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Don Lovisa, President Durham College

Don Lovisa is President of Durham College, a position he has held for the past twelve years of his more than 30 years in post-secondary education. In this position, Don leads a talented group of more than 2,400 full and part-time employees dedicated to ensuring the student experience comes first. Durham College has thrived under Lovisa's leadership, growing to more than 13,800 full-time, post-secondary and apprenticeship students and over 30,000 students in total.

Lovisa is considered a leader in the college system and the broader provincial and national community. He is currently on the board of Colleges and Institutes Canada (CICAN) and was formerly the Chair of Colleges Ontario and co-chair of the Ontario Council on Articulation and Transfer (ONCAT). He takes great pride in Durham College being recognized as a GTA Top Employer and one of Canada's Greenest Employers.

Lovisa has a Master's degree in International Management, a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology, a diploma in Adult Education, and has completed the course work for a Ph.D. in Community College Leadership.

Caroline Wright, Senior Director, Operations and General Manager MLSE

'96 Sport Management

Caroline Wright is a seasoned sports marketing professional with expertise in Operations, Brand Management, Retail and Venue Strategy. As a leader at Maple Leaf Sports & Entertainment (MLSE), one of the world's premier sports and entertainment organizations, she thrives in enterprise-wide project management, leading multiple teams to deliver a common vision with executional excellence.



MLSE has one of the largest and most diverse sports marketing portfolios in North America, and with over twenty years of leadership experience Caroline is the General Manager for world class facilities that are home to Toronto Maple Leafs (NHL), Toronto Raptors (NBA), Toronto FC (MLS), Toronto Argos(CFL), and many other teams in addition to a thriving Live Entertainment business.

Wright is a critical thinker with the creative insights, vision and leadership required to juggle multiple brands and priorities. Prior to her appointment as General Manager, she held leadership roles in the areas of Venue Strategy, Project Development, Creative Production, Marketing, Fan Loyalty, Retail, Global Partnerships & Ticketing.

Wright is also a Registered Holistic Nutritionist and mom to two teenage boys.

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Tamara Dus, Director Health Services University Health Network

'93 Registered Nursing

Tamara Dus was born and raised in Oshawa and married her high school partner, David Dus, who is also a DC grad. While raising two children and working full time, she continued her education and completed certificates in Neonatal Intensive Care and Oncology, a BSc and Masters in Nursing from Ryerson University and in 2017, she became a Canadian Certified Healthcare Executive. Tamara is currently working on a Doctorate of Education in Leadership and Learning - Health Care Administration and Leadership at Aspen University.

As a RN, Tamara spent many years working part-time in the home-care sector while working full-time at Lakeridge Health. These clinical experiences were in a variety of different inpatient and outpatient units prior to moving into progressive leadership positions. Leadership positions at Lakeridge Health included Director of the Durham Regional Cancer Center, Director of Emergency, Critical Care, Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault and Pre-Hospital care for all sites and Durham Region Public Health. Currently, Tamara's work at University Health Network involves Occupational Health and Wellness for employees, physicians, students and volunteers.

Over the course of her career she has taught sessional courses at both Durham College and Ontario Tech University.

Rogier ten Kate, Faculty/Program Advisor for International Business Management Program Durham College

Rogier ten Kate has a passion for helping, teaching and educating people and entrepreneurs. He is an entrepreneur himself and has his own training and consultancy business next to being a professor and development professional at Durham College. He has over nine years of experience in Post-Secondary education and over 15+ years of experience in international corporate settings.



He holds an undergraduate Bachelor of Business Degree in Marketing and Management and a Master of Business Administration degree with a specialization in International Marketing.

His corporate experience includes various international business development, sales and marketing management roles. Some of the countries he has worked and lived in are: Holland, United States, Belgium and Switzerland. Having travelled all over the world, before immigrating to Canada nine years ago, he brings a vast amount of practical and cultural knowledge to the table.

His educational development work and teaching experience at Durham College has been in International Business Management and Project Management programs. Rogier was recently appointed Country Director Canada for the World Institute for Action Learning (WIAL).