

# ANNUAL REPORT





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Some of the photos in this publication were taken prior to the COVID-19 pandemic.



# MESSAGE FROM THE DCAA PRESIDENT

Greetings/Boozhoo,

It has been a privilege to serve as your president this past year. I have enjoyed the opportunity to lead a talented board of directors who are committed to supporting our alumni and students. Looking back over the past number of months, I continue to be amazed by the power of the alumni network and the commitment of its members to help each other and the college. Like others, we continue to adapt to the changing world around us finding new and better ways to connect and support our alma mater. In particular, we are very proud of the team effort this past year in developing a new three-year strategic plan for the alumni association. We look forward to working together to achieve the goals detailed in this plan. Special thanks to DC alumnus, Peter Garrett, for guiding us through this process.

I am also pleased to share that the DCAA made a significant commitment to support students pursuing a career in skilled trades by contributing \$300,000 to the building of the Centre for Skilled Trades and Technology (CSTT) at the Whitby campus. Part of this gift included a matching gift opportunity of \$50,000 which raised an additional \$58,817 from alumni and friends. Thank you to all who participated in this important fundraising effort.

In light of the pandemic, alumni events transitioned to a virtual setting where we expanded the DC Talks: Alumni Series to include four events discussing a range of interesting topics like the impact of COVID- 19 on business, health and post-secondary sectors; racial disparities in healthcare and law enforcement; mental health; and global supply chain challenges in a disrupted world. Guest speakers included alumni and staff and were co-hosted by our college president, Don Lovisa, and Global Class professor, Lon Appleby.

Now, more than ever, we recognize the need to actively engage our alumni network which is why alumni staff have put a focus on strengthening our social media/online presence across all platforms and created #AlumniInFocus. Each Friday, success stories about our alumni from around the globe are featured on social media. We encourage you to share your story by clicking on this link.

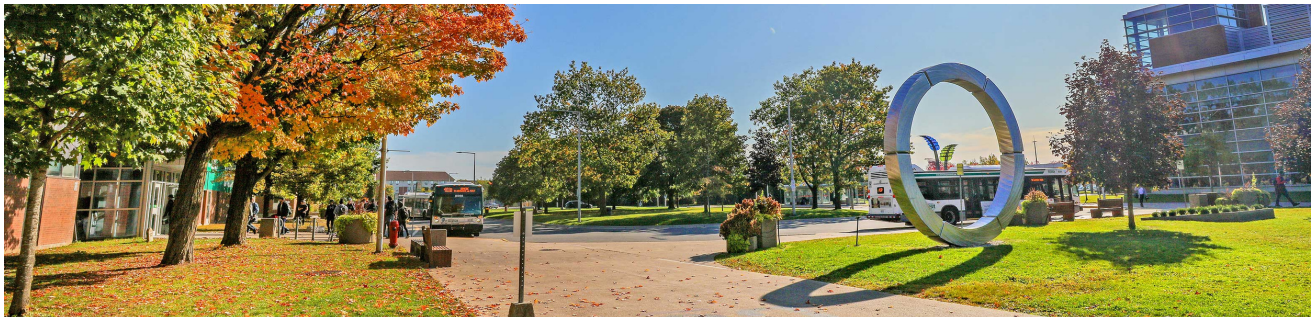
In closing, I would like to acknowledge and thank Vanessa Hughes for her years of service on the Board and dedication to the alumni association. Both Vanessa and I will be retiring after serving six years. I have truly enjoyed my time on the Board and I look forward to all the good things in store for the alumni association as we continue to move forward.



I hope to see you all on September 15 at our Annual General Meeting and Cocktails & Conversations event. A virtual networking party for alumni near and far.

