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# MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As we welcome 2019, once again we are looking to the future for new opportunities to innovate, grow our programs and reputation, and expand our social footprint.

Over the past few months, I have been preparing for our annual Durham College (DC) Board of Governors retreat by interviewing community leaders about our college. As I speak with those around me, one thing I keep hearing is that our community wants to know more about our alumni. I can certainly understand why.

The stories of our DC alumni are bold, unique and inspiring. While we do a good job of sharing with each other about our professional journeys, successes and lessons learned along the way, I'm looking forward to seeing DC rise to the challenge of amplifying those stories out into the greater community.

In this issue, you will hear from three alumni – one whose career took him where he least expected, another who has dedicated herself to helping others and, finally, a grad who has learned that achieving success in business means learning how to turn mistakes into opportunities.

For the year ahead, I'm encouraging our alumni to get back in touch with DC, to connect and to update us on your journey. Has your career taken you across the world or are you making a difference here at home? Remember, sometimes even the smallest accomplishment can have a significant impact on those around you. So be sure to make some time to connect with DC, myself or DC Alumni through social media and [share your story](#).

I can't wait to hear what you've been up to.

All the best,

Don



*Durham College president Don Lovisa at the Alumni in the Pit event*

# MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE DC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Welcome to another year as Durham College (DC) alumni! What a whirlwind few months it has been.

With a full semester of operation now under its belt, the Centre for Collaborative Education (CFCE) is realizing its promise to be an amazing resource for students, employees, alumni and the greater community.

On February 6, DC hosted The Global Graduate, a collaborative forum in the CFCE's Global Classroom. DC president Don Lovisa led students through this unique class that connected them with three DC alumni based in South Africa, the United States and Ireland. Other spaces within the CFCE also continue to create unique opportunities for innovative learning. Later in this issue, you'll hear from a student whose experience training in the Durham College Spa is positively informing his quality of education in the Massage Therapy program.

The rest of February proved to be a busy month for DC alumni. Two graduates returned to campus for [Alumni in the Pit](#), meeting with students to discuss their careers and life after graduation. At the annual Job Fair, more alumni volunteered their time and expertise at the Personal Pitch Stop, where they mentored students and helped them brush up on their business communication skills.

As our alumni network continues to grow, so does my pride in our graduates and their impressive accomplishments. I'm also proud of their generosity, as they continue to connect with DC, mentoring and sharing insights with students about life beyond the classroom. This will continue to make a significant impact on our students and the communities they live and work in after graduation.

With that in mind, if you know a DC grad who is not only making an impact in their field but is also contributing to the advancement of DC, I encourage you to nominate them for the [2019 Alumni of Distinction awards](#).

I look forward to seeing more of our alumni engage with and participate in our amazing DC community in the future.

Sincerely,

Michele Roberts  
President, Durham College Alumni Association



*Durham College Alumni Association president Michele Roberts*

# ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: BRANDON BIRD

As CEO of a highly-successful mechanical contracting company, Brandon Bird is an ambitious dreamer who embraces life and where it has taken him.

Built from the ground up by his grandfather and father, Bird Mechanical Ltd. was where Brandon spent the summers and weekends of his youth. When it came time to decide on a career path after high school, though, he was determined to try his hand at something different and move in his own direction. He eagerly jumped at the opportunity to study film – hoping to break the family mold and do his own thing.

It wasn't long before Brandon learned that life has a funny way of bringing people back to where they're meant to be, and he soon found himself once again working for the family business. What was meant to be temporary – a part-time job to help out between film projects – soon turned into full-time hours in the fabrication shop where he was learning new skills.

Eventually, Brandon found himself doing what he never expected; falling in love with the trades and cultivating a passion for the family business. It was this newfound passion that led him to pursue a plumbing apprenticeship at Durham College (DC).

“Part of the agreement I had with my father when I officially joined the company full-time was for me to do an apprenticeship,” says Brandon, who completed the advanced portion of his apprenticeship and secured his Red Seal plumbing license in 2012. “DC allowed me to gain a comprehensive knowledge of the industry through a mix of theory, hands-on application and business, and exposed me to many situations that I hadn't yet seen in the field. The first residential bathroom I ever roughed-in was in trade school.”

Today, at age 30, he is the youngest CEO in Bird Mechanical's history and credits his success not just to his own business expertise but to his employees and their shared commitment to constant improvement.

