The logo features the word "Alumni" in a white, cursive script font on a green rectangular background. To the right of the word is the Durham College crest, a white shield with a grid pattern, and the text "DURHAM COLLEGE" and "SUCCESS MATTERS" in a white, sans-serif font.

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A large banner is displayed in the glass windows of a modern building. The number "50" is on the left, with the "5" in purple, "0" in white, and a rainbow gradient. To its right, the words "AMAZING YEARS" are written in large, bold, green, sans-serif capital letters.

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Do you have a story idea or something to share? Is there anything you would like to read about? We would love to hear from you!

Please [email us](#) with your comments, questions or suggestions.



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Community. One simple word that is an essential part of what makes Durham College (DC) amazing. As we continue to celebrate the college's 50th anniversary, I've been thinking about what the word community truly means to me; it's a concept that applies not only to the college campus, its employees and students, but also the broader region, in which we operate.

There's a longevity and deep quality to DC's relationships within these communities that underscores our growth and success. It's demonstrated every day by the college and its employees in their commitment to giving back, in the determination of our students as they strive for success, and in the support of our alumni community, now more than 77,000 members strong.

We also see it our ongoing relationships with local businesses and municipalities. Whether it's through investments, such as recent commitments of \$1 million from the City of Oshawa and Region of Durham, towards construction of our new Centre for Collaborative Education, or the more than 65 employers who attended our recent Job Fair, the broader community has always been supportive of DC's commitment to ensuring the student experience comes first.

Just as our community has always been there for us, we want to be there for them, which is why we have identified this key stakeholder group in our new Strategic Plan by pledging to "contribute and respond to the economic, social and environmental well-being of our community". You can find specifics about how we will achieve this goal in the plan including how we propose to advance our role as a community hub and develop new programs and services to meet the evolving demands of our students and the job market.

Our students have also been identified in the plan as we strive "to provide [them] with the best possible learning experience." To achieve this goal we will focus on flexible and experiential learning opportunities, supporting their wellbeing, delivering high-quality programs to help them develop career-ready skills and working to build lifelong relationships as they transition from student to alumni.

As you read through the pages of this edition of the Alumni magazine, you will see many stories bringing the DC community to life, from 50 people strumming 50 guitars in celebration of our anniversary to offering congratulations to a research partner on their success on CBC's Dragon's Den.

If you've fallen out of touch with DC I encourage you to reach out, especially during this milestone year.

Don



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE DC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

This time of year is always a whirlwind of emotions for Durham College (DC) students, especially those applying to graduate.

As they prepare to embark on their careers and join the alumni community, the Alumni Association will be there to help ease the transition. Initiatives like backpack to Briefcase (b2B) have been specifically designed to support students as they launch their careers in the workplace. The annual Job Fair is one of the events that falls under the scope of b2b offerings. This year over 65 potential employers participated and a mentoring lounge, where students could learn about the working world from alumni with first-hand experience, was also available to attendees.

This edition of the Alumni magazine is filled with stories of growth, community partnerships and celebrations. From announcing funding for the Centre for Collaborative Education, from both the City of Oshawa and Region of Durham, to Mac n' Cheese and 50 guitars, there's never a dull moment at DC.

I know I speak on behalf of the entire Alumni Association when I offer heartfelt congratulations to those eagerly anticipating spring Convocation. Just as the students look forward to their futures, the association looks forward to welcoming them to our community, already 77,000 members strong.

Whether you're a new graduate or an alumnus who's been working and contributing to your community for many years, we encourage you to connect with the college – share your stories and keep in touch.



Chris Vale, '03
President of DC Alumni Association



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: NICOLE BLACKMAN

Since graduating from the Nursing program at Durham College (DC) in 2004, Nicole Blackman has continued her academic path attaining both her Bachelor of Science and Master of Nursing degrees. She is now working towards completing her Doctorate of Nursing Practice.

While pursuing continuing academics, Nicole has been the recipient of a number of awards including a Canadian Institutes of Health Research – Institute of Aboriginal People’s Health scholarship, Aboriginal Health Careers award, and the University of Toronto President’s Award for Outstanding Native Student of the Year.

Following graduation from DC, Nicole worked as a registered nurse at Princess Margaret Hospital on the Medical Radiation Oncology unit. Upon completion of her master’s degree from the University of Toronto, she accepted a position as Director of Professional Practice for Weeneebayko Area Health Authority, a First Nation governed health authority located in the isolated James and Hudson Bay region of northeastern Ontario. After devoting more than five years towards improving Aboriginal health in Moose Factory and surrounding communities, Nicole returned to Durham Region and is currently in a leadership position with the Durham Region Health Department.