Stay safe and healthy,

Nicole Blackman, '04 Registered Nursing  
President, Durham College Alumni Association (DCAA)



## MESSAGE FROM THE DC PRESIDENT

As we start a second academic year in the midst of COVID-19, I can't help but reflect on how far we've come as a community. I want to take this opportunity to say how proud I am to see all our students, employees, and alumni demonstrate resilience, adaptability and innovation as the world continues to change around us. Despite the challenges of the past year, the college continues to thrive and so does our DC community. Stories of our achievements and highlights of our success are evident throughout this report, as we reflect on a year unlike any other.

Durham College is once again expanding, shining a spotlight on skilled trades training, innovation and education. Together we are leading the way to build a facility that will provide more space to educate and train students for future careers in the skilled trades industry. We are grateful to the DCAA for their generous donation to the Building for Skills Campaign and for helping us to complete the Centre for Skilled Trades and Technology. We also recognize alumni leaders like Brandon Bird for their generous support to this campaign.

In addition, Durham College received a \$5 million donation from the Barrett Family Foundation to establish the Barrett Centre of Innovation in Sustainable Urban Agriculture (The Barrett Centre). As a recognized leader in food, farming and horticulture science education, the Barrett Centre vision is to become an internationally recognized hub of excellence in urban agricultural practices, research, education and training to address some of society's biggest challenges including food insecurity, access to safe and stable supplies and regeneration of land for local food production.

For over 30 years, Durham College has awarded graduates who make extraordinary contributions to society while also achieving career success with the Alumni of Distinction award. We are #DC proud of our four recipients this year- Caroline Wright, Tamara Dus, Stuart Petrie and Thomas Coughlan. In addition, we are pleased to nominate five alumnae this year for the prestigious Premier's Award namely Caroline Wright (Business); Tamara Dus (Health Sciences); Judy Pal (Community Services); Ellen Campbell (Technology) and Tamara Green (Recent Graduate). It is wonderful to see the exciting and important impact our graduates are having in their careers and communities.

We are very excited to start welcoming our students and employees back on campus this Fall and look forward to enjoying the energy that comes from our community.



Take care and stay safe,

Don Lovisa  
President, Durham College

# **DCAA STRATEGIC PLAN**

**OUR MISSION**

# BRINGING THE DURHAM COLLEGE (DC) COMMUNITY TOGETHER.

**OUR VISION**

We are a diverse global network of DC alumni that **supports** and **encourages** its members to **stay connected** by inspiring **collaboration**, **engagement**, **giving** and a **commitment to success** for future generations.

**OUR VALUES****OUR PILLARS****SOCIAL INCLUSION**

Goal: to adhere to a culture of open discussion, decision-making and advice based on accountability, trust and transparency.

We will:

- » Ensure our policies and constitution reflect our commitment to supporting DC, its alumni and students.
- » Define clear roles and expectations for board members to ensure effective decision-making and achieve measurable outcomes.
- » Offer and support professional development and training opportunities for board members.
- » Create a safe space for all members of the DC community, where their voices are heard and perspectives valued.

**ENGAGEMENT & SUPPORT**

Goal: to foster a culture of reciprocity, mutual support and value.

We will:

- » Find creative ways to support alumni in their lives, careers and communities.
- » Create more connection points and interactions between students and alumni.
- » Provide innovative opportunities for alumni to engage with their DC community in a variety of ways.

**ALUMNI MEMBERSHIP**

Goal: to focus on increasing the diversity and reach of the Durham College Alumni Association (DCAA).

We will:

- » Provide equal access to opportunities and resources for alumni.
- » Leverage a digital platform to foster connection, support, sharing and celebration among our global community.
- » Cultivate meaningful relationships with students that will extend beyond graduation.
- » Work towards a diverse board of directors that demonstrates representation from each of DC's nine academic schools and across a range of industries.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

Goal: to establish and/or strengthen meaningful partnerships between the college, industry, government, communities and alumni.

We will:

- » Support DC's mission and vision by providing opportunities for alumni to contribute their time, talent and resources to the college's top priorities.
- » Encourage investment in DC and its community.
- » Create an active network among industry, communities and alumni to enhance communication and encourage partnerships that seek to advance shared goals and priorities.







