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# MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As the fall semester draws to a close, Durham College's (DC) more than 13,600 full-time post-secondary and apprenticeship students are one step closer to launching their careers. Following the path of the alumni who came before them, they are diligently working to learn the skills they need to achieve, and given the college's track record of producing job-ready graduates, I am confident they will.

With a presence across Durham Region and beyond, DC is at the centre of local and regional regeneration. Our alumni cast an even wider net, as they enter the world of work and begin contributing to the health and prosperity of their chosen industry and community. They are able to do this because their education focused on skill development and innovation while offering opportunities for taking what they were learning in class and applying them in real-world scenarios.

No one better understands the importance and impact of this type of experiential learning better than our graduates, which is why I would encourage you to consider giving back to help DC's students. Whether through mentorship, offering field placement or co-op opportunities or hiring from your alma mater, we can all work together to help set the next generation up for success.

In this edition of the Alumni Magazine you will find stories about your fellow alumni, from Premier's Award nominees to an early childhood educator working as a preschool principal in South Africa. You will also read about hands-on learning in action at the Durham College Spa, which recently opened in DC's new Centre for Collaborative Education.

These highlights are a window into how the college is living its mission that the student experience comes first, while also using its presence across the region and beyond to affect change. I want to take this opportunity to thank our alumni for the collective role you play – in supporting the students of today and tomorrow and proudly representing DC.

Don



*Durham College president Don Lovisa at the grand opening for the Centre of Collaborative Education in October*

# MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE DC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The leaves have all fallen, boots and jackets are being pulled from closets, and familiar holiday décor can be found around every corner – winter is almost here. As the season changes, we also welcome the conclusion of an eventful semester at Durham College (DC) and the DC Alumni Association (DCAA).

This fall, as DC opened its campus to future students at the Fall Open House, over 500 new graduates joined our alumni network, many already pursuing careers, further education and fulfilling life experiences, just as you are. As our graduates move on to whatever is next in their lives, we continue to support them as alumni and members of the DCAA, offering [benefits](#) and providing access to tools like the [Hired Portal](#) and the [backpack2Briefcase \(b2B\)](#) program through the [Career Development office](#).

Soon we will enter into a fresh new year and I challenge all of our alumni to think about giving back to the college by getting involved: become a mentor to current students or offer your expertise as a guest speaker, [volunteer](#) your time at convocation or Spring Open House, and continue to strengthen our network of alumni by [attending events](#) like Alumni in the Pit or Alumni Night at the Oshawa Generals.

Stay in touch through social media by connecting with us on [LinkedIn](#), [Instagram](#), or [Twitter](#) and by visiting the [DC Alumni Facebook](#) page; or [let us know](#) what you have been up to. I can't wait to see where 2019 takes DC and all of our amazing alumni.

Sincerely,

Michele Roberts  
DCAA President



*Durham College Alumni Association president Michele Roberts*

# ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: LORI LANE MURPHY

For Lori Lane Murphy, a 1988 graduate of Durham College's (DC) [Public Relations](#) program, her career as a mental health advocate began accidentally.

"I was working on my own mental health in therapy a couple of years ago, dealing with the death of my father and the hole he left in my world, and just started writing about the experience," says Lori, whose career until then had been focused on training and development in the health and safety sector.

Her writing soon evolved from a journal into a memoir and play entitled *Upside Down Dad*, a tribute to her father who had struggled all his life with clinical depression. "Through my performance, I wanted people to know that even if mental illness lives in your home, there is no shame and nothing to apologize for," Lori explained.

While originally an outlet for expression, writing soon took Lori down another path, blossoming into a fulfilling career as an author after she began to write about the year she received her own mental illness diagnosis of Bipolar Disorder II. With the completion of her book *Bipolar Expedition*, Lori saw a way to give hope to those also struggling.

"I wrote the book to share my own story," says Lori. "I want people to read it and feel at least a little bit of the weight lifted from their shoulders, and to know that they are far from alone."

When not writing, Lori takes her advocacy to another medium, producing and co-hosting the podcast *Stories Like Crazy* in an effort to connect with others living with mental illness to normalize their experiences and erase stigma. With a permanent waiting list for guests interested in sharing their own stories, Lori and her co-host plan to keep the podcast going as long as they can.

Focused on making a difference in the Durham Region, Lori was recently appointed as an Ambassador of Hope for Ontario Shores 100th anniversary. Extending her advocacy work through this avenue, she will represent the organization at events over the coming year and assist with initiatives and campaigns associated with their milestone anniversary.