In addition to her work, studies and family, Nicole is actively involved in her community, serving on the Board of Directors for the DC Alumni Association. As a First Nation woman, she is also extremely passionate and interested in Aboriginal health, volunteering at both the local and provincial level. Nicole currently serves as a community advisor for the Durham Region Aboriginal Advisory Circle, board member for Bawaajigewin Aboriginal Community Circle, and is an executive member of the Ontario Indigenous Peoples Commission.



GRADS-TO-BE LEARN ABOUT CONVOCATION AND ALUMNI BENEFITS AT COUNTDOWN TO GRAD

Durham College's (DC) spring and fall 2017 graduates-to-be enjoyed more than just a free lunch during the college's annual Countdown to Grad events held at the Oshawa and Whitby campuses and Pickering Learning Site.

The events provided students with a fun opportunity to find out everything they need to know about their upcoming graduation while also learning about alumni benefits, career development services and convocation details. They also enjoyed a free slice of pizza and received a gift from the Alumni Association.

The events, sponsored by the Durham College Alumni Association, were held on March 7 (Oshawa campus), March 9 (Whitby campus) and March 10 (Pickering Learning Site) and over 500 attended.





CAREER WEEK EVENTS CONNECT STUDENTS AND EMPLOYERS

As part of its commitment to preparing students for the workforce and connecting them with employers, Durham College (DC) held its annual Career Week on campus from February 6 to 10. Co-ordinated by DC's Career Development office, this year's series of events provided students with opportunities to meet potential employers, network with industry experts, access helpful resources, learn from the real-world experiences of successful DC alumni and much more.

The week's activities included:

- An icebreaker night, co-hosted by FastStart DC, the college's entrepreneurial training partnership.
- [Alumni in the Pit](#), which saw two DC grads return to campus to share their success stories and answer questions about life after graduation.
- The Tradesmart Career Fair where skilled trades students and alumni had the opportunity to meet with over 20 employers seeking highly qualified, enthusiastic candidates with specific trade and technical skills for full-time, part-time, summer and contract employment opportunities.
- The Campus Job Fair, which focused on the art of networking and having meaningful career conversations with recruiters, while also connecting students and alumni with over 65 employers, all of whom are planning to hire within the next six months. Also included was the Alumni Mentoring Lounge where students met with past DC grads to discuss career tips and ask questions.
- Job Fair Follow-up Friday, aimed at helping students stay on the track to employment by offering employer follow-up strategies, tips on how to target resumés and cover letters, and thoughts on thank-you letters.

New for 2017 was the connection between Career Week and DC's new [backpack2Briefcase program](#) (b2B). Students and alumni who attended select b2B events during Career Week earned points towards DC's Co-curricular Recognition program and had the chance to win \$100-door prizes. b2B events will continue throughout the academic year.

Any alumni interested in acting as a mentor in next year's Job Fair Mentoring Lounge should contact [Sally Hillis](#) (905-721-2000 ext. 6262).



BREWING MEMORIES COFFEE TOUR UPDATE

Durham College's (DC) Office of Development and Alumni Affairs kicked off the new DC Brewing Memories Coffee Tour with two stops right at home at the college's Whitby and Oshawa campuses. The travelling series of events is part of DC's 50th anniversary celebrations in 2017 and will see the college host coffee breaks throughout the year at 50 workplaces that employ DC graduates.

The tour is designed to provide opportunities for the college to re-connect with its graduates, hear their success stories, learn about their career paths and share with them all the new and exciting things happening at DC – all while enjoying free coffee, tea and baked goods.

Twenty DC employees and graduates gathered at the Whitby campus on February 15 and more than 50 gathered at the Oshawa campus on February 16. Each attendee had the opportunity to share details of their program and year of graduation, and received a commemorative “DC alumni at work” sticker to be proudly displayed around the office.

DC alumni who would like to have the college visit their workplace should contact [Lisa McInerney](#).



CELEBRATING DC'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Durham College's (DC) 50th anniversary celebrations continue as the entire college and alumni community have come together to mark this milestone year.

FIFTY GUITARS FOR 50 YEARS: DC CELEBRATES ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY WITH SONG

DC's [singing president](#) is back and this time he brought company! On February 10, DC president Don Lovisa joined musical forces with 49 members of the college community, including students, alumni, employees and governors, for 50 Guitars for 50 Years, a jam session in celebration of DC's 50th anniversary in 2017.