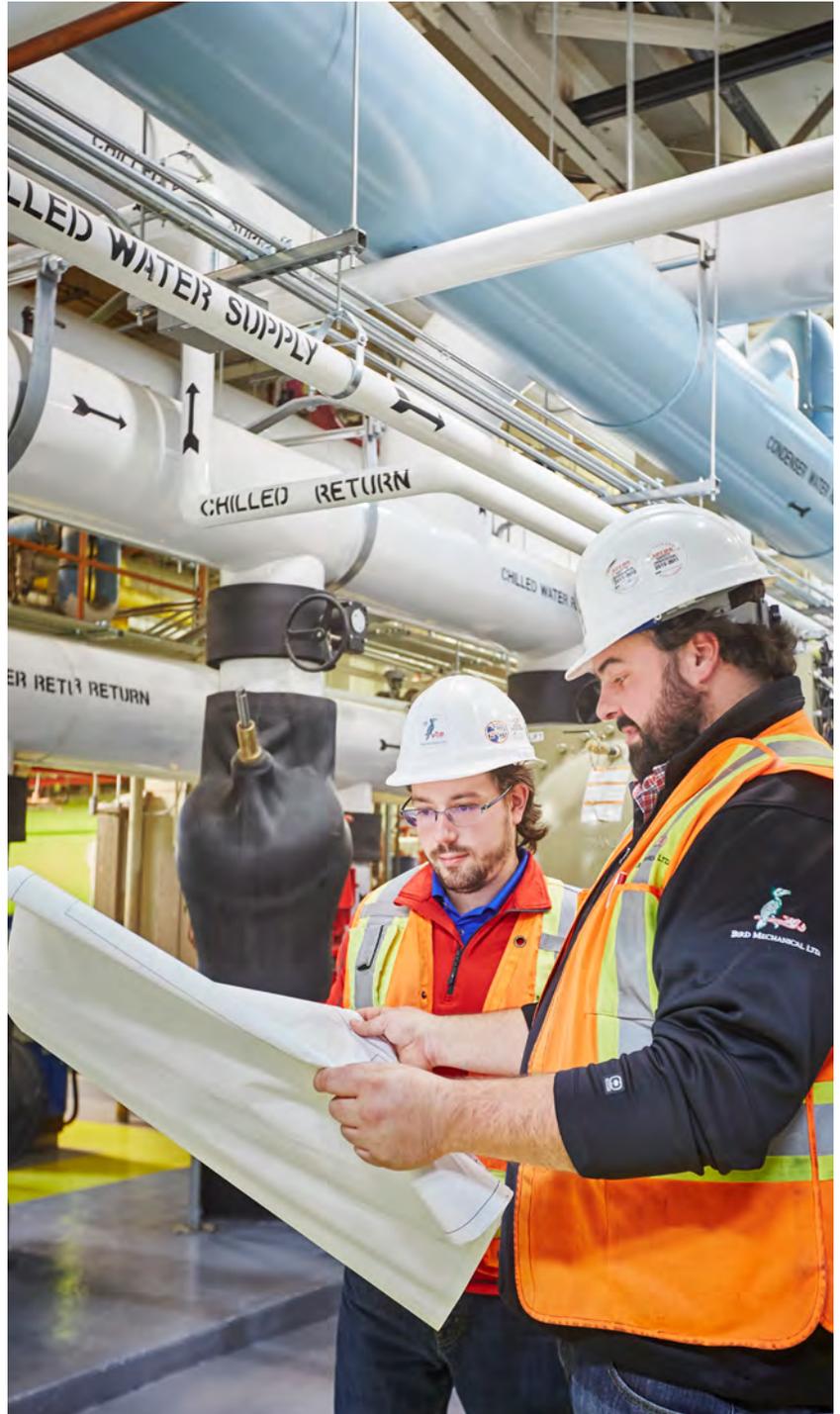
“Quite often I have people say they can't believe the size of the company I run at my age but it takes a great team to be successful,” he says. “When you have a dedicated and passionate group of people, and you're willing to take risks and push not only yourself but your team out of their comfort zone, everyone involved strives to be better and to do better.”

Despite his youth, the years he spent gaining experience working for his father, along with his DC education, are paying off.

Last year under his leadership, the company hit \$32.7 million in sales, opened up a new office in Halifax, NS, to expand their operations into Atlantic Canada and acquired a small civil-contracting company. A month into 2019, Bird Mechanical already has over \$25 million in work secured and Brandon is focused on streamlining operations and further reinvesting in the company through new tools and equipment.

“I’m always looking at what’s next to see how we can improve. While a lot of my team focuses on the day-to-day, I’m looking six months to a year or two ahead, always considering our long term goals,” Brandon explains. “No matter how good you are as a company, even if you’re the best, you can always find ways to improve and evolve.”

*Brandon Bird (left) on site in Etobicoke General Hospital’s chiller plant*



# DONOR PROFILE: DARRELL SEWELL

Darrell Sewell may have graduated from Durham College (DC) over 30 years ago but his connection to his alma mater has only strengthened in that time.

