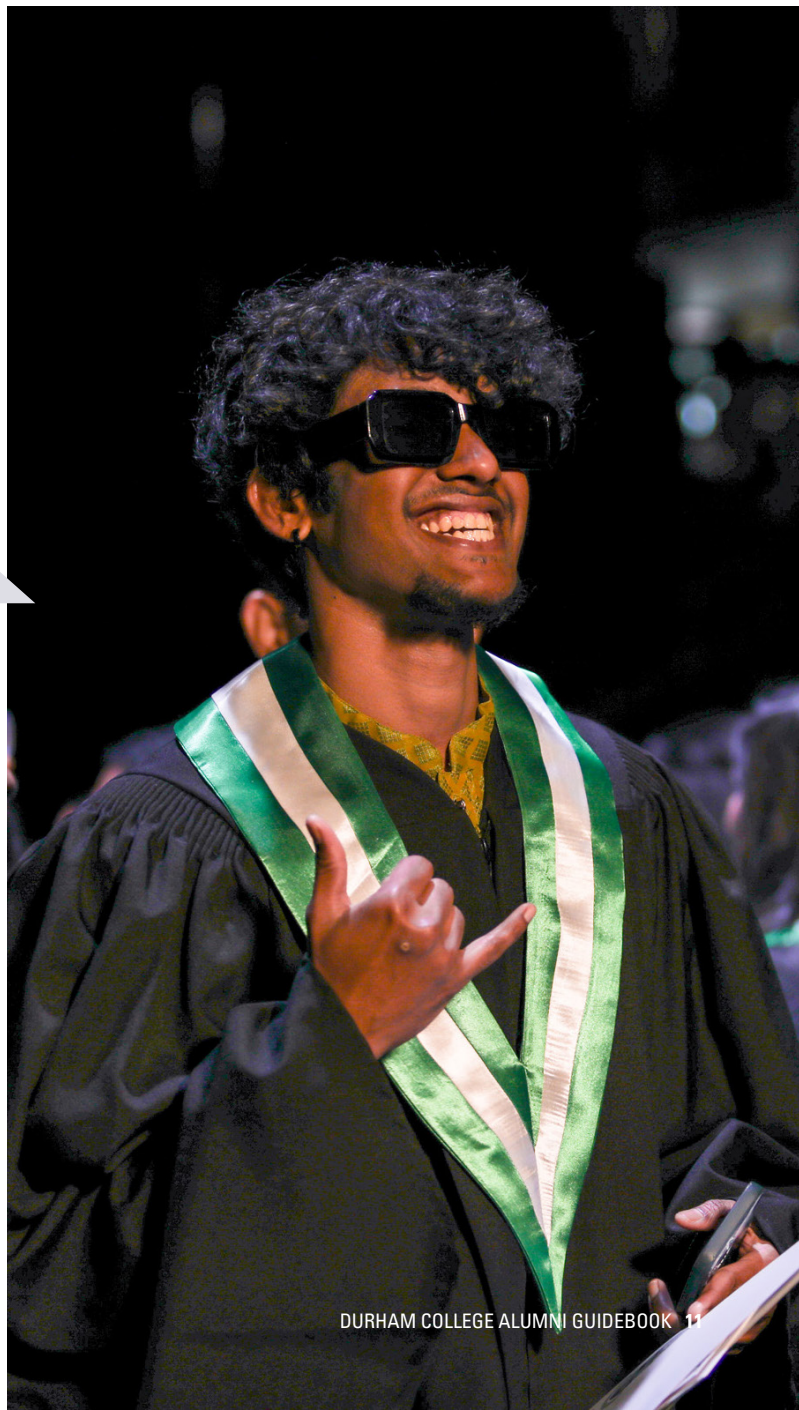
SIGN UP FOR GRAD PHOTOS



• Visit: lassmanstudios.com/dcs_sched/

• Enter: "durham" in the School ID.

