



# THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING BUILDING FOR SKILLS

**DONOR IMPACT REPORT** 





## LETTER OF THANKS FROM DON LOVISA AND LINDA FLYNN

As we celebrate another remarkable campaign, once again we are filled with gratitude for Durham College's (DC) dedicated donor community. Your support isn't just an investment in our collective success, it's an investment in our students' futures.

Thanks to your generosity and commitment, DC is on a continuous journey of transformation, offering creative learning environments and modern resources that equip our graduates with the hands-on learning experience employers are looking for.

Our Whitby campus is a shining testament to DC's evolution. Since opening its doors in 1993, the Whitby campus has become a destination for many aspiring graduates, offering new facilities in renewable energy and enriching shop areas, classrooms and labs with modern technologies. It also proudly welcomed the W. Galen Weston Centre for Food, home of the award-winning Bistro '67 and Pantry.

The Building for Skills campaign led to a significant milestone in 2022, with the grand opening of the Ontario Power Generation Centre for Skilled Trades and Technology (CSTT). As the fourth phase of the Whitby expansion, this remarkable achievement was made possible by the unwavering support of our donors, partners and community leaders who rose to the challenge of raising \$10 million in community support.

The CSTT's modern technologies and innovative learning spaces have enabled DC to increase training capacity for post-secondary and apprenticeship education by 750 students and empower them with specialized skills training to help address Canada's skilled trades talent gap.

None of this would have been possible without your support and passion for our mission, which has revolutionized the way DC delivers industrial and construction-focused professional and skilled trades training and education.

We hope you'll share in our pride in all that we have accomplished as together, we're leading the way toward a brighter future.

Sincerely,

Don Lovisa

PRESIDENT, DURHAM COLLEGE

Linda Flynn

ASSOCIATE VICE-PRESIDENT, OFFICE OF DEVELOPMENT AND ALUMNI AFFAIRS, DURHAM COLLEGE



## SUPPORTING STUDENTS, FACULTY AND DEVELOPMENT

#### ONTARIO POWER GENERATION CENTRE FOR SKILLED TRADES AND TECHNOLOGY

The demand for construction and industrial skilled trades workers and professionals is rapidly increasing in Canada, especially in the Durham Region and Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA). These trades are recognized as high-quality, well-paying careers essential for the economic growth of the province and country. Student demand for skilled trades programs at Durham College (DC) has been growing for years and, prior to the pandemic, outstripped the available seats in most programs, reflecting the interest in these career options.

In response to this demand, DC is now concluding a significant expansion and revitalization of the Whitby campus, with a key feature being the new Ontario Power Generation Centre for Skilled Trades and Technology (CSTT). This expansion, and renovation of pre-existing space, has created room for 750 additional skilled trades post-secondary and apprenticeship students. Thanks to our generous donors to the Building for Skills campaign, we surpassed our \$10 million goal to complete the funding for the \$35 million new building.

The expansion provides 60,300 square feet of new space, including specialized shops for electrical, elevating devices and plumbing programs, classrooms, labs, student amenities, and office spaces. With a focus on programs in electrical and mechanical trades, the space has been designed to be flexible, enabling the college to adapt to emerging employer needs.

The project's benefits extend beyond the college, as we are already helping to address the shortage of skilled trades workers across Durham Region and the GTHA. The increased supply of skilled talent will help to meet the demands of ongoing and future infrastructure projects, ensuring the region's development, prosperity and economic growth. As a leading educator of construction and industrial trades expertise, DC's Whitby campus expansion is seen as a valuable investment in the development of a skilled workforce for the region's future.

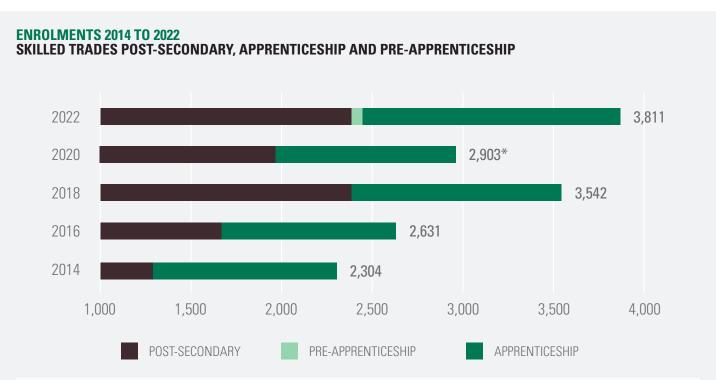


### RICHARD LAMARCHE PLUMBING FACULTY

"As a program co-ordinator working closely with our program team, I was very pleased to have had the opportunity to provide input to the design, construction and final setup of the space to suit our program delivery needs. Having been chosen as one of a few programs to relocate to a brand-new facility was akin to winning a lottery and we are deeply grateful to all of the generous donors who made this possible."