Currently vice-president of facilities and chief human resources officer for Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre in Barrie, Ont., Darrell has achieved incredible career success since completing his [Human Resources – Business](#) diploma at DC in 1989. His dedication and hard work have advanced him continually through a number of executive roles at major health-care organizations, and he is currently completing a Master’s degree, building on his past experience and education to further his learning. Yet despite his demanding professional life, Darrell’s commitment to the college and to supporting current and future students has never wavered.

Honoured with an Alumni of Distinction award in 2003, Darrell has remained an engaged alumnus through his service on the college’s Board of Governors as a former member and board chair, and as a member and former president of the DC Alumni Association Board of Directors.

According to him though, Darrell’s most important role at DC has been that of a donor, which he credits with making the most difference in the lives of students.

“During my first year as a member of the Alumni Association Board of Directors, the college was beginning a fundraising campaign and I volunteered to be the business division lead,” he recalls. “This was a great experience. It helped me understand the importance of personal giving and the impact it can have on students by funding ongoing projects for the college to improve and expand.”

In 1997, Darrell gave his first personal gift to the college through a donation to the Creating Futures campaign, followed by multiple donations to student awards from 2002 to 2009. These gifts have since provided much-needed financial assistance for students, ensuring their experience and success come first.

In the last decade, Darrell has also donated to the Building for our Future campaign in support of the Skills Training Centre expansion on the Whitby campus in 2010, and the Building Something Amazing campaign for the Centre for Collaborative Education on the Oshawa campus in 2017.



“Keeping pace with the changes in our post-secondary education system can be challenging and expensive,” explains Darrell. “Financial support from donors helps DC keep up, and even get ahead, with the facility, equipment, and research needs of the college, and I want to continue to be a small part of supporting world-class facilities for students to learn in and faculty to teach in.”

It’s clear that Darrell’s DC journey is far from over as his generous gifts will continue to impact students for years to come.

# ENACTING CHANGE IN THE WORLD THROUGH ENACTUS DC

To call the Durham College (DC) Enactus team busy would be an understatement. From combating food insecurity by [planting trees and building micro-greenhouses](#) to hosting over 100 high-school students for a [one-day entrepreneurship conference](#) at the college, this group of dedicated student leaders has had a whirlwind few months.

[Enactus](#) is an international non-profit organization dedicated to creating social change through entrepreneurial thinking. DC's chapter was introduced to the college in 2016 through [FastStartDC](#), the college's entrepreneurship centre, to create a student team focused on making positive economic and social impacts on society.

Students aren't the only ones making a difference through their involvement with this organization, though – DC alumni like Sheila Corriveau have been actively involved for years.

A 1988 graduate of DC's [Public Relations](#) program, Sheila has had a robust career in communications and business, one that has led to her current role as managing director, global marketing operations, program delivery and senior people leader at KPMG.

With KPMG as an ongoing presenting sponsor for the Enactus World Cup, a competition that brings together over 3,500 students from 1,700 colleges and universities across the globe, Sheila has had the opportunity to travel to China, South Africa, England and the United States to oversee public relations tasks. She has also acted as moderator for an executive panel, judged national-level competitions and currently sits on the Enactus World Cup Steering Committee.

“Every year, I am consistently inspired by the students who compete at the Enactus World Cup. Their passion and entrepreneurial spirit have impacted underserved areas of the world when it comes to farming, the environment, unemployment, homelessness and the economy,” Sheila says, having been involved with the event since 2014. “Enactus is a huge part of my life and career and has helped me develop new friendships and deepen many business relationships.”

For Jay Fisher, who holds a number of roles at DC, including professor, manager of experiential learning and FastStartDC, and the faculty supervisor for Enactus DC, he believes there is no better time for alumni to get involved with the organization.

“We are maturing as a team and our plans are big and bold. Exciting new opportunities have emerged that will require strong partnerships with people loyal to the DC community,” explains Jay. “From coaching and mentorship to project partnerships and the exploration and execution of new international social projects – we have lots to do and need assistance from knowledgeable people.”

As social issues and the innovative solutions needed to address them become a more prominent goal for society, the Enactus DC team is already working daily to find opportunities for change and to implement them.

Have you been involved in Enactus in the past? Tell us about your story or reconnect with DC on one of its upcoming Enactus initiatives by contacting the Office of Development and Alumni Affairs at 905.721.3035.

For more information on how to get involved with DC’s chapter of Enactus, visit [www.enactusdc.com](http://www.enactusdc.com).



*Enactus DC student leaders at the Side Hustle Summit conference in DC’s Global Classroom*

# ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: GARTH GREEN

Garth Green always knew he wanted to work with his hands – and it was this passion that informed his decision after high school to switch post-secondary programs last minute, transferring from marketing to [Mechanical Engineering Technology](#) at Durham College (DC).