Gathered on the steps of the Student Services building at DC's Oshawa campus, 50 guitarists came together to strum, sing and celebrate their college with two musical numbers: "A Lesson Learned in Time," an original song written by DC employee Justin Lant in honour of the college's milestone year, and "Ahead by a Century," a Canadian classic by The Tragically Hip.

Lant, a member of the college's Facilities Services department for nearly four years, is also a member of the popular local band 20 Amp. Aware of his talents as a musician and songwriter, Lant's supervisor, Suzanne Chasse, approached him with the idea of writing a song that would draw on the theme of DC's 50th festivities, The Start of Something Amazing. Lant, a guitarist and keyboardist, then wrote "A Lesson Learned in Time"

to match the inspirational vibe of the celebrations, complete with lyrics based on the school's history.

The 50 Guitars group also opted to play "Ahead by a Century," the beloved anthem by Canadian rock legends The Tragically Hip, as a nod to the recently retired group's legacy. The song was the last one performed by the band at their final concert on August 20, 2016.

Part of the college's year-long celebration of its 50th year, the 50 Guitars for 50 Years jam session is one of many events DC is holding to bring its community together, raise awareness of its milestone year and spread the word about the upcoming 50th Homecoming Weekend festivities that will be held on Friday, September 8 and Saturday, September 9.

Community members, including DC alumni, employers and community partners, are encouraged to join the celebrations by visiting [the college's 50th anniversary website](#), where they can share favourite DC memories, explore the college's history, watch videos and find a complete list of upcoming events.



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CELEBRATING DC'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

FIFTY ACTS OF KINDNESS

As part of DC's 50th anniversary celebrations, Durham College (DC) is using Ontario Colleges Week (Monday, April 3 to Friday, April 7) to kick-off 50 Acts of Kindness, a new project to capture a snapshot of how the college community gives back.

DC is challenging every student, employee, alumni, retiree, class, program, department and school to go out into the community throughout the rest of 2017 to make a difference through kindness and show our gratitude for the support we receive.

What will your act be? Here are some suggestions:

- Visit seniors in a residence or hospital patients to offer company and conversation.
- Gather a group to clean up a park or other public space.
- Collect donations of everyday items like shampoo, make-up and body lotion and donate them to a women's shelter.
- Volunteer with an organization that holds special meaning to you.
- Help a neighbour with household chores that they struggle with.

To track these 50 acts of kindness, participants are asked to [register the details of their good deeds](#). As each act is committed, DC will fill the squares on the 50 Acts of Kindness [webpage](#) with good news stories, building a virtual collage of goodwill, community, appreciation and love.



CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS FOR THE WILLIAM G. DAVIS INNOVATION FUND

There is still time to submit an idea to the William G. Davis Innovation Fund. Created to help mark the 50th anniversary of the founding of the college system in Ontario, Ontario colleges have launched the contest for full-time students and alumni to pitch creative projects and initiatives to compete for cash prizes.

Graduates or current full-time students from any of Ontario's 24 colleges can enter their ideas to improve Ontario and beyond, in the categories of entrepreneurialism, health and welfare, arts and culture, or community benefit.

The first-place winner will receive \$15,000 to help fund the project and the second-place entry will receive \$5,000.

Proposals are now being accepted. The shortlist of the top applications will be publicized in August with the winners announced in November.

For full details about the fund, including a detailed timeline for submissions and voting, full contest rules and regulations, please visit amazing50.ca/innovationfund. Successful entries must be achievable, sustainable, measurable, original and linked to the individual's college experience.



INVESTMENT IN DC'S CENTRE FOR COLLABORATIVE EDUCATION CONTINUES

Support for construction of Durham College's (DC) Centre for Collaborative Education (CFCE) continues as the City of Oshawa and Region of Durham announce \$1 million funding investments.

CITY OF OSHAWA

The funding from the City of Oshawa is being allocated from the city's newly established Infrastructure Fund, and is the result of a request made by the college to the City of Oshawa. The request was approved through a nearly unanimous vote by Council on January 25, 2017 at the City of Oshawa council meeting.

"The City of Oshawa and its residents have and will continue to benefit from Durham College's years of dedicated service to the education and social structure of the region," said Oshawa Mayor John Henry. "This investment recognizes the college's ongoing commitment to excellence, and the benefits the CFCE and its exceptional programming will afford students and the broader community alike."



REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF DURHAM

The request for funds from the Regional Municipality of Durham was approved by the Durham Region Council on February 8.

“On behalf of everyone at Durham College, I would like to express our gratitude to the Region for its investment in our new Centre for Collaborative Education,” said Don Lovisa, president, DC. “Not only is this contribution reflective of the ongoing support we’ve received from the Region over the years, it is also a vote of confidence in our vision for the CFCE – to create a 21st-century approach to learning that will enable the college to create an educational hub of excellence here in the region, while meeting the demands of students, employers and Ontario’s changing economy.”

Timed to coincide with the college’s 50th anniversary in 2017, the multi-level, 75,000-square-foot facility and legacy project will replace the aging Simcoe building. The CFCE will be home to multiple departments. This includes the School-College-Work Initiative and the affiliated Centre for Success program, the Centre for Indigenous Peoples, and the Office of Student Diversity, Inclusion and Transitions. It will also offer spaces for innovation and collaboration, and open learning and social spaces for students, faculty and the community.

All levels of government have now invested in the CFCE. After securing \$35 million in funding from the federal and provincial governments in 2016, DC launched a capital campaign to raise the additional \$5 million required to complete construction of the new building. The Region of Durham’s \$1 million investment follows the recently announced \$1 million investment from the City of Oshawa. DC continues to fundraise to reach its \$40 million goal.

Scheduled to open in 2018, the CFCE will act as an educational access point that brings together students, local, global and Indigenous community groups and members of key business sectors.

BISTRO '67 WELCOMES NEW EXECUTIVE CHEF RAUL SOJO

Durham College (DC) is proud to welcome Chef Raul Sojo to the DC family as the new executive chef, [Bistro '67](#), at the W. Galen Weston Centre for Food.

In this position, Chef Sojo is responsible for the field-to-fork food operations of Bistro '67, DC's full-service, teaching-inspired restaurant. He also works closely with students and faculty from the [Centre for Food's](#) academic programs to help prepare the next generation of food and hospitality professionals.

Chef Sojo brings deep culinary expertise and experience to Bistro '67. Most recently, he held the positions of chef de cuisine at the Oshawa Golf Club and executive chef and owner of RSVP Chef and Catering Services. In addition, he is a collaborator with a food magazine in Colombia and has taught for DC part-time. Chef Sojo holds Red Seal Certification and a diploma in Culinary Management.

From Bistro '67's state-of-the-art kitchen and learning environment, Chef Sojo will create unique dining experiences for patrons as he designs and executes fresh, inspiring menus that incorporate his passion for field-to-fork. His original menu debut for Bistro '67 was a prix fixe menu offered on Friday, February 10 and Saturday, February 11, which included an array of delectable dishes including:

- Ontario parsnip soup with DC bacon lardon and parsley oil to start.
- Choice of corn-fed Ontario beef striploin, pan-fired Canadian branzino or potato gnocchi.
- Buttermilk vanilla panna cotta with beetroot sponge and lemon gel for dessert.

For more information and reservations, please visit www.bistro67.ca.



IFTECH SLAYS A DRAGON!

Durham College (DC) is proudly congratulating research partner, IFTech (Inventing Future Technology Inc.), for successfully securing a deal for its wearable technology, As Real As It Gets (ARAIG), during the February 15 episode of CBC's hit-show Dragon's Den.

Father and son duo Michael and Brodie Stanfield, both founders and CEO's of IFTech, stepped into the Den to pitch ARAIG, an immersive gaming suit that totally transports users into the reality of their virtual world by interacting with them to increase their immersion, based on situations and/or interactions occurring within a range of media environments.

The high-tech innovation company, who worked with DC to develop their technology, asked the dragons for \$500,000 in exchange for 20 per cent of IFTech and walked away with a \$500,000 deal for 25 per cent of the company courtesy of dragon Manjit Minhas.

"We are very excited to be working with Manjit," said Brodie Stanfield. "This is yet another step in the evolution of ARAIG. Our journey from concept, to prototype, to finally producing the interactive suit is something we could not have done alone. We've had a lot of help along the way, including working on several projects with the team at Durham College. We share this latest

success with the faculty researchers and students who helped us bring ARAIG to life."

IFTech's partnership with DC, and its Office of Research Services, Innovation and Entrepreneurship (ORSIE), began in June 2014. The college provided initial support for the development of the control centre for IFTech's wearable technology, integrating audio, vibratory and muscle stimulation systems. This research was supported through a \$20,000 Voucher for Innovation and Productivity received from the Ontario Centres of Excellence (OCE). In November 2014, DC received an additional \$20,000 in OCE funding to support its ongoing applied research work with IFTech. This included a specific focus on the creation of ARAIG's wireless communications protocol, a component critical to the commercialization of the device.

