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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As the academic year comes to a close for the campus community at Durham College (DC), I look forward to celebrating our graduates as they walk across the stage at convocation in June.

Convocation means something different for everyone. For our students, it means pursuing new career and life opportunities and signals the culmination of years of hard work and dedication. For our employees, it is a time to reflect on the student experience and how we can continue to innovate our teaching practices and improve our learning spaces for the next generation of students.

In this issue of the Alumni Magazine, you will read about some of our amazing graduates who, since receiving their credentials, have not only made a name for themselves in industry but who have taken their career journeys in new and unexpected directions – like a biomedical technician who has found success in entrepreneurship and a Public Relations graduate who has cultivated a passion for supporting community-based educational programming through communications.

You'll also find updates on some of the incredible things happening at DC. A month ago, the college unveiled its new first-of-its-kind Esports Gaming Arena in the Student Centre at the Oshawa campus. We also recently announced plans to expand our Whitby campus, which will increase the college's industrial skilled trades training capacity and continue to position DC as a leader in post-secondary and apprenticeship training in Ontario and Canada.

With an ever-evolving and growing campus, and thousands of new graduates each year, I encourage you to come back to DC to visit – whether you're volunteering for an event, lending your expertise as a mentor to our students, or just exploring some of the new features of our campus.

I hope to see you soon.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE DC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Happy Spring!

The warm, spring weather is now upon us and as the days get longer, we also get closer to June convocation. By the end of this month, we will have more than 90,000 Durham College (DC) alumni out in the world doing amazing things in their careers and communities – what a milestone!

With such a quickly growing membership, the Durham College Alumni Association (DCAA) was thrilled to announce the launch of its new DC Alumni Connect mobile app in March. Meant to make staying connected after graduation more rewarding, DC alumni can browse more than 100 food, fashion, travel and entertainment perks and stay up-to-date when it comes to exclusive alumni contests and events. The app also provides access to your digital alumni card, making it easier to unlock perks and offers while shopping, dining or traveling. If you haven't already downloaded the app, you can do so through the Apple and Google Play stores or at www.dcalumniconnect.ca.

Alongside the app, the DCAA has been hard at work creating a guide for graduates, which will be distributed at convocation. In it, new alumni will be introduced to their benefits, resources that will help them after graduation, and our amazing publications, like the Alumni Magazine. They will also be encouraged to pay it forward by getting involved in the college as an active alumni.

Speaking of getting involved, there are many ways to give of your time at the college including serving as a mentor, becoming a campus tour guide, sitting on a program advisory committee or serving on the DCAA Board of Directors. Visit www.durhamcollege.ca/alumnivolunteers for more information on the various opportunities. Additionally, if you would like to support DC with a financial donation there are also a number of [choices for philanthropy](#). Whether it's contributing to building new spaces on campus or supporting a bursary or scholarship, gifts to DC help ensure the college can meet the needs of its students.

I hope you all have a safe and exciting summer!

Michele Roberts



Durham College Alumni Association president Michele Roberts

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: SARAH GERDITSCHKE

A little over a decade ago, Sarah Gerditschke graduated from Durham College's (DC) Automotive Technician - Tool and Die/CNC program excited about her future in the trades – but she never realized that would mean cutting dough instead of metal.

Today, Sarah is the owner of Dream Day Cookies, where she designs, creates and bakes intricate hand-piped sugar cookies for events and clients.

“Tool and die making and baking are actually very similar,” says Sarah, who opened Dream Day Cookies in 2017 while on maternity leave with her first daughter. “You’re taking a raw material and using precision tools to create a design. In both instances, you get to be creative, use your hands, and you have to be meticulous. I love that part about what I do.”

Within a year of opening Dream Day Cookies, Sarah was overwhelmed with the demand – so much so that she was able to hire her mom and her sister to help out. In 2018, her work was featured on the Kate Aspen blog and in Wedlux magazine. As a result her cookies flew off the shelves at local pop-up markets and online.