"This is an incredible opportunity to take my advocacy to the next level. Reducing stigma and changing the hearts and minds of people around mental illness is my constant quest. This is an amazing chance to help do that," says Lori.



# DONOR SPOTLIGHT:

## SUZANNE LAND – ALUMNA, EMPLOYEE, HOPEFUL DC-PARENT AND DONOR

Donating to Durham College (DC) was never something Suzanne Land had considered. An alumna of the [Accounting - Business](#) program and a current payroll specialist in the Finance Department, DC has been a major part of Suzanne's life for the better part of a decade.

For Suzanne, a chance encounter with Rick Johnson, a former member of DC's Board of Governors, planted the seed of giving back to the college in 2016. Already donating her time regularly to causes within her community, she and Rick both met while volunteering. As they got to talking, she learned more about the soon-to-be-announced [Building Something Amazing campaign](#), which would replace the aged Simcoe building with the new Centre for Collaborative Education (CFCE), a state-of-the-art learning environment where students, employees and the broader community work together in ways that transcend traditional concepts of education.

Inspired by how the CFCE would enhance the student experience and excited about the future of the college, Suzanne decided to reach out to the Office of Development and Alumni Affairs to find out how she could support the new building. A short while later, quite fittingly, Suzanne became one of the campaign's first payroll-deduction donors.

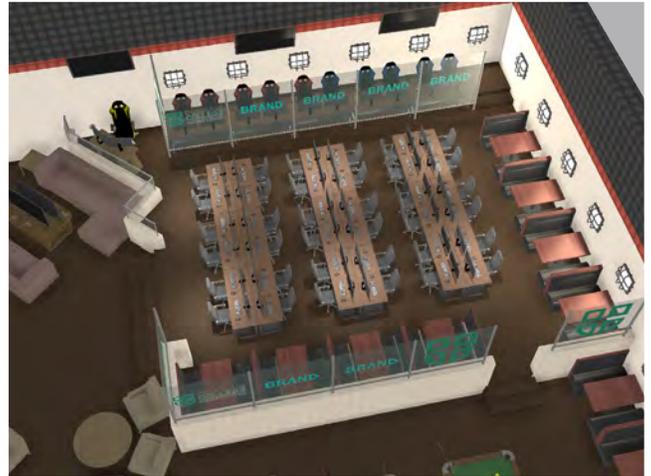
"I grew up in the Durham Region and am passionate about higher education and lifelong learning," said Suzanne. "I'm an alumna and employee, and hopefully a future DC parent – and with this much already invested in DC, I want to further support the institution so that it continues to help future generations succeed."

Fast forward a few years, Suzanne is planning to donate again – this time reaching out to support an initiative closer to her children's hearts: Esports. With two teenaged sons enthralled by online gaming possibilities, Suzanne's new gift is contributing to creating a new, innovative and inclusive community for students – one that her own children may someday be a part of.

*The proposed Esports Gaming Arena in the Student Centre at the Oshawa campus*

Situated in the DC Student Centre at the Oshawa campus, the [Esports Gaming Arena](#) will be home to the college's emerging Esports initiatives, which will also see an Esports club, varsity program and eventually, integration into current and future curriculum.

“I encourage students to find interests that enhance their college experience; Esports gaming can do just that,” Suzanne said. “If it gives them hope, while also providing a place – whether physical or digital – to build relationships that may last a lifetime, then I’m an advocate. I know my donation will make a difference in the lives of current and future students.”



# DURHAM COLLEGE CELEBRATES CENTRE FOR COLLABORATIVE EDUCATION GRAND OPENING

On October 2, Durham College (DC) hosted more than 200 guests for the grand opening of the Centre for Collaborative Education (CFCE). Located at the college's Oshawa campus, the multi-level, 75,000-square-foot facility is home to signature learning spaces, including the 360insights Entrepreneurship Centre, Global Classroom, First Peoples Indigenous Centre and Durham College Spa, which is open to the public.

"The Centre for Collaborative Education prioritizes the student experience in all aspects of its design and function," said Don Lovisa, president, DC. "When students told us they wanted more collaborative learning and social spaces, we listened. There are very few offices in the CFCE. Instead, it holds industry-grade, cutting-edge labs, entrepreneurial and maker spaces, touchdown spaces and inclusive learning environments all focused on ensuring the student experience comes first."

The milestone grand opening event featured demonstrations and tours of the new building; a traditional Indigenous ceremony performed by Troy White of the Mi'kmaq First Nation; official ribbon cutting; unveiling of the donor wall and installation of a time capsule that is intended to be opened in 2067, DC's 100th year.