The second class to graduate with a specialty in CAD/CAM – a computer software used to design and manufacture products – Garth left DC in 1985 as an in-demand graduate. For the next decade, he gained expertise in his field, working for numerous companies in Ontario and British Columbia in the automotive, sales, dental, aircraft and computer industries.

In 1994, Garth's decision to follow his heart took him one step farther as he opened his own machining and fabricating business: ASDAC CNC Machining Limited (ASDAC). With a small loan from his parents, and a grant from the government, Garth was able to kick-start his company, producing over \$70,000 in sales his first year.

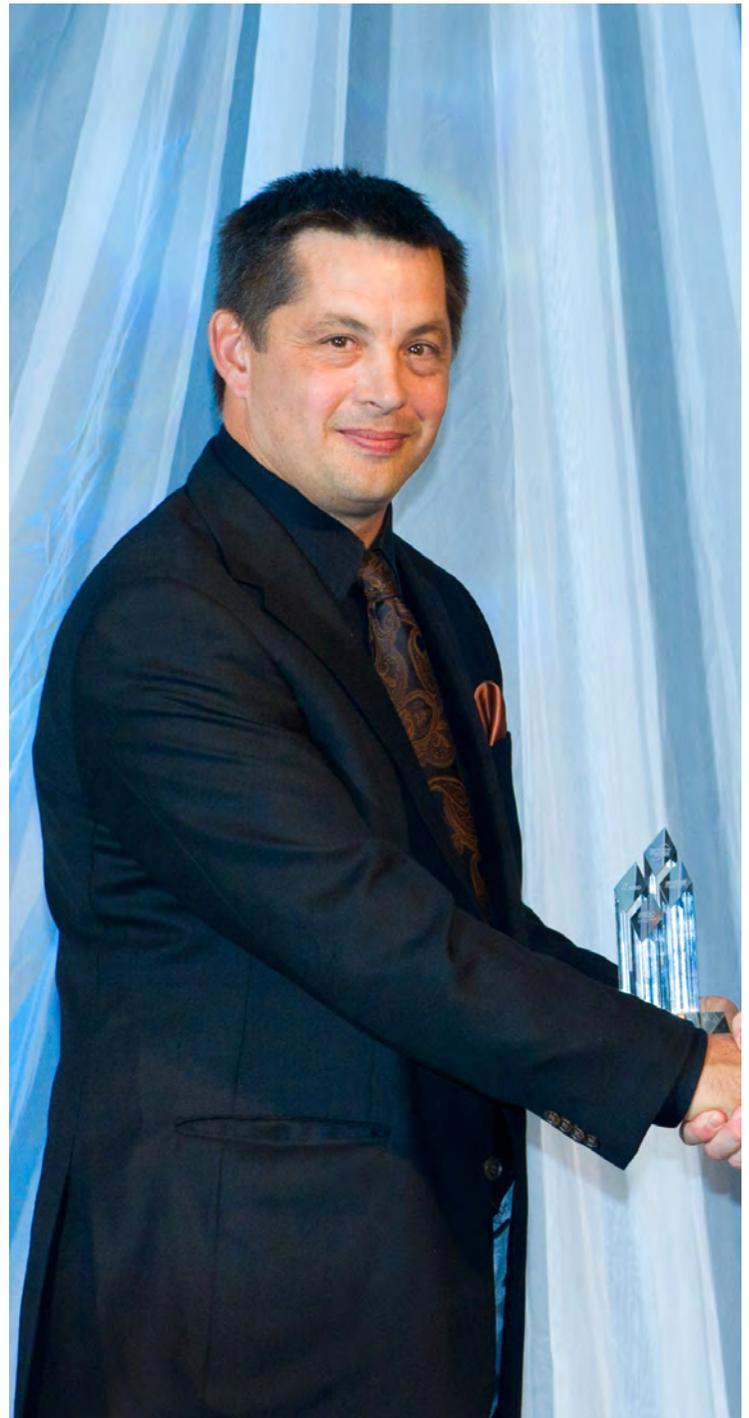
The company has since grown – both in sales, and in employees – and Garth's wins have included major long-term build contracts, and awards like the 2010 Business Excellence Award for Mid-Sized Business of the Year from the Kelowna Chamber of Commerce. Although passion and skill have contributed to the success of his business – he also credits his team as supporting that success through their own hard work and dedication.

“It took me many years to put together a group of people who work harmoniously together to build the business up,” recalls Garth. “I have an open door policy and feel that it's important to listen to your people. We're all equal, we just have different jobs. If I don't have my team, then I have nothing – I couldn't do it myself.”