As her business thrived, Sarah also began cultivating relationships with other local artisans who she was meeting through her work. Inspired by the passionate and diverse community of makers within the Durham Region and Greater Toronto Area, she recognized an opportunity for a new business venture – a permanent market storefront where vendors could rent shelf space and set up shop on a regular basis.

In April, her vision became a reality when she officially opened Markets by Dream Day, a beautiful, bright storefront in Brooklin, Ont. that boasts handcrafted products from more than 60 local vendors, featuring everything from sweet and savoury treats to attire, jewelry and home décor.

“I wanted to create a safe, positive and accessible place where people can shop, grab a coffee, take a workshop, hang out or just relax, and a place where passionate makers can share what they’re working on,” Sarah explains.

Since opening, Markets by Dream Day has been buzzing with activity. The artisans are frequently restocking their shelves and Sarah has found support from other local businesses, some who share photos of the products they’ve bought on social media and others who visit the store two or three times a week.

“It truly warms my heart being surrounded by people who genuinely appreciate the work we do as artisans. People walk into our store and they know that what they’re buying has been handmade and that they’re supporting a mom being able to put their child through dance lessons, or a student who is trying to pay tuition.”

While Sarah has put her cookie making on hold for a few months as she adjusts to the crazy life of a store owner, she reflects on where her journey began and how it has prepared her for this new and exciting career in entrepreneurship.

“Of all the skills I gained at DC and in my program, what I really learned, that is hugely important in any trade, is how to hustle. It all comes down to hard work.”

Sarah Gerditschke at her storefront Markets by Dream Day in Brooklin, Ont.

Image credit: Ashley Adams



DONOR PROFILE:

EDITH ALGER

Edith (Dixon) Alger has spent the past 50 years of her life dedicated to her community and to helping others.

A long-standing Oshawa community volunteer, leader and philanthropist, Edith has directed her formidable talent and operational and governance expertise towards providing support for socially or economically disadvantaged individuals, advancing post-secondary education and making life better for those with mental and physical exceptionalities.

Through her commitment to education, she and her family have become staunch supporters of Durham College (DC), and she has donated not only her time but generous financial contribution to the college to ensure opportunities exist for all students.

“Our family has always been a great believer in the power of post-secondary education, as it opens many doors for students, securing their future and providing them with confidence in their abilities,” says Edith. “The Alger family has been involved in the college since its inception, with my father-in-law Stewart R. Alger as a member of the first volunteer Board of Governors of the college.

As well, one of our children and three of our grandchildren are DC alumni.”

Born and raised in Oshawa, Edith obtained her registered nursing designation at the Victoria Hospital School of Nursing in London, Ont. Following graduation, she returned to Oshawa to work as a private nurse, which she did until her marriage to William (Bill) Alger.

She then turned her focus to her family and community, raising four children and serving as a member of the DC Board of Governors from 1987 to 1992 and as a member of the DC President’s Advisory Committee in the late 1990s. There, she provided insight into the creation of the partnership between the college and the newly established University of Ontario Institute of Technology, now known as Ontario Tech University.



Edith Alger accepting her honorary credential at the 2017 Spring Convocation ceremony.

Throughout the years, Edith has also supported students at DC through generous gifts towards construction of the Oshawa Campus Library and the purchase of new adaptive technologies for the Access and Support Centre. In 2011, she donated funds to the construction of the W. Galen Weston Centre for Food, helping turn the college's field-to-fork vision into reality, and recently gave to the Building Something Amazing campaign to help build the Centre for Collaborative Education.

"Before 1967, to further your education it was necessary to leave the community. Once the college came along, it became available right at our door, and DC works to not only educate students but provide them with opportunities to secure positions in the area through placements and industry partnerships," Edith remarks. "By supporting the college, we are also supporting the future of our community."

DURHAM COLLEGE OPENS FIRST-OF-ITS-KIND ESPORTS GAMING ARENA

On April 2, Durham College (DC) officially opened a first-of-its-kind Esports Gaming Arena. Located in the Student Centre at the college's Oshawa campus, the 3,000-sq-ft. venue is unique from any other collegiate gaming space in Canada thanks to its extensive broadcast capabilities and lounge area that can hold up to 120 spectators for esport tournaments.