"This incredible building is the result of tremendous support from many areas – provincial, federal and local governments – as well as many donors who came together to support our Building Something Amazing campaign," said Linda Flynn, associate vice-president, Office of Development and Alumni Affairs, DC, and president, Durham College Foundation. "The grand opening event is an opportunity for DC to celebrate our success while thanking everyone who helped us achieve it."

DC launched the Building Something Amazing capital campaign in September 2017 to raise \$5 million towards the CFCE's total build cost of \$40 million. With 95% of the goal achieved, there is still an opportunity to be a part of this college milestone by [donating](#).

The additional \$35 million in funding is comprised of \$22 million from the Ontario government and \$13 million from the federal government, which when combined mark the largest single-project investment by government in the college's history.

The CFCE is a legacy project tied to the college's 50th anniversary in 2017 and replaces the aging Simcoe building, which was originally built as a temporary structure and opened in 1969. In addition to addressing student needs, the CFCE is designed to reflect DC's commitment to working with local business and community partners by creating a new facility where students, employees and the broader community can work together in ways that transcend the traditional concepts of education.

"It is no coincidence that DC includes collaboration among our core values," added Lovisa. "It is only by working together, listening to each other and seeking to better understand one another that we will achieve the breakthroughs – professional, technological, social or otherwise – that will propel us forward locally and globally. This is what we seek to inspire and support with the CFCE."



*The official opening for the Centre for Collaborative Education included a ribbon cutting, tours and unveiling of the donor wall*

# DURHAM COLLEGE SPA NOW OPEN

Students, employees and community members seeking some relief can now get massage therapy treatments at the newly opened Durham College Spa. Located on the second floor of the Centre for Collaborative Education (CFCE) at the Oshawa campus, the spa includes a massage therapy clinic as well as cosmetic techniques and esthetics labs.

Provided by [Massage Therapy](#) student practitioners, under the guidance of expert faculty including Registered Massage Therapists (RMTs), massage therapy services are the first to be offered by the new full-service, teaching-and-learning spa.

Spa guests are encouraged to take advantage of the “double-up deal” – two 75-minute therapeutic massage treatments for only \$60. Each appointment includes:

- An orthopedic assessment.
- Therapeutic massage.
- Self-care/post-treatment exercises.

Those interested are encouraged to [book online](#) or visit the spa in person. Single appointments are also available for \$35 each.

With cosmetic technique and esthetic services scheduled to launch in 2019, the Durham College Spa is also inviting input from community members that will help guide the types of services to be offered – an online survey is available at [www.durhamcollegespa.ca/survey](http://www.durhamcollegespa.ca/survey).

The Durham College Spa is an inclusive space committed to making holistic beauty, health and wellness accessible and more affordable for all, while supporting the intensive training and learning of a new generation of massage therapy practitioners, beauty advisors and estheticians.

Learn more at [www.durhamcollegespa.ca](http://www.durhamcollegespa.ca).





*The new Durham College Spa inside the Centre for Collaborative Education*

# ALUMNI SPOTLIGHTS: PREMIER'S AWARD NOMINEES

## 2018 PREMIER'S AWARDS

The Premier's Awards celebrate the achievements and social and economic contributions of Ontario's notable college graduates.

Presented annually, these awards recognize graduates in the following seven categories - Apprenticeship, Business, Community Services, Creative Arts and Design, Health Sciences, Recent Graduate, and Technology.

This year, three Durham College (DC) alumni are nominated across several categories, including Apprenticeship, Health Sciences and Recent Graduate.



*2017 Premier's Award winner and DC alumnus Brent Lessard (right middle) and DC president Don Lovisa (far right)*

## BRANDON BIRD, NOMINEE



### FAST FACTS

- Graduation year: 2012
- Program: Level 3 Plumber Apprentice
- Currently: CEO of Bird Mechanical Ltd.
- Nomination category: Apprenticeship (NEW)
- Number of DC grads he's hired: 25% of overall plumbing staff have been DC grads

As chief executive officer (CEO) of Bird Mechanical Ltd., Brandon Bird is continuing the company's three generations of excellence.

Since taking over in 2016 as its youngest CEO, Brandon has generated \$30 million in sales revenue while overseeing a team of 100, 80 of which are tradespeople.

Through strategic expansion and service offerings, the company has worked on projects ranging from \$100,000 to \$20 million; its clients include the Hospital for Sick Children and Cadillac Fairview.

Brandon and his team at Bird Mechanical Inc. are also involved in ongoing community initiatives, from sponsoring sports teams and supporting hospitals and colleges through annual fundraising opportunities, to taking part in the Daily Bread Foodbank and Habitat for Humanity build days as part of the Mechanical Contractors Association of Toronto's (MCAT) Young Executives Committee.