While Garth and his team have experienced numerous successes, he also acknowledges that mistakes and missteps are a natural part of any business, but it's all about how you deal with them that matters most.

“Coming back from a mistake is not easy, but it is simple. Keep your head down and work hard. It’s all about desire,” he says, confidently. “I don’t believe I have any special skills, but I am persistent, and I know that there is a solution to everything. While some people give up, I don’t – and that’s all you can do when things get tough.”

Armed with resiliency, passion and a committed team, the future looks bright for Garth as he enters his twenty-fifth year of business. Moving forward, he hopes ASDAC and his team will continue to grow and flourish, giving him the financial freedom to travel and see the rest of the world.



# WHITBY CAMPUS IN THE NEWS

## DURHAM COLLEGE CELEBRATES THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS WHITBY CAMPUS

On December 12, Durham College (DC) celebrated its Whitby campus's 25th anniversary surrounded by employees, alumni, corporate partners, donors and local politicians.

Since opening its doors in 1993, DC's Whitby location has evolved into an active post-secondary campus that is home to thousands of students, a wide range of programs across multiple disciplines, Corporate Training Services (CTS), and the W. Galen Weston Centre for Food.

[Read more](#)



## DURHAM COLLEGE AND OPG NURTURE SKILLED TRADES

On January 25, DC and Ontario Power Generation (OPG) celebrated the recent completion of the college's first-ever Boiler Lab in Whitby. Funded by both DC and OPG, the new Boiler Lab will help ensure graduates gain real-world experience and knowledge from hands-on learning in an actual, operating boiler-room setting.

Training in the Boiler Lab is part of the Mechanical Technician – Millwright and Power Engineering Technician – Fourth Class programs offered at DC and will play an integral role in competency development. The Boiler Lab joins a long list of training simulation environments offered at the college's Whitby campus including energy, residential construction and carpentry and horticulture labs.

[Read more](#)



## DC HORTICULTURE STUDENTS BRING CLASSMATE'S DESIGN TO LIFE AT LANDSCAPE ONTARIO CONGRESS

A team of DC Horticulture Technician students took their classmate's vision of a tranquil outdoor garden room from design to reality for the 2019 Landscape Ontario Congress (Congress), an annual trade show and conference for Canada's horticultural and landscape professionals.

Featured within the Congress's Canada Blooms Campus: Student Feature Gardens exhibit, the DC installation was designed by second-year student Amanda Steinberg and featured extensive woodwork, including a wooden accent wall, and a secret waterfall.

[Read more](#)



## DURHAM COLLEGE RECEIVES \$1 MILLION DONATION FROM THE W. GARFIELD WESTON FOUNDATION TO SUPPORT FARMING OPERATIONS

DC is pleased to share that The W. Garfield Weston Foundation (the Foundation) has donated \$1 million to fund the expansion of farming operations at the W. Galen Weston Centre for Food (CFF) to support experiential learning opportunities for DC students.

The success of the Horticulture Technician and Horticulture – Food and Farming programs over the last two years has resulted in a doubling of enrolment and a greater demand for fresh foods from the field. This donation will support the construction of a post-harvest and storage facility, greenhouse expansion and the implementation of container farming, all of which will increase and better process the CFF's food production, allow for experimentation of newer agriculture practices, and provide students with new experiential learning opportunities.

[Read more](#)

# HANDS-ON LEARNING AND WELLNESS AT THE DURHAM COLLEGE SPA

Every day at Durham College (DC) hundreds of students, employees, alumni and guests pass through the bright, modern Centre for Collaborative Education (CFCE), yet most remain unaware of one of DC's best-kept secrets located on the second floor.

It's up there that the [Durham College Spa](#) is open for business and humming with activity.

Offering therapeutic massage therapy services at competitive rates, and with future plans to provide makeup application and esthetic services, the spa acts as the home base for students in the [Massage Therapy](#), [Cosmetic Techniques and Management](#), and [Esthetician - Spa Management](#) programs, giving them opportunities to gain real-world, hands-on experience as they learn and practice under professional guidance.

For Deacon Barbour, a second-year Massage Therapy student, this type of experiential learning is exactly what he hoped to get when he came to DC.

"I chose massage therapy because I want to help people recover from injury, pain and stress," says Deacon, who already has a Bachelor of Health Science in Kinesiology and plans to one day pursue a Master's degree and open his own

clinic. "The new facilities provide me with labs and classrooms that very closely resemble what my future work environment will be like. This gives me the space I need to develop my skills as a future massage therapist, which will make my transition into the specialized workforce seamless."