"With this venue, DC is establishing itself as an undisputed leader in one of the fastest-growing industries in the gaming market," says DC president Don Lovisa. "In addition to being the campus gaming hub and training ground for the Durham Lords esports varsity team, the arena will also be a living lab. Its industry-grade design will provide students with vital hands-on experience to prepare them for career success in the global esports market, which is on track to exceed \$1.6 billion by 2021."

Developed in partnership industry leaders Lenovo (Canada) and Monster Energy, the DC Esports Gaming Arena features include:

- 46 Legion by Lenovo gaming PCs with added Nvidia GeForce RTX 2080 graphics cards, 12 of which sit behind a glass partition and are reserved for esports varsity players' training.
- Streaming capabilities at each gaming station so that players can broadcast their play live on Twitch.
- Monster Energy DX Racer ergonomic gaming chairs that feature adjustable backs, arms and seats to provide support and comfort and mitigate repetitive stress injuries.
- Five 55" display monitors and a 110" projector for in-house tournament broadcasting.

"We've taken to calling it a gamers' paradise and it truly is," says arena manager Sarah Wagg. Unlike other schools' gaming spaces, the DC arena is designed specifically with the student experience in mind. The lounging and gathering spaces encourage relaxation, connection and fun, and make it a space that welcomes and embraces gamers of all kinds."

The Esports Gaming Arena is part of DC's four-part esports plan which also includes the Durham Lords esports varsity team, which began competing with teams across North America in 2018, a recreational gaming club and integration of esports into the college's post-secondary program curricula.



With over 40+ athletes competing in eight games, the Lords Esports varsity team proudly represents the green and gold on the provincial, national and international e-gaming stages.

While use of the gaming stations is reserved for DC students, alumni and employees during regular hours of operation, the Esports Gaming Arena is available for public bookings to host birthday parties, corporate events and gaming tournaments.

Booking inquiries can be made by emailing esports@durhamcollege.ca.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT:

KERRI-ANN WILLIAMS

Kerri-Ann Williams has had a unique and diverse career. From quality assurance in the food processing industry to the Jamaican military and private security management, she's seemingly done it all. After moving to Canada to be with her husband, Kerri-Ann took an analytical approach to deciding her next career move.

"I did a thorough examination of the Canadian job market and realized that both health care and technology are quickly growing fields. I decided to enrol in the Biomedical Engineering Technology program at Durham College because it presented the perfect opportunity to combine both fields."

After working in an entry-level position as a technician post-graduation and taking some time off to grieve after the sudden passing of her mother, Kerri-Ann was set on finding a more challenging and stimulating role that could help her make a difference. She decided that the time was right to explore her field from a business management perspective rather than as a hands-on technologist, and soon Delbow Medical Sales was born.

Named after her mother, Kerri-Ann's new business is growing quickly thanks to a few strategic business relationships she has forged in the industry, and provides component level biomedical depot repair services for health-care facilities in Canada and also in the Caribbean.

"We're providing affordable and reliable medical device repairs in the Caribbean region where this service has been difficult to access and prohibitive based on cost," she explains. "Being able to offer much needed support in this area is especially meaningful for me, as it was my home for so many years."

While Kerri-Ann continues to build her business as managing director of Delbow Medical Sales, she also works as a clinical project manager for BrainFX Inc., where she is currently overseeing a project that seeks to develop a novel cognitive assessment tool that will provide effective roadside detection of cannabis impairment.

“The tool my team is developing, if validated and widely accepted, will contribute substantively to keeping our roads safe in this post-cannabis legalization environment,” she says.

While it’s only been a few years since returning to school and changing the direction of her career, Kerri-Ann has seen incredible success and is excited about her future. She has since gone on to complete her Masters in Business Administration and has received her Project Management Professional certification. She is also currently pursuing doctoral studies in business management.

“When I think about the future, my plans are simply to keep learning, keep seeking new challenges and to apply my knowledge in constructive and meaningful ways. The sky’s the limit!”



DC STUDENTS TEST THEIR SKILLS AND COLLABORATE IN EMERGENCY SIMULATION

On February 23 and 24, more than 175 Durham College (DC) students put their classroom and lab training into action and to the test in an intense, two-day emergency simulation exercise at the Oshawa campus.