Brandon also chairs his college's Mechanical Techniques Program Advisory Committee and serves on the Education Committee for MCAT.

## LORRAINE SUNSTRUM-MANN, NOMINEE



### FAST FACTS

- Graduation year: 1988
- Program: Registered Nursing
- Currently: CEO of Grandview Children's Centre
- Nomination Category: Health Services
- Number of DC grads she's hired: Over 100

Lorraine Sunstrum-Mann's passion for nursing and advocacy shines through in her role as chief executive officer of Grandview Children's Centre, the only children's treatment centre in Durham Region. There she has championed its unprecedented growth and expanded its service offerings, while also giving back to the community.

She has served on and led both provincial and national committees focusing on children's rehabilitation, has used her expertise to help develop Ontario's Special Needs Strategy and has worked in direct care and senior-leadership roles at St. Michael's Hospital and Lakeridge Health Oshawa. From 2000 to 2004 Lorraine also served as a Governor on the Durham College Board, and was Chair from 2004 to 2006.

Throughout her career, Lorraine has also garnered many awards and accolades, including most recently the Ontario Association of Children's Rehabilitation Award of Excellence in 2017. She has also been a lead for two research projects through the Ministry of Health and Ontario Women's Health Council, and has been published twice in Healthcare Quarterly.

## MANJULA SELVARAJAH, NOMINEE

Manjula was recently profiled in the [August Alumni Magazine](#) on page 28 as a Premier's Award nominee and Alumni of Distinction recipient.



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# DC RESPONDS TO SHORTAGE OF AI TALENT IN CANADA WITH NEW PROGRAM

Durham College (DC) is tackling the acute shortage of skilled artificial intelligence (AI) professionals in Canada, the most significant barrier to AI implementation today, with a new graduate certificate program.

[Artificial Intelligence Analysis, Design and Implementation](#) – the first program of its kind in Canada – will launch in September 2019 and aims to make students employable even before they graduate. By putting emphasis on hands-on learning and training, students will gain real work experience while solving actual business problems through capstone projects, an optional work term and applied research opportunities with the [Durham College Hub for Applied Research in Artificial Intelligence for Business Solutions](#), better known as the AI Hub.

“The Greater Toronto Area is home to one of the highest per-capita concentrations of AI companies in the world, yet our AI ecosystem is suffering because the skilled workforce it demands does not exist,” said Marianne Marando, executive dean of the college’s School of Business, IT & Management. “DC’s new graduate certificate program will help fast-track more AI analysts, designers and system programmers who can hit the ground running.”

The program will focus on AI implementations across multiple sectors through a blend of open and custom solutions. Students will learn how to leverage AI to extract data and guide decision-making as well as service delivery, solving complex day to day problems with state-of-the-art solutions, all while creating efficiency and quality gains for small and medium-sized enterprises up to the largest of corporations.

“There has never been a more critical time for Canadian educational institutions to step up and play a vital role in solving the crisis of skill shortage in the field of Artificial Intelligence that Canada faces today,” said Danish Arshad, executive director, [International Council of E-Commerce Consultants](#). “Jobs in Canada requiring AI skills have grown by 1,069 per cent since 2013[i]; automation will impact at least 50 per cent of Canadian jobs in the next decade[ii]. In these disruptive times, DC’s AI graduate certificate proactively paves the way to not only build future generations of AI professionals but also prepare markets for the impending automation disruption.”

Whether their goal is a career as an AI specialist or to better understand how AI techniques can enhance their work in sales, marketing or product management, students will learn how to:

- Identify and understand opportunities where AI can create value in an organization or community.
- Identify risk and project management concerns unique to AI projects.
- Structure a project team when resources are scarce.
- Apply techniques for developing and implementing AI solutions.

Additional emphasis will be put on managing data in a manner that preserves its security and users’ privacy.

“The opportunity to train and test students in a focused AI program is going to attract AI enthusiasts at all stages of their expertise” adds Tushar Singh, CEO and founder of [Minute School](#). “Combined with DC’s strong connections between its academic schools and industrial partners, as well as the faculty’s unique focus on Narrow AI, this program will go a long way in addressing the AI skills gap facing our country.”

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# BRINGING THE WORLD TO STUDENTS THROUGH THE GLOBAL CLASSROOM

As the world changes and technology evolves, education is no longer confined to one physical space. The Global Class – a concept that aims to bridge the gap between learners across the globe – is just what students like Abhishek Kathuria, a recent graduate from DC’s [Photography](#) program, hoped to find when he came to Durham College (DC).