Only five months after the grand opening of the CFCE, the Durham College Spa already maintains a regular waitlist of clients. In a similar way to DC's [Dental Clinic](#) at the Oshawa campus and [Bistro '67](#) at the Whitby campus, students and community members are finding the benefits of the spa to be two-fold.

"As our student practitioners gain experience working in a functional spa, the rest of our campus community and residents of Durham Region have the good fortune of capitalizing on our affordable services within an inclusive space," says Leslie Morris, manager, Durham College Spa. "In the future, we also hope to engage DC students from other programs as a way to demonstrate and highlight their expertise and skills so they too can build their own professional portfolios through experiential learning."

With students like Deacon training in state-of-the-art facilities like the CFCE and Durham College Spa, DC continues to provide a learning experience that not only sets graduates apart, but also sets them up for success.

“Getting to learn hands-on skills while working with the public in the spa makes me feel like I’m already making a positive contribution to people’s lives and the community at large,” says Deacon. “At the end of the day, I hope that I am able to say the profession I make my living from is also making other people’s lives a little bit easier.”

The CFCE is continuing to grow as a hub for collaborative thinking, working and learning at DC and in Durham Region, and this would not be possible without the financial support of individuals, corporations, and organizations in our community. If you would like to have a positive impact on the student experience through features such as the Durham College Spa, please consider a gift to help finish [Building Something Amazing](#).

*Massage Therapy student Deacon Barbour  
in the Durham College Spa*



# ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: BEV WOODS

Bev Woods has given thousands of people a reason to smile over her 33-year career.

After graduating from Durham College's (DC) [Dental Hygiene program](#) in 1986, she has worked in both general practice and public health, gaining experience as a dental hygienist and eventually holding the title of director of dental hygiene for Maxwell College.

In 2008, while preparing to open her own dental hygiene office in Trenton, Ont., she was inspired by the idea of helping others. It was then that she founded Gift from the Heart (GFTH), a non-profit organization and one-day event that brings together dental hygienists across the country to offer free dental hygiene services to those unable to afford or access care.

The first event saw 16 offices and over 50 dental hygienists from across Ontario participate, paving the way for another ten years of success. Today, the event takes place across Canada each year during National Dental Hygienists Week.

"Dental hygienists that offer free oral cancer screenings and dental hygiene services can potentially save a life," says Bev, whose organization has provided over \$1.2 million in no-cost dental hygiene care to vulnerable populations. "The more preventative care we can provide, the less our

communities will need to visit emergency rooms for temporary relief from oral pain."

In recognition of Bev's generous work with GFTH and meaningful contribution to dental hygiene and her community, the Canadian Dental Hygiene Association presented her with an Award of Merit in 2014. Two years later, Bev was selected by the International Federation of Dental Hygienists to represent Canada at the Global Social Responsibility conference in Florence, Italy and received second place for the Social Responsibility Award.

"It's amazing how much better someone can feel just from receiving a teeth cleaning. We increase their self-esteem, which in turn makes them smile more and eventually they'll feel confident enough to give back to their own communities," explains Bev. "A simple act of kindness can have a profound difference on someone's life, and sometimes it can also change your own life."

While Bev has just finished her role as president for the Bay of Quinte Dental Hygienists Society and her three-year council position with the College of Dental Hygienists of Ontario, she continues to dedicate herself to her profession. Recently, she came out of retirement to join the Whole Health clinic in Brighton, Ontario. There, along with her work at GFTH, she continues to bring smiles to those she helps every day.



# AUTOMOTIVE STUDENTS UNVEIL 500 HORSEPOWER MK4 ROADSTER

On December 14, Durham College (DC) students in their final semester of the [Automotive Technician – Service and Management](#) program proudly unveiled a project that has been two years in the making – a road-ready, Factory Five Racing MK4 Roadster, built entirely by them.

Assembled piece-by-piece throughout four semesters, this unique shop project allowed the students to get their hands dirty while putting into practice the same mechanical theory they were learning in the classroom. Their first class started with taking a complete inventory of every component, a skill that will come in handy for students wishing to pursue a career as a parts and service advisor. They soon moved on to more complicated projects, like building a transmission or braking system, as their classes advanced.

What began as 25 boxes full of automotive components on day one of their first year has become an example of the exciting experiential learning opportunities that await students at DC. With the roadster complete, students will now have a strong foundation in the automotive industry, having gained hands-on experience in parts management, mechanical troubleshooting, exterior body work and more.

The [Automotive Technician – Service and Management](#) program offers students a mix of theory in mechanical procedures and essential business skills so that they are prepared for a large selection of jobs in the automotive sector – from a technician to parts advisor, and everything in between.



