

DCAA Board of Directors Slate 2026-2027

Name	Program of Study	Faculty	Term Ends
Heather Brown	'21 Social Service Worker '22 Human Resource Management	Social & Community Services/Business	2027 (Term 1)
Liam Croft	'25 Mechanical Engineering Technology Advanced	Science Engineering Technology	2028 (Term 1)
Joanne Decelien*	'25 Mechanical Technician-Elevating Devices	Skilled Trades and Apprenticeship	2028 (Term 1)
Paul Fritzscht*	'23 Horticulture- Food and Farming	Hospitality & Horticultural Science	2029 (Term 2)
Jesara Holla*	'06 Print Journalism	Media Art & Design	2029 (Term 2)
Talia Lane	'00 Journalism	Media Art & Design	2027 (Term 1)
Jason Large*	'10 Electrical Construction and Maintenance Apprenticeship, Levels 1-3	Skilled Trades and Apprenticeship	2029 (Term 1)
Patrick Lyver*	'02 Graphic Design	Media Art & Design	2029 (Term 2)
Jazmyn Romano*	'24 Paralegal and '25 Law Clerk Advanced	Social & Community Services	2028 (Term 1)
Drew Samuels	'11 Paralegal	Social & Community Services	2028 (Term 2)
Prachi Verma	'24 Project Management '24 Data Analytics for Business Decision Making	Business	2027 (Term 1)
Vacancy			2026-2027

*Standing for Election

DCAA Board Candidate Bio Summaries

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Jazmyn Romano

Jazmyn Romano is standing for election to serve her first term for 2026–2028. Jazmyn is a 2024 graduate of the Paralegal program and a 2025 graduate of the Law Clerk Advanced program. She is an entrepreneur, legal professional, and current Honours Bachelor of Laws student with a passion for leadership, innovation, and giving back to the Durham College (DC) community. During her time at DC, she was actively involved as a student leader, athlete, volunteer, employee, and research assistant, earning the Student Leadership Award, the Diane Blake Award, and College Honour Roll recognition. As founder of Romano Remote, an award-winning virtual assistant and business process outsourcing company, she has developed expertise in entrepreneurship, business operations, marketing, and client relations. Her legal experience includes roles as a Legal Assistant and Court Agent.

Joanne Decelien

Joanne Decelien is standing for election to serve her first term for 2026–2028. Joanne is a 2025 graduate of the Mechanical Technician – Elevating Devices program and has built a promising career in the elevator industry as an Elevator Mechanic Apprentice with Venture Elevator Inc. Her experience spans a wide range of roles and responsibilities, including project management, client relations, and field operations, providing her with a well-rounded perspective on leadership, collaboration, and problem solving. While at Durham College (DC), Joanne served as the Program Advisory Committee Student Representative and, following graduation, was invited to continue as an Alumni and Industry Representative, helping ensure the program remains aligned with evolving industry needs. Passionate about promoting the skilled trades, she is committed to encouraging more women and underrepresented groups to pursue rewarding careers in the industry.

Jason Large

Jason Large is standing for election to serve his first term for 2026–2029. Jason is a graduate of Electrician Level 1 and 2, and completed the Electrical Construction and Maintenance Level 3 Apprenticeship program on the Dean's List in 2010. A Red Seal Electrician with more than 20 years of experience in the electrical trade, he has built a successful career focused on technical excellence, leadership, and mentorship. As a Journeyman Service Electrician with Ampere Electric, he provides electrical service and maintenance to major organizations across the Greater Toronto Area while mentoring apprentices and helping them develop the skills, confidence, and professionalism needed to succeed in the skilled trades.

Jesara Holla

Jesara Holla is standing for election to serve her second term for 2026–2029 and currently serves as President on the Board. Graduating from the Print Journalism program in 2006, she has spent 20 years at Ontario Power Generation (OPG), gaining extensive experience in stakeholder relations, strategic communications, and major nuclear projects. Her work has included supporting the Darlington Refurbishment Project, and leading external engagement for new nuclear growth in Ontario, across Canada, and internationally. She has recently transitioned to Senior Manager of Regulatory Affairs at OPG, where she supports engagement with Canada's nuclear regulator, contributes to regulatory strategy and compliance, and connects technical, operational, and leadership teams with regulatory expectations. Jesara brings a strong record of relationship-building and public engagement, working with government, educational institutions, communities, industry leaders, and the public. The foundation she built at Durham College, further enriched by continued studies in Professional Communications and executive leadership, continues to shape her perspective and approach.

Paul Fritzsich

Paul Fritzsich is standing for election to serve his second term for 2026-2029. Paul is a recent graduate (2023) from the Horticulture – Food and Farming program. After a 20-year career in software technology, he decided to follow a life-long passion for agriculture and return to college. Paul participated in the Student Work program where he gained invaluable experience in his role as Community and Edible Gardens Ambassador representing the Barrett Centre of Innovation in Sustainable Urban Agriculture. During his last semester, he founded an urban agriculture company, Urban Farm Solutions, with a mission to help create holistic communities that are food-sovereign and connected with the health of their own environments. By transforming underutilized urban greenspaces into productive and beautiful market gardens, much of the food grown can be donated to local food banks and care organizations.

Patrick Lyver

Patrick Lyver is standing for election to serve his second term for 2026-2029. Patrick graduated from the Graphic Design program in 2002 and is Founder and President of Kleurvision Inc., a boutique digital brand design agency. Patrick founded his company in 2004 and has helped hundreds of businesses, from small to enterprise, solve brand communications problems. He is known for being a creative director and marketing experimenter and together with his talented team (including several DC graduates) they

grow businesses. Patrick co-founded Startup Durham Region in 2016 which helps entrepreneurs navigate the ecosystem to speed access to investment, support, resources, mentors, networks, information, talent, and customers. He is also co-founder of Access IO, an invitation-only, high-energy and high-impact event series focused on sourcing new technologies, investing, supporting innovation, and growing the Canadian economy. In 2024 Patrick helped to launch Angel Investors Durham to help bring accredited investors together to bridge the financial gap that many startup founders face when scaling their businesses.