“Think about a class where nobody is bored, nobody is sleepy or yawning, or using cellphones. Everyone is longing to learn more from each other. Not because they have to, but because they want to, and because they can. That’s what the Global Class is like,” he said.

Abhishek was introduced to the Global Class elective in 2015 when its sessions were still held in the Gordon Willey building using limited technology to connect with institutions around the world. Although nervous about the experience at first, the then first-year student found himself engaged in the material and learning concept right away, exploring social and environmental issues with students at institutions across continents; and learning from guest speakers who were working to enact change in their own countries.

Recognizing the potential of the Global Class to enhance the student experience, DC made it a top priority to create a purpose-built space for this kind of

learning, working it into the design of the Centre for Collaborative Education (CFCE).

Today, the new, larger Global Classroom in the CFCE features a 6-by-30-foot, 4K ultra high-definition video wall with dedicated video processors and Polycom teleconferencing technology, allowing for sessions that connect multiple locations across the globe seamlessly, streaming right here on campus.

“The Global Classroom opens up the whole world to students,” said Lon Appleby, professor and founder of the Global Class. “They no longer have to leave the province or the country to develop a global mindset – we facilitate that type of learning right here on campus. It adds an edge to our teaching and gives students access to international perspectives.”

As an alumnus, Abhishek continues to reap the benefits of the Global Class and its new space in the CFCE, having returned to the college recently as a guest speaker in his own right as a documentary filmmaker. Inspired by what he learned in the classroom, his first film *Rebirth of a Soul* is currently under development and explores climate change and its effects on the Himalayas.

“Every technology in this world has the power to bring about positive change,” suggested Abhishek.

“When I think about the future of the Global Classroom, I think about how it will connect others, allow them to explore world issues and discover solutions together as a team. Its teams like that, and learning like that, that will fix the planet.”

The CFCE continues to become a hub for collaborative thinking, working and learning at DC and in the Durham Region. Every day, more faculty integrate the Global Classroom into their curriculum and bring the world to their students, and community partners utilize the space for their own global social change initiatives. If you would like to support the CFCE and enhance the student experience through features such as the Global Classroom, please consider a gift to the [Building Something Amazing](#) campaign.



# ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: CAILEY HART

In 2010, Cailey Hart graduated from Durham College's (DC) [Early Childhood Education program](#), packed up her familiar life in the Durham Region and traveled to South Africa for a one-year volunteer opportunity to work with underprivileged children.

Eight years later, she's still there – having worked her way up to principal of [Botshabelo's Urban Kids Educentre \(UKE\)](#) where she manages a team of 13 staff and provides 120 low-income preschool students with a high-quality education.

“For many children in the impoverished areas of South Africa, the only option for education is a preschool run by an uneducated teacher in a makeshift schoolhouse,” says Cailey, who has helped to build the non-profit organization's preschool program from the ground up. “My favourite part of my job is when I get to tell a parent that their child has other options, and that we've found a sponsor to pay for their school fees and can bring them to UKE to receive a better education.”

While Cailey never imagined she would stay longer than a year, she has since made a home for herself in Johannesburg and at Botshabelo – driven by an understanding that access to high-quality education can change a child's life.

As UKE's first set of graduates head to high school next year – with one receiving a sought-after scholarship for a private, all-boys school – Cailey and her team continue to keep in touch and watch as they grow into strong, intelligent students.

“It's amazing watching our past graduates flourish – and they do so not just academically, but by taking the confidence they have gained in our care and building on it after they leave, allowing them to conquer any circumstance they may face in their life.”

As Cailey's preschool continues to thrive year-over-year alongside the successes of its students, she hopes to take the centre further by securing additional funding for her own staff to continue their education and upgrade their skills.

She also aims to provide future child psychology and occupational, art and speech therapy internship opportunities to local university students so that UKE may become a resource centre not only for its own students, but for other schools whose teachers have gone through Botshabelo's [UpliftED Teacher Training](#) program.



*Cailey Hart, DC grad and principal of Botshabelo's Urban Kids Educentre in South Africa*

“Every year I watch children come into our school facing every obstacle you can imagine – poverty, hunger, abuse,” says Cailey. “I get the chance to show them that we will do everything we can to break down the barriers keeping them from learning. I get to show them that they have a right to education.”



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# DURHAM COLLEGE BECOMES A SMOKE-FREE CAMPUS

The health and safety of Durham College's (DC) and the University of Ontario Institute of Technology's campus communities are of the utmost importance. With this in mind, both institutions are introducing an interim smoke-free campus policy.