The result of these collaborations was improved design and functionality for the suit's control centre and incorporating a wireless communications protocol, in order to provide an optimal solution for all of the different wireless requirements of the varying markets for the ARAIG product.

Given IFTech's history with DC, it was only fitting that their initial pitch for a chance to appear before the dragons, happened at the college



in March 2016. DC played host to aspiring entrepreneurs, including IFTech, looking to audition for Dragon’s Den for a chance to turn dreams into reality.

“We are absolutely thrilled for IFTech,” said Debbie McKee Demczyk, dean, ORSIE. “Michael and Brodie Stanfield are significant Durham College research partners and our work on the ARAIG project has allowed many students to gain skills in problem solving and innovative

thinking while deepening their technical skills. Faculty researchers contributed their expertise and ingenuity, while enabling IFTech to benefit from the research team’s efforts. On behalf of everyone at Durham College I extend my sincere congratulations to Michael and Brodie on this wonderful accomplishment. We wish them all the best as they welcome Manjit on board and look forward to working with them in the future, as ARAIG continues to evolve.”

ROBOTS BATTLE IT OUT AT DC

Durham College's (DC) support of robotics, innovation and science and technology continued as the college once again sponsored two of FIRST Robotics Canada's exciting competitions – FIRST® LEGO® League and FIRST® Robotics – welcoming students from elementary and high schools from across the province to campus as they competed for robot domination. FIRST is an acronym that means For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology. FIRST is a U.S.-based, not-for-profit public charity that inspires young people to be science and technology leaders.

FIRST® LEGO® LEAGUE

At the FIRST® LEGO® League Ontario East Provincial Championship teams of students, ages 9-14, presented research projects to multiple judging panels before unleashing their robots, which students designed, built and programmed using LEGO MINDSTORMS® technology, on to table-top playing fields.

This year's competition theme, Animal AlliesSM. Each team was asked to identify a real-world problem that occurs when people and animals interact; design a solution that would make the interaction better for animals, people or both; then share their identified problem and solution with others.

Team CTRL-Z from Bayview Glen School in Toronto was crowned the winner and competed at the FIRST LEGO League World Festival in St. Louis, Missouri, in April.

As a sponsor and host of FIRST LEGO League, DC offers students what is often their first experience in a college environment and helps them to envision where their passion for robotics, technology and engineering can take them to pursue a post-secondary education. Just prior to the provincial championship, DC President Don Lovisa discussed just that when he joined the team from the First Nations School of Toronto, as well as FIRST representative Annika Pint, on City TV's Breakfast Television.

FIRST® ROBOTICS COMPETITION

The FIRST® Robotics Competition welcomed more than 1,000 high school students on 40 teams. Competitors demonstrated their engineering skills and knowledge playing FIRST Steamworks, a new game developed for the annual robotics battle. By the end, one alliance, comprising three teams working together, walked away victorious. Congratulations goes to teams 1285 (The Big Bang), 4939 (Allspark9) and 4946 (The Alpha Dogs), who all hail from the Peel District School board and competed at the Ontario District Championships at the beginning of April.

I always enjoy watching this event because I get to see what happens when creativity and innovation are applied to solve a challenge,” said Don Lovisa, president, Durham College. “This competition highlights the best of both worlds, showing us that a passion for science, engineering and technology isn’t mutually exclusive from imagination. The students who compete in FIRST are exactly the type of learners we would love to see in our labs and classrooms in the future.”



DC SPRING OPEN HOUSE DRAWS A FULL HOUSE ON CAMPUS

On March 25, Durham College's (DC) annual Spring Open House quickly became a full house as the college welcomed more than 3,000 prospective students, as well as their family and friends, to DC's Oshawa and Whitby campuses and Pickering Learning Site.

Each of DC's more than 140 full-time programs, and numerous student services, were set-up in rooms and booths across each location to showcase all that the college has to offer. Upon arrival, guests were greeted by DC's team of enthusiastic volunteers and even had a chance to meet DC president Don Lovisa, decked out in his green DC 50th anniversary necktie as a nod to the college's milestone birthday in 2017.

Volunteers encouraged guests to ask questions and get answers from the people who know the DC experience best – the hundreds of faculty, staff, alumni and students who were on hand to offer insight into everything from program details, to setting career goals, to what life on campus is really like, and much more.