Bringing together students and employees from the schools of Justice & Emergency Services, Health & Community Services and Media, Art & Design, as well as peers from the University of Ontario Institute of Technology, the exercise followed a detailed script that saw volunteers simulate a mass-casualty emergency stemming from an explosion.

Unfolding in real-time, day one was dedicated to the emergency simulation while day two focused on mock trials generated from the previous day's events. The exercise provided students with valuable experiential learning as well as a better understanding of how members of emergency services, health and social services, legal services and the media work together during an emergency.

Students from the following DC programs participated:

- [9-1-1 Emergency and Call Centre Communications](#)
- [Advanced Law Enforcement and Investigations \(graduate certificate\)](#)
- [Emergency Services Fundamentals](#)
- [Firefighter – Pre-service, Education and Training](#)
- [Fitness and Health Promotion](#)
- [Gerontology – Activation Co-ordination \(graduate certificate\)](#)
- [Journalism – Mass Media](#)
- [Paralegal](#)
- [Paralegal \(graduate certificate\)](#)
- [Paramedic](#)
- [Paramedic – Advanced Care \(graduate certificate\)](#)
- [Practical Nursing](#)
- [Police Foundations](#)
- [Pre-Health Sciences Pathway to Advanced Diplomas and Degrees](#)
- [Pre-Health Sciences Pathway to Certificates and Diplomas](#)
- [Protection, Security and Investigation](#)
- [Social Service Worker](#)



Students participating during day one of a two-day emergency simulation at the Oshawa campus.

ELEVATING DEVICES EQUIPMENT DONATION TAKES STUDENT EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING TO NEW LEVELS

Have you ever ridden an elevator or escalator and wondered how they work? Who builds and installs them or even who makes sure they're safe to ride? The responsibility is that of an elevating devices mechanic.

Durham College's (DC) Mechanical Technician – Elevating Devices program prepares students to enter this trade – either as an apprentice, sales person or inspector. With the continued development and modernization of high-rise buildings driving growth in the elevating devices industry, employment opportunities across the country have increased. DC is currently the only public training provider with an elevating devices mechanic program.

Given the college's role in training its incoming workforce, Delta Elevator Company Limited and Quality Allied Elevator donated more than \$170,000 worth of elevating equipment in the early 2000s to create a working traction elevator for students to practice on in the shop, guiding them through the hands-on installation of hydraulic and traction elevators.

Consisting of two hoist-ways (the shaft that allows elevators to move smoothly between the floors of a building), a car-sling (the framework

that encloses the elevator cab), as well as safety planks, brackets and rails, an over-speed governor, elevator doors and car door operators, the tower provides students with a unique experiential learning opportunity.

For alumnus Chris Cooper, the chance to work on the equipment has already helped shape his future career, as he secured employment in his field right out of his program.

"Having the chance to train on the machines while I was in school was very helpful as it allowed us to take the theory we learned in the classroom and put it into use in real life," said Chris. "The tower was useful in teaching us about how the elevators work and maintaining them, as well as how to hoist materials into place and assemble scaffolding."

Delta Elevators Company Limited, Quality Allied Elevator and other elevating-sector companies also donated miscellaneous maintenance, as well service and modernization equipment for students to use, while Delta Elevators also provided engineering expertise to facilitate the installation of equipment.



“Working with the actual materials and equipment they will encounter in the field makes our graduates a real asset to the people who hire them,” said Allan Lockyer, co-ordinator of the Elevating Devices Mechanic apprenticeship program and a faculty member in the School of Skilled Trades, Apprenticeship & Renewable Technology. “Students learn all aspects of the elevator installation, maintenance and modernization process on this equipment. This type of hands-on learning will allow these students to fill a shortage of elevator mechanics that is happening Canada-wide.”

While Chris began applying early to jobs before his program ended, he believes that the expertise he gained in the shop and the classroom led to a lot of his success. “I definitely believe I had a leg up on the competition because I had a chance to learn the parts and procedures in the elevating world before going into the field,” he said.