As of October 15, smoking and/or vaping of any type, including tobacco, cannabis and shisha, is prohibited anywhere on the shared north Oshawa campus, DC's Whitby campus and the university's downtown campus location. This includes all student residences. The policy applies to all members of the campus community, including students, faculty, staff, visitors and contractors.

The university and college have discussed becoming smoke-free for more than a year, sharing a concern about the well-known risks and negative impacts of second-hand smoke. Given Canada's legalization of recreational cannabis use on Wednesday, October 17, and the Government of Ontario's introduction of Bill 36, the Cannabis Statute Law Amendment Act, 2018 (allowing cannabis smoking wherever tobacco is permitted), it was determined a smoke-free policy was needed.

With a goal of having the permanent policy in place in early 2019, consultations with the campus community will begin shortly to understand its potential impact.

"With the announcement of our smoke-free campus, Durham College and the university are joining over 65 other institutions across Canada in placing an imperative on wellness," said Don Lovisa, president, Durham College. "I am proud of the leadership role we have taken in providing a healthier environment for our students, employees and the broader community. As we begin the process of changing behaviours on campus, we are also working to provide additional support through educational programs and resources, as this new policy guides the college towards a cleaner future."

The traditional burning of substances that form a part of Indigenous culture and heritage such as tobacco, sweetgrass, sage, and cedar, among others are exempt from the university's and college's smoke-free policy. The institutions will also work with those requiring accommodations for medical cannabis prescriptions to develop an individualized plan to accommodate their needs.

For more information about the interim policy, next steps, support resources and FAQs visit [www.durhamcollege.ca/smokefree](http://www.durhamcollege.ca/smokefree).



# FROM OUR KITCHEN TO YOURS

Make the W. Galen Weston Centre for Food's (CFF) recipe for corn chowder, perfect for a chilly fall day.

## CORN CHOWDER

12 ears of corn  
2 cups white onion, diced  
½ cup poblano pepper, diced  
1 cup red pepper, diced  
4 cloves of garlic, minced  
4 ltr chicken stock  
1 bay leaf  
2 ltr 35% cream  
Salt and pepper to taste

### **Yield:**

8 to 10 litres, depending on the thickness.

### **Method:**

Peel the fresh corn and place husks in a 10 litre stock pot.

Cut kernels off of the cob. Put aside for later.

Place cob in pot with husks. Cover with chicken stock and 35% cream. Bring to a boil.

Once boiling, turn down to a simmer. Cook for thirty minutes.

Strain liquid and reserve. Throw out husks and cobs.

In another 10 litre pot sauté the diced onions. When translucent, incorporate the minced garlic, red pepper, and poblano pepper.

Add the kernels and liquid and bring back to a boil. Once boiling, turn down to a simmer until the corn is tender.

Add corn starch to thicken if desired.

Season to taste.



# CLASS NOTES

## ALUMNI UPDATES

### 1988

Cynthia Stewart-Haass  
Advertising and Marketing Communications  
Cynthia is a records and information clerk with Durham Regional Police Service and lives with her husband James in Haydon, Ont.

### 1996

Brian Wick  
Business Administration – General  
Brian is president of Brooklin Bulletin Signs and lives in Whitby, Ont. with his wife Mary.

Lee Hubbell  
Electronics Engineering Technology  
Lee is an IT integration coordinator with RBC Royal Bank and lives in Oshawa, Ont. with his wife Ann.

### 2010

Samantha Hamad  
Advanced Law Enforcement and Investigations  
Samantha is a firearms technician with the Edmonton Police Service and lives in St. Albert, Alta.

### 2012

Karl Ranta  
Police Foundations  
Karl is a correctional officer with Correctional Services of Canada and lives in Edmonton, Alta.

### 2015

Lesley-Anne Lee  
Advanced Law Enforcement and Investigations  
Lesley is a municipal law enforcement officer with the Township of King and lives in Peterborough, Ont.



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# SPORTS SHORTS

## JIM NEMISH RECORDS 500TH CAREER VICTORY

For Jim Nemish, a 10-2 win over the St. Clair Saints on September 9, 2018 will be one he always remembers.

The victory was the 500th of his head coaching career at Durham College (DC).

“This win is a tribute to all the coaches and players that have been here with me for these 500 wins, and the success we’ve had as a team. I guess 500 wins means I’ve been here too long,” said Nemish.

“Today was special because we struggled in the

first game, but the girls played a complete second game and I couldn’t be more proud of them.”