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\*Enrolment impacted by COVID-19 pandemic

### **DONORS**

Thank you for your generous support of the Building for Skills campaign, or the Student Experience Fund between January 1, 2020 and December 31, 2022, which helped make the Ontario Power Generation Centre for Skilled Trades & Technology a reality.

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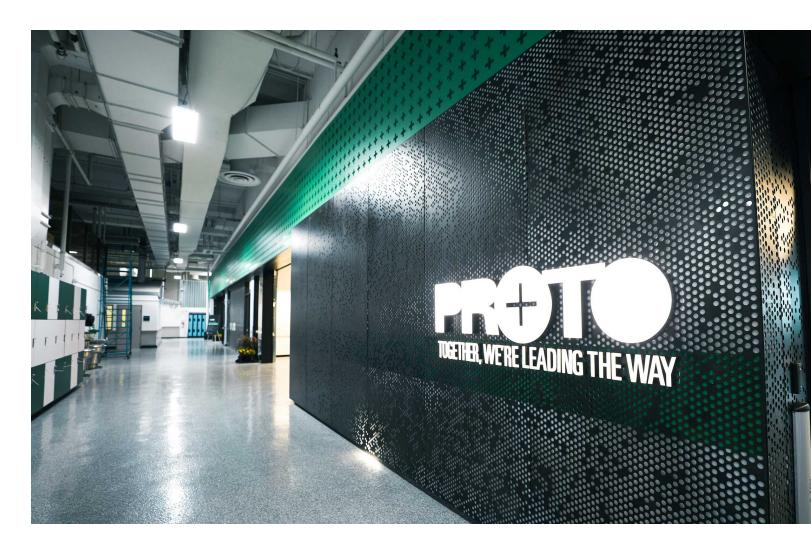
### BRAD TAMLIN ELECTRICAL FACULTY

"The electrical shop is a fantastic space. We have been able to set up 10 training stations, providing hands-on learning in a variety of wiring situations — a vast improvement over what we had previously. The shop doubles as a classroom for instruction before the students attempt their hands-on assignments. Materials are easily accessible, allowing students to select and measure what they require to complete their projects, which is a large part of their learning."

### HEATHER REID MECHANICAL TECHNICIAN – ELEVATING DEVICES, CLASS OF 2023

"The Centre for Skilled Trades and Technology was such a change from the old Elevating Devices location. In the new building, there are multiple working elevators, new hydraulic lift simulators, multiple elevator cabs and a whole lot more space to move around in. Having that hands-on, real-life application was the best part of that program. And I used the gym a lot. If you're going to be a mechanic, elevator doors aren't light."





## MAKING SPACE FOR COMMUNITY AND INNOVATION

### ADDITION OF ONTARIO POWER GENERATION CENTRE FOR SKILLED TRADES AND TECHNOLOGY OPENS UP MULTI-USE SPACES

The expansion of the Whitby campus has many benefits for our students but it also benefits our community. It's a specialized space where community partners can host events, training and other transformational initiatives.

With the addition of the CSTT, some programs moved from their original locations to the new building. The vacated sites were revitalized and renovated into expanded, new and innovative spaces for millwright, trades fundamentals, hydraulics, pneumatics, electric vehicle (EV) shops and labs and PROTO — the centre for trades innovation.

The EV Lab and PROTO are state-of-the-art spaces, that together, span 9,060 square feet inside DC's Whitby campus main building.

PROTO is the next step beyond the shop floor, where students and faculty can partner with industry, organizations, training providers, charities and other members of the community to invent, enhance and drive innovation. The flexible, open-plan space can be set-up for design, prototyping and/or testing products or processes, and its location allows for easy access to all of DC's construction and industrial trades labs and shops.

Centred in skilled trades, PROTO builds on DC's excellent reputation for applied research and innovation. It will serve as a hub for students and faculty from across the college who have ideas and interests that can be realized by utilizing this space built with collaboration at the forefront.

# LETTER OF THANKS FROM REBECCA MILBURN

Durham College is committed to students and the economic and social prosperity of Durham Region. Today, we remain true to our promise to bring leading post-secondary and apprenticeship programs, to our region in order to develop the skilled workforce our community needs to grow and prosper.

We are truly grateful for your generous contribution to our college's Whitby campus through this expansion project aimed at bolstering skilled trades education. Your support is not just a financial contribution, but a welcoming message to countless students aspiring to establish careers and find success in the skilled trades.

This expansion solidified our commitment to offering a wide range of skilled trades programs to an increasingly diverse and growing population of post-secondary students and apprentices, positioning the Whitby campus as a thriving hub for training and industry, and for innovation and excellence.

Thanks to support from businesses and community members like you, more individuals now have access to high-quality education and training, empowering them to make significant contributions to various industries and bridge the skilled trades labour gap that we face today.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Milburn

PRINCIPAL, WHITBY CAMPUS

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