

2019-2020 DCAA Board Bio Summaries

CAMERON ACKERBLADE joined the DCAA Board in 2018 and is currently President of the Board of Directors. He graduated from Durham College with an Accounting diploma in 2005. Cameron has been in the workplace supply business for most of his working career, the past five years as an Account Manager with Grand & Toy growing their brand in the Eastern GTA and Durham Region. Having lived and worked in Durham throughout most of his life, he has built many strong relationships within the community. Cameron actively participates in several committees of the Durham Region Lakeshore Chambers of Commerce/Boards of Trade, and volunteers with the Oshawa Seniors Community Centres. He has been a member of the board of the Oshawa Kicks Soccer Club, serving as Vice President and has participated in many community initiatives.

NICOLE BLACKMAN is vice-president of the Board of Directors 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 Durham College, Nicole continued her education to attain her Master's degree and Doctorate in Nursing Practice. As a First Nation's woman, she is extremely passionate about Indigenous health, working towards addressing health issues at the local, regional and provincial levels. Nicole sits on the Board of Directors for Bawaajigewin Aboriginal Community Circle and is Chair of the CELHIN Indigenous Advisory Circle. Currently, Nicole is manager, Durham Region Health Department, working in the Population Health Division while also providing Indigenous cultural training. Nicole has strived 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.

CARRIE-ANNE ATKINS was recently appointed to fill a vacancy on the Board of Directors. Carrie-Anne graduated from the Public Relations program in 1998 and continued her education at Athabasca University where she obtained a Bachelor of Professional Arts as a Communications Major. At present, Carrie-Anne is Senior Communications Advisor for Ontario Power Generation – Darlington Nuclear Stakeholder Relations. She is involved in the community as a Vice-chair and Board Trustee for the Durham Community Foundation as well as a member of the Oshawa Chamber Commerce Government Relations Committee. In the past,

Carrie-Anne served on the Whitby Chamber of Commerce Advocacy Committee and the Ajax Pickering Board of Trade Communications and Marketing Committee, as well as acting as a Board Trustee for both Victims Services of Durham Region and the Ajax-Pickering-Uxbridge United Way.

RYAN CULLEN joined the DCAA Board in 2018 and graduated from Durham College in 2017 from the Horticulture, Food and Farming program. While a student, Ryan worked at Bistro '67 and served on the Board of Governors as the student representative. Currently, Ryan is a part-time faculty member at Durham College and a full-time administrator in the position of Field Supervisor at the W. Galen Weston Centre for Food, Whitby campus. He manages the greenhouse, gardens, arboretum and market garden with a team of horticulture work-study students. Ryan received the John Dobson Enactus Fellow of the Year award at the 2018 Enactus Canada National Exposition, an annual forum to address social issues through entrepreneurial action. The honour recognizes the outstanding contributions of faculty members as mentors to students involved in the Enactus teams at their respective colleges.

GABRIELLA DE SOUSA was recently appointed to fill a vacancy on the Board of Directors. Gabriella first graduated from the Electrical Engineering Technician program in 2015 then successfully completed all levels of the Durham College Advanced Elevating Device Mechanic program in 2017. She was one of 15 women to participate in the inaugural all-women Elevating Device Mechanic pre-apprenticeship program that launched in the School of Skilled Trades, Apprenticeship & Renewable Technology in February of 2016. Gabriella gave a presentation about her experience as a female student in a trades program to the Whitby Council in 2016 and appeared in an article in the 2017 edition of Elevator World. She is currently working at Delta Elevator Co. Ltd. where she is an Elevating Device Mechanic Apprentice.

LORRAINE FULLER was recently appointed to fill a vacancy on the Board of Directors. Lorraine graduated from the Business Administration Accounting program in 1990. Lorraine received her Certified Management Accountant designation – now called the Certified Professional Account, in 1995. Lorraine went on to obtain a Master's Certificate in Public Sector Management from Ontario Tech University. Employed by the City of Oshawa, Lorraine is

Coordinator of Financial Reporting and Planning and her responsibilities include ensuring the integrity of the City's budgeting, planning, and financial reporting processes. Lorraine is a member of the City's Employee Advisory Roundtable Committee as well as Finance Policy and HST Working Group Committees sponsored by the Municipal Financial Officers' Association. She volunteers as a Community Food Advisor with the Region of Durham Health Department and has served on the Oshawa's United Way and Grapevine Committees.