While DC continues to educate the next generation of elevating devices apprentices and mechanics, the future is looking bright as the college focuses its efforts on securing funding in support of an expansion of the Whitby campus. Built with a focus on high-priority industries such as elevating devices, the expansion will feature a new 60,000 sq. ft. centre that will double the college’s industrial skilled trades training capacity and position DC and Whitby as ground zero for post-secondary and apprenticeship elevating devices training in Ontario and Canada.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: CARRIE-ANNE ATKINS

Carrie-Anne Atkins started her career journey where many Durham College (DC) Public Relations students do – a third-year placement gaining real-world experience in a fast-paced agency. After graduating in 1998, she cut her teeth as an account co-ordinator at Environics Communications, a PR agency in Toronto. There, she worked closely with big technology and consumer clients like Yahoo!

“Back when it was ‘King of the Internet,’” she quips.

“I loved agency life. The experience taught me how to think on my feet and to hustle, and the PR program at DC really provided me with the stepping stones for a successful career in communications,” shares Carrie-Anne. “There is a direct correlation between my third-year placement at a downtown PR agency and my first job at a PR agency. Without that line on my resume I may never have gotten my foot in the door.”

In 2000, Carrie-Anne joined Ontario Power Generation (OPG), exploring roles in employee communications as well as community relations and outreach. Today, she works closely with OPG’s neighbouring business community, strategic partners, local government and conservation authorities, as well as community organizations such as DC to maintain a free flow of information between stakeholders and the Darlington Nuclear Generating Station.

While Carrie-Anne is involved in all kinds of diverse projects through her role with OPG, her favourite part of her job is the support she provides to community-based educational programming, such as Bring Back the Salmon and the Atlantic Salmon Classroom Hatchery Program. This community-based bio-diversity initiative is run by the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters in support of the Lake Ontario Atlantic Salmon Restoration Program, and OPG has educational hatcheries located at both the Darlington and Pickering Nuclear Information Centres.

“Working with local community and school groups provides me with the opportunity to not only talk about our business at OPG but to also learn and develop relationships with the community members,” says Carrie-Anne. “When we issued a call for Grade 5 classes located in the Cobourg area to help with Bring Back the Salmon, we were blown away with the response. Forget about cloud nine, we were on cloud 10! One classroom produced an entire video of why they wanted to get involved. Think about how that message is now organically cascading.”

As Carrie-Anne continues to work closely with the community through her work with OPG, she also volunteers her time outside of the office, serving as a member of the Oshawa Chamber of Commerce

Government Relations Committee, and previously as a member of the Whitby Chamber of Commerce Advocacy Committee and Ajax-Pickering Board of Trade Communications and Marketing Committee. In addition, she currently serves as vice chair for the Durham Community Foundation Board of Trustees, and served from 2013 to 2016 as a board trustee for Victim Services of Durham Region.

“I love working closely with stakeholders to help our community thrive and do well,” says Carrie-Anne about her combined volunteer work and career. “In the end, the old saying is true: love what you do. Couple that with being a proud, hard-working DC alumna and good things will happen.”



DC EMPLOYEE RECEIVES 2019 MADIBA AWARD

Durham College (DC) is proud to congratulate Allison Hector-Alexander, director of the Office of Diversity, Inclusion and Transitions at the college, on her receipt of the 2019 Madiba Award presented February 2 at the Annual Durham Black History Month Celebration in Ajax. This auspicious award recognizes a community leader of African ancestry in Durham Region who embodies Nelson Mandela's values, visions and commitment to overcoming barriers.

At DC, Allison is an advocate of students and employees alike. Her influence on campus is extensive. She developed the college's policy, training and programming to support DC's sexual violence mandate, was the driving force behind the creation of all-gender washrooms on campus and led the college in launching the Black Student Success Network, an initiative that provides opportunities for mentoring, networking and overall support to Black students. In addition to being honoured with the Madiba Award, Allison has also been recognized as a champion by Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PLFAG) Canada Durham Region and received the Diversity Champion Award from the Local Diversity & Immigration Partnership Council.