As of that date he had an impressive .754 win percentage, sitting at an overall coaching record of 500-163 over his 30 years with the program.

Since taking over for Dick Snowden, Nemish has led the women’s softball team to 26 OCAA medals, including 16 gold.

The Lords reached the podium 16 consecutive seasons from 1997 to 2012 and put together an incredible 56-game OCAA winning streak from 2002 to 2006, when they won three titles and fell one win shy of four in a row.





## FUNSHO DIMEJI DRAFTED BY NBL'S SUDBURY FIVE

With the eighth overall pick in the 2018 National Basketball League of Canada (NBL) draft, the Sudbury Five selected former Durham Lord, Funsho Dimeji. The 2018-19 season will mark the inaugural year for the Five as the newest addition to the NBL.

During his two seasons on the Durham Lords for the 2016-17 and 2017-18 campaigns, Dimeji was named the men's basketball MVP and was a two-time Ontario Colleges Athletic Association (OCAA) first team all-star. This past season Dimeji surpassed 1,000 points in his OCAA career

totaling 1,303 points across five years in the OCAA, which has put him just outside the top 10 of OCAA all-time scoring.

"What caught my eye was his size and ability to play and guard many positions," said Logan Stutz, head coach and general manager of the Five.

Dimeji said that through the coaching staff at Durham College he was able to improve his defensive play and that was something that helped separate him from other athletes at the NBL combine and draft.

“I learned how to be a better defensive player at Durham and that really helped me,” he said. “When your shot is not falling or you are not getting the ball, the only thing you can control is your defence.”

This journey towards a professional playing career has had several supporters for Dimeji, but none greater than his girlfriend, Kiesha Aruthurworrey a current member of the women’s basketball team at Durham College. He believes he wouldn’t be in the position he is in without her and her family’s support.

Dimeji also gave a special acknowledgement to his former assistant coach at DC, Deluxshan

Pathmanathan, who has kept him motivated and has kept in constant contact after graduation to ensure he was on working hard towards his goals.

“To be honest I was shocked, there was so much talent [at the combine] and I was so happy when I was drafted that words could not describe it,” said Dimeji.

The NBL season will kick off in November, although the first league game for Sudbury has not been announced officially.

“I am really looking forward to getting him to Sudbury,” said Stutz. “Funsho was a top-notch Canadian at the draft and we are excited to give him the chance to play pro ball close to home.”

## LORDS VOLLEYBALL PROGRAM PERFECT FIT FOR NEWY’S COACHING APPRENTICESHIP

Hampton native Tess Newey is returning to where her career as a student-athlete concluded.

Newey, who won OCAA silver in 2015 as a member of the Durham Lords women’s volleyball team, was recently named as an apprentice at Durham College under the Canadian Collegiate Athletic Association (CCAA) Female Apprentice Coach Program (FACP). Her mentor will be her former coach and 2017 CCAA coach of the year, Tony Clarke.

Newey is the fourth apprentice coach at DC.

“It’s great to have Tess on board as a coach with a lot to offer our program,” said Clarke. “As a player she accepted every role, which continued into her time as a varsity student-athlete in college and university.”