Information sessions were held on a range of topics, including applications and admissions, career development, how to put accommodations in place through the college's Access and Support

Services, and tips on how to pay for school from DC's Financial Aid and Awards office who walked students and parents/guardians through the process of applying for student loans, grants and scholarships that can help make the journey through post-secondary education an easier one. Walking tours were also offered throughout the day to allow guests to further explore DC's state-of-the-art facilities, as well as on-campus housing.

Enterprising members of DC's Enactus Canada team, comprised of student-entrepreneurial leaders who are passionate about advancing the economic, social and environmental health of Canada, and FastStart, an entrepreneurial training partnerships aimed at university and college students, made the most of the extra traffic on campus by holding a barbeque fundraiser in support of the Enactus team's upcoming trip to Vancouver to compete in a national competition.

Those who missed the Spring Open House are still in luck – tours of the college can be arranged anytime by visiting www.durhamcollege.ca/campustours, emailing campustours@durhamcollege.ca or calling 905.721.3000.

DC's Fall Open House will be held on Saturday, November 18 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



ASPIRING CHEFS PUT THE 'MMMM' IN MAC N' CHEESE

Typically, we think of mac n' cheese as a quick and easy meal prepared from boxed ingredients. But on April 8, eight teams of Grade 11 and 12 students whipped up their own creative concoctions based on the classic dish at Durham College's (DC) third annual Epic Mac N' Cheese competition hosted at the college's W. Galen Weston Centre for Food (CFF).

Contestants' family and friends, along with other community members, gathered to watch the event, taste test the entries and vote for their favourites to help decide the winners.

Among many unbelievably cheesy dishes, one clearly prevailed. The winning recipe belonged to Katelyn Gadajar and Griffin VanWinden, students at Father Leo J. Austin Catholic Secondary School in Whitby for their combination of goat cheese, Italian sausage, roasted red pepper and garlic over an exquisite cream-based sauce.

I had a lot of fun, and the experience was great especially considering I am going to be attending DC for the Culinary Management program in the fall," said VanWinden. "Being able to work alongside a DC mentor was really awesome, and it felt good to win as it gave me a lot more confidence in what I do and solidified my decision for my future career."

Coming in a close second and third, were:

- Josh Simpson and Emma Whittington
Peter Catholic Secondary School,
Peterborough
Epic combination: Cajun chicken, bacon, jalapeño and asiago cheese.
- Kacey Payne and Bailey Agnew
Henry Street High School, Whitby
Epic combination: Italian sausage, bacon, sautéed onions and peppers, and parmesan.



“It’s always exciting to see young chefs with incredible talent cooking up a storm in DC’s state-of-the-art kitchens, and the support from the community was outstanding,” said Peter Lee, professor and co-ordinator of DC’s culinary programs. “It’s an excellent opportunity for high school students to get a real taste of what they would learn in a post-secondary environment.”

DC extends its sincere thanks to all of this year’s participants and everyone who attended the event. The money raised from event ticket sales will be added to a bursary fund that helps support students pursuing a career in culinary arts, hospitality or special events planning at DC. All students who participated in the competition are eligible to apply for the bursary if accepted into a CFF program.

BANK OF CANADA GOVERNOR STEPHEN S. POLOZ SPEAKS TO DC STUDENTS AND ALUMNI

In celebration of Canada's 150th year, and in recognition of Durham College's (DC) 50th anniversary, Bank of Canada Governor Stephen S. Poloz returned to his hometown of Oshawa to visit the college and speak with students, faculty, alumni and community guests about Canada's economic history.

During his speech, which was hosted in partnership with the University of Ontario Institute of Technology and Trent University Durham, Governor Poloz took his audience on an exploration of the events and turning points over the past 150 years, that have helped shape the nation and its economy, as Canada evolved from a colonial outpost into one of the best places in the world to live.

Governor Poloz took care to connect aspects of Canada's economic past with current issues at stake for the country. "What experience has shown is that the fears of openness are misplaced," stated Canada's chief economist. "Protectionism does not promote growth and its costs are steep." He also noted that exposure to competition can in fact drive innovation.

In his introductory remarks, Governor Poloz also shared his own DC story in celebration of the college's 50th anniversary, recounting his memory of when the college first opened its doors in 1967. With student residences not yet built, the governor's family responded to the call for host families and welcomed three students from DC's first class into their home.