# FROM OUR KITCHEN TO YOURS

Defined as “a seafood dish typically made from fresh, raw fish cured in citrus juices, such as lemon or lime”, ceviche features palate pleasing spices, fresh herbs and other garnishes. Students from Durham College’s Culinary Management program learned how to make ceviche during a trip to Peru as part of the college’s international mission.

Considered to be the country’s national dish, the students learned from experts, taking the skills they are developing in class and using them in a unique, experiential-learning environment.

Below is a Canadian take on this dish. It may be light but it’s heavy on flavour!

**YIELD: 4 SERVINGS**



## CEVICHE

### INGREDIENTS

- 450 g fresh BC halibut and salmon (or any mild white fleshed fish)
- 15 ml aji amarillo or bird eye chili
- Small handful of cilantro, leaves
- 125 ml lime juice
- 60 ml orange juice
- 250 ml leche de tigre
- 100 g red onion, fine
- 50 g diced roasted sweet potato, cooked
- Sweet corn
- Salt and pepper to taste

## LECHE DE TIGRE

### INGREDIENTS

- 500 ml fish stock
- 100 g fresh fish trimmings or pieces
- 250 ml lime juice
- 1 clove garlic
- 15 ml cilantro
- Cayenne, salt and pepper to taste

## METHOD

### MAKING THE CEVICHE

- Roast sweet potato in advance.
- Dice fish into medium-sized cubes and place in a nonreactive mixing bowl.
- Finely chop chilies.
- Chop cilantro.
- Add chilies, cilantro, lime juice and orange juice with the fish.
- Add salt and pepper to taste.
- Mix all ingredients and then allow mixture to marinate for one to two minutes.
- As mixture marinates, julienne the red onion and make the leche de tigre.
- Gently combine leche de tigre and ceviche in the bowl.

### LECHE DE TIGRE

Place all ingredients in a high speed blender and blend until smooth, stopping to scrape down the sides of the blender if necessary.

If the mixture is too thick add a little more fish stock or lime juice.

## PLATING

- Take thinly sliced radish and place in a circle around a plate.
- Spoon some of the ceviche into the centre of the plate.
- Place roasted sweet potato and sweet corn around the ceviche.
- Place julienned onions on top of the ceviche.
- Garnish with leafy or micro greens.

Optional: Add roasted cancha corn.

Serve fresh and enjoy!





## HOW WILL OUR SERVICES HELP?

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- Teach you how to market yourself to employers.
- Help you develop networking skills and prepare for job interviews.

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8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Oshawa campus: SSB 212

Whitby campus: Room 180

# SOLUTIONS FOR BUSINESS

Durham College (DC) Solutions for Business is continuing to ensure the employer experience comes first with the launch of a new online presence at [www.durhamcollege.ca/solutions](http://www.durhamcollege.ca/solutions). The redesigned landing page makes it even easier for businesses in Durham Region and beyond to connect with the college's innovative suite of services designed to help organizations reach their goals.

DC Solutions for Business now comprises nine complementary departments offering customized support and solutions to help organizations take their business to the next level. They are:

- Career Development
- Community Employment Services
- Co-operative Education
- Corporate Training Services
- Office of Research Services, Innovation and Entrepreneurship
- Office of Development and Alumni Affairs
- School of Continuing Education
- Student Field Placements
- W. Galen Weston Centre for Food

DC Solutions for Business service areas work seamlessly together and with clients to provide expertise, support and training that aligns with the specific needs of employers. This includes talent acquisition, skills training and upgrading, research and development, funding procurement, corporate events, student placements and charitable giving.

Under the guidance of the college's Corporate Council, DC Solutions for Business members meet regularly to discuss their recent activities with local businesses and look for opportunities for further service supports.

If you are a business owner in the community – or know someone who is – who could benefit from discovering new talent, helping their business evolve to meet the demands of today's market and anything in between, please direct them to [www.durhamcollege.ca/solutions](http://www.durhamcollege.ca/solutions) or the Employers and Partners section of the college website.



PLAY VIDEO

# CLASS NOTES

## ALUMNI UPDATES

**1978**

**Barry Dearborn**

Accounting – Business

Barry is an instructor with Trios College and lives in Oshawa, Ont.

**1992**

**Rhonda Mulcahy (Stevens)**

Graphic Design

Rhonda is the owner and publisher of the Brooklin Town Crier and lives in Brooklin, Ont.

**1996**

**Victoria Ball**

Human Resources – Business Administration

Victoria is a fitness centre co-ordinator with Georgian College and lives in Severn Bridge, Ont. with her husband Dan.

**2003**

**Kimberly Mitchell**

Accounting – Business Administration

Kimberly is an administrative assistant with the University of Ontario Institute of Technology and lives in Oshawa, Ont. with her husband Jamie.