• Choose a **date/time** that works best for you.



CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Life after graduation sometimes feels like a big step, but you don't have to take it alone. As a DC grad, you have free access to the full range of Career Development services you relied on as a student. To keep using these supports, simply register for your alumni account on the Hired Portal at hired.durhamcollege.ca.

Through the Hired Portal, you can explore job postings, career resources, employer events, and webinars. You can also book a one-on-one appointment with an employment coach virtually or in person, whichever works best for you.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT CAN HELP YOU:

- Turn your academic experience into strong résumés, cover letters and portfolios
- Prepare for interviews and build confidence in the workplace program
- Identify hiring employers and navigate application processes
- Manage your job search and avoid potential scams
- Create a personalized career plan with clear goals
- Build your professional network and industry connections



NOT SURE WHERE TO START?

Follow Career Development on Instagram and LinkedIn for relevant resources, job news, upcoming events and career advice. You can also find 'How To' videos on their Instagram Reels that will show you how to login, book appointments, access resources, create a saved job search and more!

If you haven't already, join the Durham College Alumni group on LinkedIn. In addition to our regular posts, the Career Development team also shares articles and upcoming recruitment event information here.

CONTACT CAREER DEVELOPMENT

E: careerdevelopment@durhamcollege.ca

T: 905.721.3034



FOLLOW US @GETHIREDDC

ATTENTION



TO CONTINUE TO ACCESS CAREER DEVELOPMENT SERVICES, REGISTER FOR YOUR ALUMNI ACCOUNT AT [HIRED.DURHAMCOLLEGE.CA](https://hired.durhamcollege.ca).

CLICK ON THE ALUMNI TAB AT THE TOP, THEN REGISTRATION.



ENACTUS DURHAM COLLEGE

The DCAA is a partner with DC's Enactus team! From funding to mentorship, the DCAA is #DCProud to support our current students' dreams of changing the world through social entrepreneurship! Follow along on social media to keep an eye out for opportunities to get involved and support EnactusDC projects that are positively impacting our community.



@EnactusDC



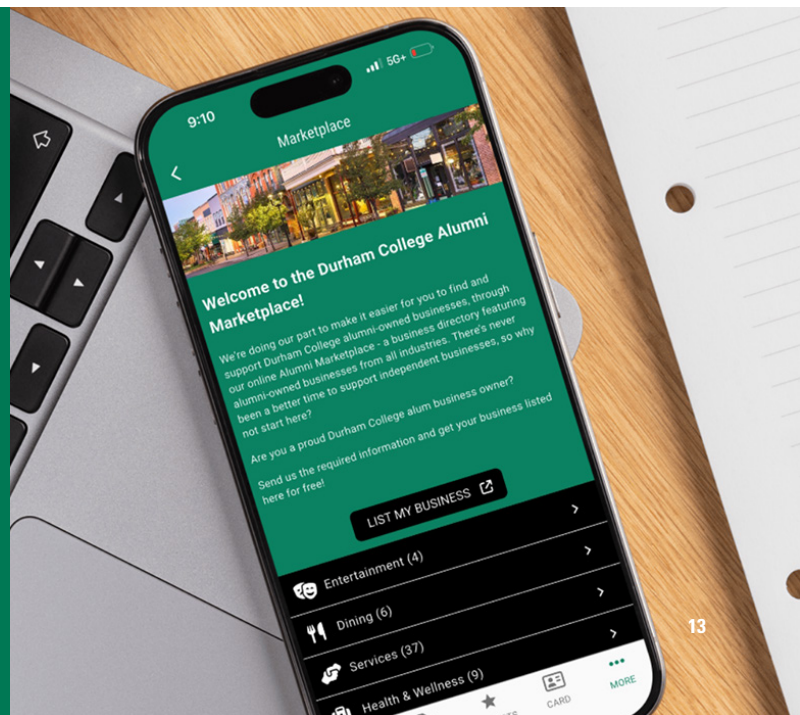
Enactus Durham College

BROWSE THE DC ALUMNI MARKETPLACE

ARE YOU A PROUD DURHAM COLLEGE ALUMNI BUSINESS OWNER?