Her influence goes beyond the walls of DC. She has been instrumental in bringing to life the Black History Month Professional and Mentorship Development Day in partnership with the Congress of Black Women for Black students in college and high schools. Recently, Allison led the creation of access, transitions and retention programming for community members who may be considering pursuing higher education but may be facing multiple barriers. She is known to advocate for women who are survivors of abuse and developed and facilitated skills programs to assist them from violence to independence. She has worked with a wide range of clients including at-risk and street-involved youth, Ontario Works recipients and new immigrants.

At DC, Allison oversees the college's diversity and inclusion services, the First People's Indigenous Centre, the Ontario Access and Inclusion program, the Health Promotions Strategy and all orientation and transitions programming for new students.



Allison Hector-Alexander, DC's director of the Office of Diversity, Inclusion and Transitions received the 2019 Madiba Award on February 2.

FROM OUR KITCHEN TO YOURS

CFF MUSHROOM STIFADO WITH CAULIFLOWER PURÉE

The W. Galen Weston Centre for Food's (CFF) hearty mushroom stifado with cauliflower puree is the perfect late spring dish that both vegetarians and meat lovers will love.

MUSHROOM STIFADO

- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 5 to 6 cups mixed mushrooms (i.e. cremini, button etc.), quartered
- 2 onions, quartered
- 4 cloves of garlic, minced
- 2 tsp salt
- 2 tsp chopped fresh rosemary
- 2 tsp chopped fresh basil
- 2 tsp chopped fresh thyme
- 2 tsp chopped fresh chives
- 2 bay leaves
- 1 tsp dried oregano
- ½ tsp ground cinnamon
- ¼ tsp ground cloves
- 2 tsp honey
- 1 cup red wine
- 2 tbsp balsamic vinegar
- 1 small can tomato paste
- ½ cup water
- Soya sauce to taste

Method:

- Add olive oil to a large pot.
- Add mushrooms, garlic, salt, herbs and spices.
- Cook over medium heat stirring often for 10 to 15 minutes.
- Increase the heat to medium high and add the tomato paste.
- Deglaze your pan by adding the balsamic vinegar and red wine.
- Reduce and add the remaining ingredients.
- Cook for 40 minutes over low heat.

Yield: four portions.



CAULIFLOWER PURÉE

- 2 cups Russet potato medium dice
- 1 medium cauliflower cut into small thin florets
- ½ white onion, medium dice
- 2 tbsp unsalted butter
- 1 tsp salt and ground black pepper to taste
- ½ cup 35% cream
- ¼ cup milk

Method:

- Boil the potatoes and blanch the cauliflower.
- Sauté onions in a pan with the unsalted butter.
- Add your cooked potatoes and cauliflower.
- Add the milk, cream and butter.
- Purée all together and season to taste.

Yield: four portions.

To serve:

Add to bowl or plate on a bed of your cauliflower purée. Make a small well at the center of the purée and spoon over the stifado. Add your favourite fresh herb as a garnish and enjoy!



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CELEBRATING SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP AT DURHAM COLLEGE (DC)

A NEW PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE DURHAM COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (DCAA) AND ENACTUS DC!

WHAT IS ENACTUS DC?

Enactus is an international non-profit organization dedicated to creating social change through entrepreneurship. DC's chapter was introduced to the college in 2016 through FastStartDC, the college's entrepreneurial centre, to create a club of student leaders looking to make a positive economic and social impact on society.

Recently, the Enactus DC team placed in the top 20 teams in Canada at the Enactus Canada National Competition, where over 90 university and college teams competed. The future is bright!

ENACTUS DC PROJECTS

Money Makes Cents

In partnership with the Regional Municipality of Durham's Social Services Department

Through financial literacy training and volunteer-run tax clinics, Money Makes Cents seeks to reclaim up to \$5 million in accumulated lost tax benefits to Durham's low-income families. In partnership with the Regional Municipality of Durham's Social Services Department.

Girls EnPower

In partnership with Girls Incorporated of Durham

This project guides young women in vulnerable circumstances through entrepreneurship training, turning them into business owners and allowing them to become the bold, smart, strong leaders of tomorrow.