WATCH THE SPEECH



DC OFFERS ROBUST SUITE OF SERVICES TO HELP ORGANIZATIONS TAKE THEIR BUSINESS TO THE NEXT LEVEL

If you think Durham College (DC) is just for students – think again! From seasoned professionals with decades of experience to newer offerings based on the latest industry trends, DC Solutions for Business brings together experts from across the college to offer a range of results-driven services to help businesses reach their goals.

DC Solutions for Business is a network of service area professionals who work seamlessly with clients to provide innovative support, customized solutions, expertise and training that align with the specific needs of each individual client. This can include, but is not limited to, talent acquisition, skills training and upgrading, research and development, funding procurement, hosting student placements and charitable giving.

“Working with DC Solutions for Business offers business owners and employers an excellent opportunity to assess their operations and talent pool to ensure company resources align with an overall vision or goal,” said Tara Koski, director, Career Development and Co-operative Education, DC. “Opportunities for growth are available for any organization willing to explore, and our experts can provide customized, innovative solutions to identify and address challenges.”



DC Solutions for Business offers a range of services from which organizations can choose, either singularly or in a combination that will best suit their needs, provided by the following service areas:

- Career Development and Co-operative Education.
- Community Employment Services.
- Corporate Training Services.
- Event and catering services.
- Office of Development and Alumni Affairs.
- Office of Research Services, Innovation and Entrepreneurship.

“No matter their size, stage or specialization, businesses need direct access to trusted advisors and service providers,” said Koski. “They also need the support of an adaptive team that can provide the expertise and training needed to emerge at the forefront of today’s rapidly changing market.”

From research and development services and prototyping new technologies to customized training and building an employee dream team, DC Solutions for Business can meet business owners and employers where they are and help them evolve to where they want to be tomorrow.

To learn more, please visit www.durhamcollege.ca/solutions.

BENEFIT OF THE MONTH: NIAGARA VINTAGE WINE TOURS

Durham College Alumni can save \$10 per person on all wine tours (depending on availability) using discount code DURHAM10. Niagara Vintage Wine Tours specializes in daily and private wine tours, including corporate events and private barrel cellar dinners. Proof of alumni status will be required.

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SPORTS SHORTS

DC LORDS TAKE SILVER IN BOTH MEN'S AND WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

For the first time in Durham College's (DC) long and storied athletics history both the men's and women's volleyball teams won silver medals in the same year at the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association (OCAA) championships.

For the men's team this was the first OCAA medal for the program since 2006 and the fourth silver medal for the program overall, after championship wins in 1988 and 1996.

At the OCAA championships the women's team played for the gold medal game against the Humber Hawks, who have been the reigning champions of the OCAA for the past decade.

The women finished the year with 26 overall wins, breaking the previous record of 24 set by the 1999 team which went on to win bronze at the OCAA championship that year.

DURHAM COLLEGE CELEBRATES STUDENT-ATHLETES' ACADEMIC SUCCESS

The Durham College athletic department hosted the eighth annual academic luncheon on Tuesday to celebrate the academic accomplishments of their student-athletes during the 2016-17 season.

This year the Lords had 28 student-athletes recognized with OCAA All-Academic awards, which ties the program-high of 28 recipients set in 2014.

The Bert Dejeet Memorial Scholastic Award was presented to [John Pham](#) (men's volleyball – firefighter – pre-service) and [Ashley Black](#) (women's softball – human resources) for having the top overall GPA for all student-athletes at Durham College.

[Harrison Wood](#) (men's volleyball – electrical engineering), [Lucia Kalmeyer](#) (women's volleyball – recreation & leisure services) and [Shannon Dean](#) (women's volleyball – addictions & mental health) were each recognized with CCAA All-Academic awards. The CCAA award is prestigious as it recognizes excellence in academics and athletics. To achieve the honour, a student-athlete must be named to their respective provincial all-star team in a CCAA sport and must achieve honour roll status.

For the second time, the top team GPA award was presented as part of the luncheon. Women's softball won the inaugural award in 2016, with women's volleyball receiving this year's honour.



UPCOMING EVENTS: SPRING 2017

SPRING CONVOCATION 2017

Durham College will celebrate student success during Spring Convocation 2017.