If so, register for the DC Connect Alumni App and get your business listed for free!

Visit dcalumniconnect.ca to download the app and add your business today!





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ALUMNI AFFINITY PARTNERS





TD INSURANCE



SPECIAL RATES

Online Only

tdinsurance.com/affinity/durhamcollege

Offer Details:

As a trusted partner, the TD Insurance Meloche Monnex Program is dedicated to helping DC alumni get access to preferred insurance rates. These preferred rates are available on home, auto, condo, tenant coverage and small business insurance.. TD Insurance is the leading direct response insurance group in Canada, offering quality insurance products for over 65 years. From getting a quote to filing a claim, their knowledgeable advisors will help you find options that are right for you. Here are a few ways your savings can add up:

- Bundling your car and home, condo or tenant insurance together.
- Insuring more than one vehicle, or including a motorcycle, ATV, or snowmobile.
- Owning a hybrid or electric vehicle recognized by the Insurance Bureau of Canada.
- Having a connected burglar or fire alarm.
- Living in a newly built home.
- Your home is free of a mortgage or secured line of credit.

Plus, the TD Insurance Meloche Monnex Affinity Program helps support alumni activities.

Feel confident your coverage fits your needs.

Get a TD Insurance Meloche Monnex quote now by visiting tdinsurance.com/durhamcollege or calling 1-800-339-1847.

MANULIFE



SPECIAL RATES

Online Only

manulife.com/durham

Offer Details:

DC students and alumni can enjoy special rates on a wide range of life, health and dental insurance plans from Manulife.

These plans include:

- Term life insurance
- Health and dental insurance
- Income protection
- Critical illness insurance

If you've been thinking about getting insurance or simply looking to supplement any coverage you may already have, visit manulife.com/durham or call 1.888.913.6333 to learn more, get a free quote and/or apply.

KPI OPPORTUNITY

DC ENSURES 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 key areas – graduate satisfaction, employer satisfaction, graduate 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.

IMPORTANT



AS A RECENT GRADUATE, YOU MAY BE CONTACTED BY EMAIL OR 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 durhamcollege.ca/kpi



GIVING FORWARD

OUR DC ALUMNI ARE CONTINUING THEIR LEGACY AT DC BY GIVING FORWARD THROUGH VOLUNTEERING OR FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

As a new graduate, 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 durhamcollege.ca/alumnivolunteers for more information on the various opportunities.

If you would like to support DC with a financial donation, there are a number of choices for philanthropy. Whether it's helping to equip spaces on campus with innovative technology 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 support DC please visit durhamcollege.ca/giving





RECOGNIZING OUR ALUMNI

We are #DCProud of our alumni and want to recognize their achievements. The DCAA does this in a few ways:

- Our Alumni of Distinction Award honours the extraordinary contributions DC grads make to society while achieving career success.

See past winners and this year's recipients at durhamcollege.ca/alumni-of-distinction

- The Durham College Sports Hall of Fame officially opened in the spring of 1997 to recognize significant achievements and accomplishments of Durham student-athletes, coaches and builders. On behalf of DC and the Athletic Department we are pleased to announce the formal induction of outstanding individuals into the Durham College Sports Hall of Fame and we salute their many contributions and achievements during their time at Durham College.

Visit durhamlords.com/hof.aspx for more information

#AlumniInFocus is the DCAA campaign celebrating the success of our graduates across multiple social media platforms. If you're interested in being featured, submit a form at durhamcollege.ca/alumnifocus.

DC also nominates alumni for the annual Colleges Ontario Premier's Awards. For information on the award, head to co-awards.org.

Find stories about DC grads building their careers at durhamcollege.ca/alumni





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