**2011**

**Kyle Large**

Sport Management

Kyle is an assistant manager at Enterprise Rent-a-Car and lives in St. Catharines, Ont. with his partner Stephanie.

**2017**

**Summer Walker**

Police Foundations

Summer is a security officer for Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment and lives in Ajax, Ont.



With over **87,000** members in our alumni community our records need a refresh from time to time.

Update your contact information to receive the latest Durham College (DC) news and information on benefits and special offers exclusive only to DC grads.

We encourage you to make this a part of your routine so that we always know how best to reach you.

Here's to staying in touch!

[UPDATE YOUR INFO](#)

# SPORTS SHORTS

## KEN BABCOCK NAMED AS 2019 OSHAWA SPORTS HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

In recognition of an extraordinary career, Durham College's (DC) director of athletics and Sports Administration alumni, Ken Babcock, was announced on January 28 as a 2019 Oshawa Sports Hall of Fame inductee. The announcement was made to Oshawa's City Council, followed by a media conference at the Robert McLaughlin Gallery. A formal induction ceremony will take place on Wednesday, May 29 at the Tribute Communities Centre.

Beginning his career with the college in 1987, Ken has been an outstanding leader and mentor, having helped many Durham Lords sports teams achieve an astonishing 42 provincial gold medals and 105 overall medals in the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association (OCAA), and an additional five gold and 22 overall medals in the Canadian Colleges Athletic Association (CCAA).

"It was certainly an amazing thing to hear when I was informed of the induction news," said Ken. "It truly is a wonderful honour to receive and I am extremely humbled by the thought of joining so many outstanding individuals and teams that make up the Oshawa Sports Hall of Fame."

Not only have the Durham Lords teams seen success under his leadership, but he has been instrumental in the construction of athletic facilities on campus, which not only serve the students, but also the wider community. These projects include the Campus Tennis Centre (now Campus Fieldhouse) in 2004, Campus Ice Centre in 2005, Campus Recreation and Wellness Centre in 2007 and the conversion of Vaso's Field to an artificial turf multi-sport facility in 2018.

Over the span of his sports career, Ken also helped found the Canadian Collegiate Baseball Association in 1994, created the Durham College Sports Hall of Fame in 1997, helped launch the OCAA Hall of Fame in 2003, and developed and launched the University of Ontario Institute of Technology (the university) varsity athletics program in 2003.

"His passion for sport is unmatched as has been witnessed during his extremely successful career at Durham College," said university athletic director Scott Barker. "The personal drive, along with the amount of time Ken has dedicated to building athletics and recreation at both DC and the university, is something to this day that I have the utmost respect for."



He has also given back to the Oshawa community beyond the campus, primarily through Baseball Oshawa, where he has coached since 2005 and served as president since 2012. He was also a member of the organizing committee for the 2000 Ontario Summer Games, the 2008 Ontario Special Olympics Spring Games as well as the baseball portion of the 2015 Toronto Pan-Am Games.

Ken will be joined by former Lords men's basketball coach Peter Gordon, who is being inducted as a player for his accomplishments before his coaching years.

# NEW BENEFITS FOR DURHAM COLLEGE (DC) ALUMNI

DC alumni have access to hundreds of benefits and services.

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## ONTARIO HYUNDAI

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Contact Julie Armstrong Rennie at 905.244.6677 or [julie@julierennie.ca](mailto:julie@julierennie.ca) and mention the DC alumni discount code: DR9052446677.

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To find out more information on benefits visit  
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# SAVE THE DATE

## Etiquette Dinner

Monday, March 11

6 to 9 p.m.

Bistro '67

1604 Champlain Ave., Whitby, ON L1N 6A7

For more information and to purchase tickets, please visit [www.durhamcollege.ca/b2b](http://www.durhamcollege.ca/b2b)

## Spring Open House

Saturday, March 23

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Oshawa and Whitby campuses and Pickering Learning Site

For more information, please visit [www.durhamcollege.ca/openhouse](http://www.durhamcollege.ca/openhouse)

## ALUMNI OF DISTINCTION

Nominations are now open for DC's 2019 Alumni of Distinction awards, which honour the extraordinary contributions DC grads make to society while achieving career success.

Recipients are selected based on professional, community and personal accomplishments, contributions to the advancement of DC, and the geographic (regional, national, and international) scope of impact for their achievements.

Please submit a completed [nomination form](#) by Friday, March 15 at 5 p.m. to:

Durham College Alumni office  
2000 Simcoe St. N.  
Oshawa, ON L1G 0C5

The awards will be presented at Spring Convocation in June.

You can watch a video inspired by our 2018 winners [here](#).

For further information or if you have any questions, please contact Sally Hillis, manager, Alumni Development, at 905.721.2000, ext. 6262.



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