GrassRoots

In partnership with the Durham District School Board and the Durham Catholic School Board

Using a passive solar greenhouse design as the hub for an urban micro-farm, this Project develops an experiential learning environment for public school students to empower them towards food literacy, local food production solutions, and social entrepreneurship.

True Grit

In partnership with DC's Solace Centre

An online modular wellness program that guides DC students through the principles of personal wellness. Students are empowered to make positive changes in their emotional, intellectual, physical, social, spiritual and occupational lives.

Project Mo3

Project MO3 is a self-contained, self-powered, mobile water filtration system which utilizes ozone technology. The initial concept aims to provide a system that could filter flood waters in disaster areas into clean drinking water.

Side Hustle Summit

This is a one-day conference, bringing together high school students with EnactusDC students, and DC staff and faculty. Student participants are challenged and empowered to channel their passions into sustainable business models.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED WITH ENACTUS DC:

- Become a project mentor
- Help the team develop external project partners
- Join the team at fundraising events, galas, etc.



CELEBRATING SOCIAL
ENTREPRENEURSHIP AT
DURHAM COLLEGE

**ANNOUNCING A NEW
PARTNERSHIP WITH
DCAA & ENACTUSDC!**

CLASS NOTES

ALUMNI UPDATES

1985

Christine Reid
Dental Hygiene

Christine is a dental hygienist and lives in Oshawa, Ont. with her husband David.

2006

Monica Coddington (née Vanderheide)
Police Foundations

Monica is a territory manager with Suncor Energy and lives in Edmonton, Alta. with her husband John.

2015

John Wesley Phillips
Recreation and Leisure Services

John Wesley works as an auto dealer for Owasco Volkswagen Incorporated and lives in Whitby, Ont.

2017

Eric Lacina
Environmental Technology

Eric is a project technologist for Pinchin Environmental Limited and lives in Chatham, Ont.

Heidi Mitchell
Human Resource Management

Heidi works as a human resources generalist for R.V. Anderson Associates Ltd. And lives in Whitby, Ont. with her husband Robert.



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

STUDENT ATHLETES RECOGNIZED FOR EXCELLENCE IN SPORT AT THE 49TH ANNUAL DC ATHLETIC BANQUET

Durham College held its 49th annual athletic banquet on April 4, recognizing the achievements of DC's student athletes over the past year and naming Ashley Black and Brandon Halliburton as 2018-19 athletes of the year.

Black delivered another exceptional year in the pitching circle with the [Lords softball program](#) and was named the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association (OCAA) pitcher of the year, OCAA all-star, OCAA championship MVP, and the Canadian Collegiate Softball Association (CCSA) national all-star en route to national silver for the Lords this season. Halliburton became the first Durham [men's basketball](#) player to be named a Canadian Collegiate Athletic Association (CCAA) All-Canadian since 2010-11, was named an OCAA east first team all-star and was the fourth player in DC men's basketball history to surpass 1,000 career points.

Other female MVPs included Madison Haigh, Victoria Browne, Emily Glendinning, Cory Lapointe and Althea Boncheff, while male MVPs included Cody Kraemer, Reagan Manley, Malcolm Hooper, Tyler Krabi, Colin Reilly and Josh Taylor.

In addition, this year marked the first year of competition for the [Durham Lords Esports teams](#). Individual game MVPs included Rocket League's Luke Logan, Hearthstone's Mitchell Bizjak, League of Legends' Eric Jones, Overwatch's Calvin Lapp, Super Smash Bros. Melee's James Mullins, CS:GO's Austin Waite and Heroes of the Storm's Owen Campbell.

Marie Stasiuk of the women's basketball team and Daniel Cooper of the men's rugby team were named the freshmen athletes of the year, while team leaders Caleigh Coels of the women's softball team and Lucas Pichl of the men's volleyball and golf team were the recipients of the Bonnie Ginter-Brown overall leadership awards, recognizing athletes who have gone above-and-beyond in a leadership role within their team and the greater community.