VANESSA HUGHES joined the Board in 2015 and is currently serving her second term. She is a 1990 graduate of the School of Business IT Management Business from the Human Resources program. Vanessa is proud to have worked her entire career in Durham Region for Ontario Power Generation. Through her work in communications and community relations, she has been involved in the educational partnership between Durham College and OPG, helping to co-ordinate partnership events and announcements, attending campus events on behalf of OPG, and working closely with college staff. Vanessa has served on the board of directors for the Clarington Board of Trade (CBOT) and Ajax Pickering Board of Trade (APBOT), including as chair of the Human Resources Committee; as well as the board of Durham Hospice. She was awarded Durham College Alumna of Distinction in 2015.

JONATHAN HURTER* joined the Board in 2016, is completing his first term and is eligible to serve a second term. He graduated from the School of Justice and Emergency Services Paralegal Diploma program with a Certificate in ADR in 2004 and was among the first paralegals licensed by the Law Society of Ontario. He went on to York University, completing a Specialized B.A. in Philosophy, Certificate in Practical Ethics, and an Advanced Certificate in ADR. After working as a paralegal, Jonathan completed a Specialized Juris Doctorate from Osgoode Hall Law School. He then articulated with the Ministry of the Attorney General, and currently practices as a provincial prosecutor at the Real Estate Council of Ontario. Jonathan's community service includes having worked for various legal aid programs, including Arch Disability Law Center, the sport dispute resolution center, as well as having served as the President of the Association for ADR at Osgoode.

BRENT LESSARD joined the DCAA Board in 2018 and graduated from the Mechanical Engineering Technology program in 2013. Brent is the co-founder of rLoop Incorporated, a new kind of organization, redefining how people connect, collaborate and innovate to create a prosperous future for all. He has won multiple international awards including awards from the Dubai Future Foundation, IndieGoGo, and SpaceX. Brent competed in Elon Musk's SpaceX hyperloop competition where, as project lead, his rLoop team became one of 27 teams chosen to build their prototype and went on to win the Pod Innovation Award. Their prototype achieved many firsts for a Hyperloop vehicle and remains one of the most advanced in existence. Brent is a 2017 Alumnus of Distinction award recipient and a 2017 Premier's Award winner.

AMANDA MACDONALD* is nominated for election to serve her first term with the DCAA Board of Directors. Amanda received both a Business Fundamentals Certificate in 2016 and a Business Marketing Diploma in 2017. She went on to obtain a Bachelor of Recreation and Leisure Studies from Brock University. Amanda was recently hired as the Executive Director – Oshawa Downtown Business Improvement in July of this year. Previously, Amanda was the Executive Director – Welland Downtown Business Improvement and was a member of their Waterway Advisory Committee and Active Transportation Committee. Her volunteer experience includes work with Recreation and Culture for the City of Niagara Falls, member of Brock Recreation and Leisure Studies Alumni Committee, Event Director for Enactus, and Board Director for the Rosalind Blauer Centre for Child Care.

AMANDA MORARI* joined the DCAA board in 2018 filling a vacancy for the term ending 2019. She is eligible to serve a second term. She graduated from the Digital Photography program in 2013 with honours. She is currently employed with IKEA as a Business Navigator and has had the opportunity to work in several different roles throughout her career. Some of which include photographing food items for use on menu boards country wide and capturing IKEA events across the GTA. Amanda also had the opportunity to travel abroad to help open the very first IKEA store in India. Also, a freelance photographer, Amanda captures weddings, engagements, families as well as commercial work in and around the Toronto area. Amanda has given back to DC by acting as a part-time professor for the school of Media, Art, & Design in the Photography and Videography programs. She currently teaches Fundamentals of Lighting. Amanda strives to

cultivate a positive, fun, hands-on learning environment that accommodates student's diverse cultural and educational backgrounds.

PETER WIEBE* joined the DCAA board in early 2019 filling a vacancy for the term ending 2019. He is eligible to serve a second term. Peter graduated from the Mechanical Engineering Technology program in 2012. During his years at DC, Peter showed his commitment to the school by working as an academic tutor. After Durham College, Peter went on to gain a Bachelor of Business Administration from Athabasca University. Currently, Peter is working in the Aerospace industry and holds the position of Manager of Quality and Continuous Improvement at Héroux-Devtek. He is an entrepreneurial individual and has a passion for working with creative teams, such as the DCAA board. Peter is the designated Board representative for the Enactus DC team partnership.

***Board Directors for election to serve a first term or re-election to serve a second term.**