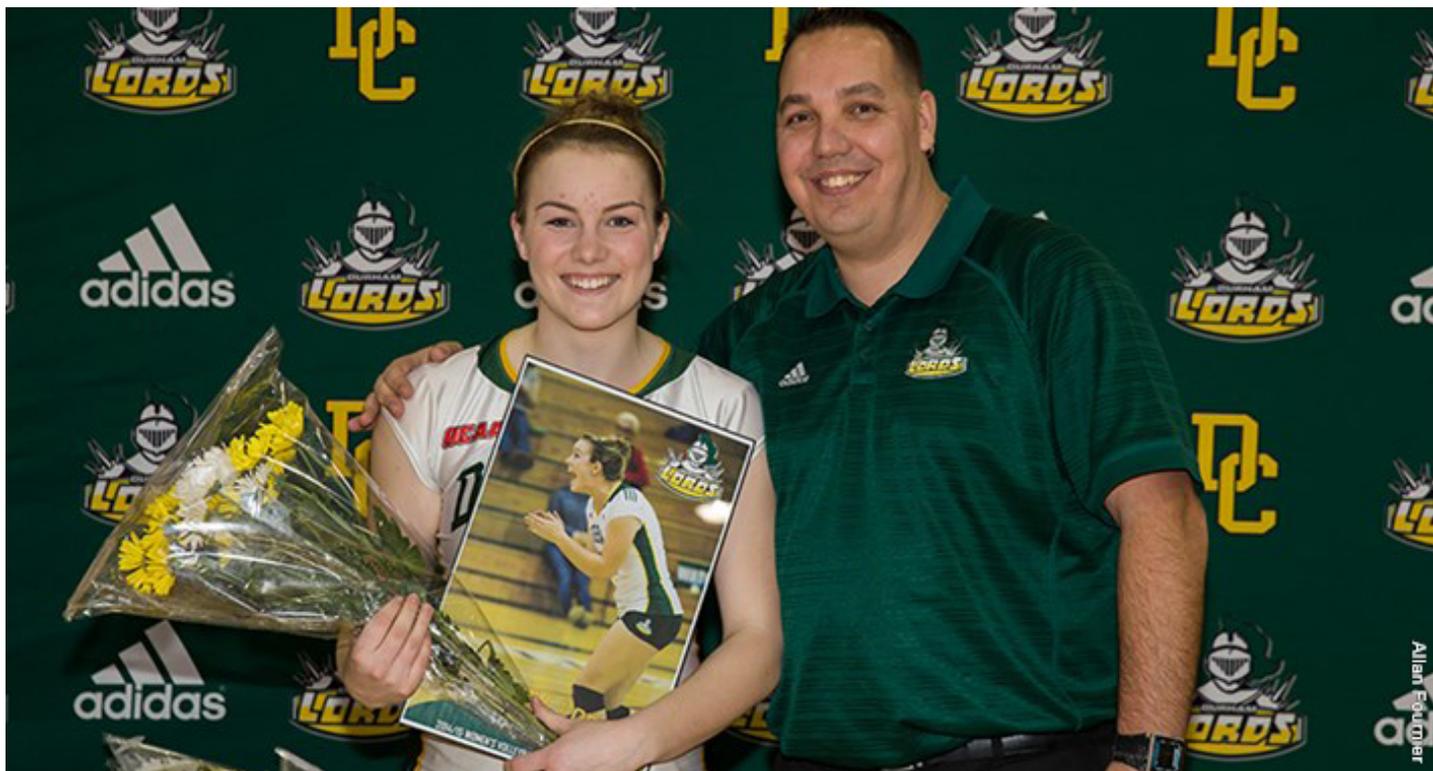
As a player, in her one season at Durham College in 2014-15, she finished tied for second on the team in points per set with 2.1 and second with 1.57 kills per set. She was also fourth in service aces at 17 and blocks with 16.

Since then, she has been using her knowledge to coach with Lords' assistant coach Kourtney van Staalduinen at the 14U regional program and also as an assistant with the 16U Clarington Grizzlies.

"I am thrilled to be able to come back as a coach to Durham College, where I finished my career as a player, not only because of my experience as a player, but because I have the opportunity to coach under my former coach and learn even more from him," she said.

van Staalduinen, coincidentally was the last Lords' coach to take part in FACP, which was also Newey's final season as a student-athlete.

"The FACP gave me the opportunity for professional development and to return to the Lords and continue to contribute to the growth and success of the women's volleyball program after I finished my playing career," said van Staalduinen. "The support and resources offered by the FACP are great for young female athletes to continue to be involved in sport after they graduate and to learn from experienced mentors as they move into the next phase of their sport careers."



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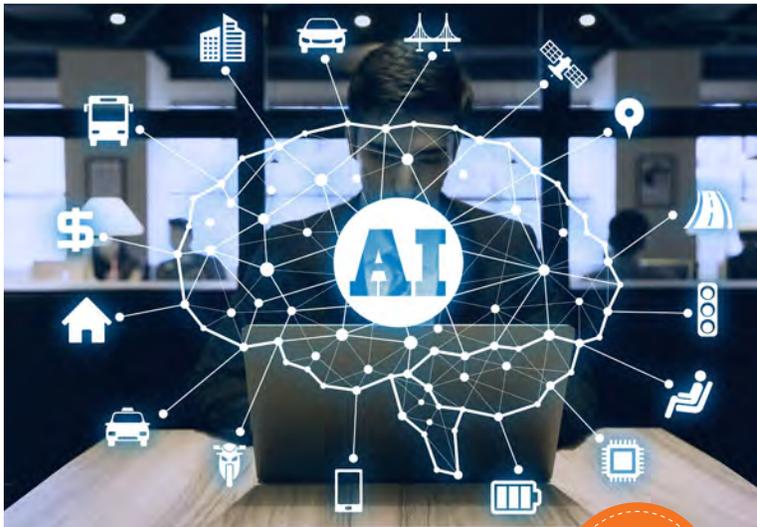
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