The women's softball team was named the team of the year after winning their fourth consecutive OCAA banner, becoming the first OCAA program to capture 20 total banners and the first women's softball team to win their fourth in a row. The season also saw long-time head coach Jim Nemish record his 500th career win while the team had five players selected as OCAA all-stars, one major OCAA award winner, an OCAA championship all-star and the OCAA championship MVP. The team also captured a CCSA national silver, their first national medal since 2012, while also having two players selected as national all-stars.

The women's volleyball team won this year's #DC4DC award, recognizing a combination of academics, strength and conditioning, volunteer work and support for fellow Durham Lord teams.



Ashley Black (top) and Brandon Halliburton (bottom) were named DC's 2018-2019 athletes of the year.

NEW BENEFITS FOR DURHAM COLLEGE (DC) ALUMNI

DC alumni have access to hundreds of benefits and services. To view them all, please visit www.durhamcollege.ca/alumnibenefits or download the DC Alumni Connect app.

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Planning a move? Receive 10 per cent off for local moves and 60 per cent off for long distance moves. Please note, these discounts are only offered on booked moves.

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Receive \$12 off day admission to Safari Niagara. Tickets must be purchased online through the [Safari Niagara website](#) using promo code: SN121942.

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Receive 10 per cent off Whistling Wind green fees.

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NEW! DC ALUMNI CONNECT APP

DC's Office of Development and Alumni Affairs is proud to announce the launch of [DC Alumni Connect](#), a mobile app meant to make staying connected after graduation more rewarding.

Through the app, DC alumni can browse more than 100 food, fashion, travel and entertainment perks and stay up-to-date when it comes to exclusive alumni contests and events. The app also provides access to a digital alumni card, making it easier to unlock perks and offers while shopping, dining or traveling.

DC Alumni Connect is available through the [Apple App Store](#) or [Google Play](#).

SAVE THE DATE

SPRING CONVOCATION

Monday, June 10

Tuesday, June 11

Wednesday, June 12

Tribute Communities Centre, Oshawa, Ont.

Join us as we celebrate our graduates at Durham College's Spring Convocation. Share your experience by using #DCGrad2019 on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram.

For more information, visit www.durhamcollege.ca/convocation.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, September 11

Location to be determined.

Learn more about the Durham College Alumni Association (DCAA).

The location and details will be posted in the coming months on the DCAA website and through its social media channels.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS DCAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Durham College Alumni Association (DCAA) Board of Directors invites applications from the alumni membership to serve in a voluntary capacity as a board director. One director position will be available commencing September 11, 2019: the successful candidate will be appointed for a three-year term. All terms may be renewed once for an additional three years.

The DCAA Board of Directors strives to maintain a balanced representation of the diverse alumni community. All applications from eligible alumni members will be considered on merit; however, preference will be given to candidates who most closely meet the skills and expertise required by the board.

Nominations and expressions of interest must be received by 4:00 p.m., July 13, 2019. For more information about the process, DCAA and the role of a board director, please visit our [alumni website](#).



AT DURHAM COLLEGE, THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE COMES FIRST AND YOU CAN HELP MAKE IT EVEN BETTER

WHY GIVING MATTERS :

Durham College (DC) offers more than 140 full-time, market-driven programs in a variety of fields, providing students with an opportunity to excel in their chosen area.

Whether DC students are inventing new ways to implement sustainable practices; writing, designing, filming, or animating; utilizing their caring nature to contribute to the health and social wellness of others; or advocating on behalf of the law – they are successful!

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CHOICES FOR GIVING:

Having grown rapidly over the past decade, renewed and expanded space designed to meet the needs of our students is our top priority. A gift to the Building Something Amazing campaign will help DC deliver on the vision behind the new Centre for Collaborative Education (CFCE). The CFCE will offer students a new perspective on their futures and what they can achieve; inspire cultural comprehension and connection; drive entrepreneurship here in Durham Region and beyond; and establish deep connections between DC, our students and the communities that we serve.

DC is pleased to be able to provide more than \$2 million in scholarship and bursary funding each year. While building inspiring space for students is our highest priority, gifts supporting scholarship and bursaries are also welcome.

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HAVE QUESTIONS?

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