Monday, June 12:

6:30 p.m. [School of Continuing Education](#)
[School of Justice & Emergency Services](#)

Tuesday, June 13:

10 a.m. [School of Interdisciplinary Studies](#)
[School of Media, Art & Design](#)
2:30 p.m. [School of Health & Community Services](#)

Wednesday, June 14:

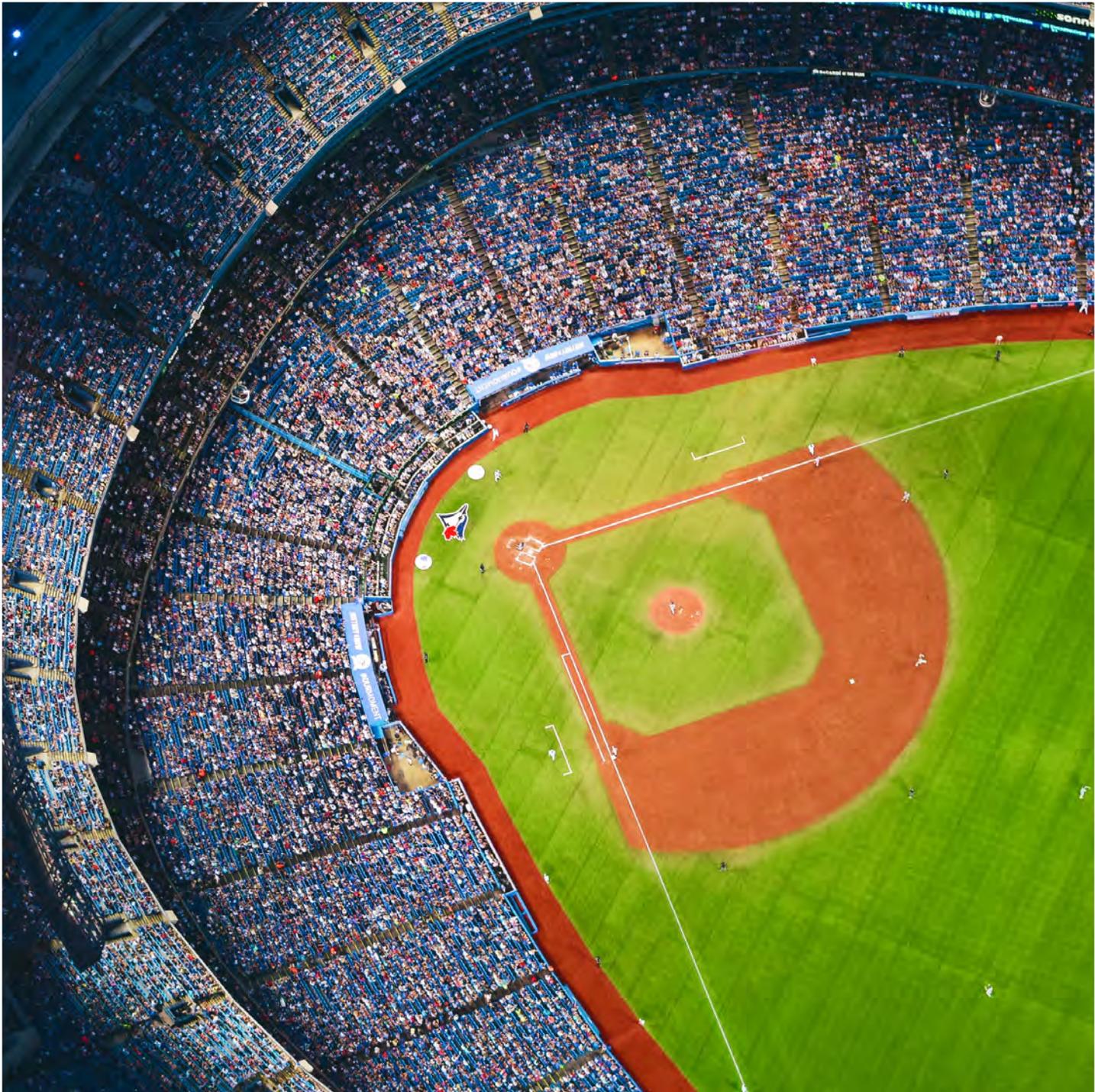
10 a.m. [Centre for Food](#)
[School of Science, Engineering & Technology](#)
[School of Skilled Trades, Apprenticeship & Renewable Technology](#)
2:30 p.m. [School of Business, IT & Management](#)

DURHAM COLLEGE NIGHT AT THE TORONTO BLUE JAYS GAME

Save-the-date for a night of baseball and fun during Durham College Night at a Toronto Blue Jays game. All DC employees and alumni, along with their family and friends, are invited to attend. Please contact [Lisa McInerney](#) for ticket information.

Thursday, July 6

7:07 p.m.





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