FOR THE FULL STRATEGIC PLAN, HEAD TO [WWW.DURHAMCOLLEGE.CA/ALUMNI](http://WWW.DURHAMCOLLEGE.CA/ALUMNI)





# ALUMNI OUTREACH

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-  We have significantly increased our social media presence and improved our social media plan.
-  Presented 20 awards to graduates for the DCAA Leaders of the Future Award Program.
-  The DCAA Board welcomed Helen Wright to serve as the Student Representative.
-  CONVOCATION: Grad Lawn Sign Event! While an in-person convocation ceremony wasn't possible this year, the DCAA helped to celebrate graduates by providing free, DC/DCAA-branded lawn signs to display at their homes to proudly mark their achievement.
-  Two programs were added to the Alumni Mentoring Program! Chemical Engineering Technology and International Business Management.
-  DC Talks: Alumni Series - we expanded this program due to the inability to host alumni events in-person. Co-hosted by our college president and Global Class professor, alumni, staff and students from around the world came together to discuss interesting and important topics.

## ENACTUS DURHAM COLLEGE

The DCAA Board is a proud supporter of Enactus Durham College, these students have shown passion and resiliency this past year, and exceeded our expectations. Click below to read about their accomplishments this year!

**DC'S ENACTUS TEAM WINS 2021 CENTRAL CANADA REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP**

**DC FACULTY JAY FISHER RECEIVES JOHN DOBSON ENACTUS FELLOW OF THE YEAR AWARD**



# ALUMNI BY THE NUMBERS

## ALUMNI DATABASE

OVER **1,136** ALUMNI HAVE UPDATED THEIR CONTACT INFORMATION USING THE DC ALUMNI CONNECT APP!



## WHY IS SOCIAL MEDIA IMPORTANT?

It allows you to reach, nurture, and engage with your target audience – no matter their location. When an organization can use social media to connect with its audience, it can use social media to generate brand awareness, leads, engagement, giving and a commitment to success for future generations.

## STATS



## BENEFITS

The DC Connect Alumni App gives alumni easy access to exclusive savings at over 120 restaurants, venues and attractions.



# INITIATIVES

## 2021 - 2024 DCAA STRATEGIC PLAN

The DCAA Board of Directors held two workshops and numerous meetings this past year to create a new [strategic plan](#) for the alumni association.

Student representatives were invited to participate along with an alumni focus group who completed a survey to provide important data for the planning process.

We are pleased to present this important document which will guide the DCAA going forward. Special thanks to alumnus, Peter Garrett, who helped guide the process.

## \$300,000 DCAA DONATION TO THE CENTRE FOR SKILLED TRADES AND TECHNOLOGY (CSTT)

As part of the fundraising campaign for the CSTT, the Board approved a matching opportunity for alumni and friends of up to \$50,000 in gifts and pledges for 2020. The matching gift of \$50,000 plus \$58,817 was raised for a total of \$108,817.

In addition, the Board pledged \$250,000 over the next five years to support the CSTT campaign. Thank you for your generous support!

### THANK YOU ALUMNI LEADERS

- 
- Brandon Bird
  - Olinda Casimiro
  - Ryan Cullen
  - Alumni Leader (anonymous)
  - Allen Gates
  - James Hammond (Cleeve Technology)
  - Adam Hare (Petley-Hare)
  - Vanessa Hughes
  - Jonathan K. Hurter
  - Shelley Jones
  - Roland Kielbasiewicz (IGNITE Infrastructure Association)
  - Andy Popko
  - Vaso Vujanovic
  - Alumni Leader (anonymous)

## ALUMNI LEADER

A special category was created for alumni who give \$500 or more each year.

Benefits include a personal invitation to special events, name included in our **Donor Impact Report** and an annual invite to an exclusive alumni event.

For more information, please contact [sally.hillis@durhamcollege.ca](mailto:sally.hillis@durhamcollege.ca).



## WELCOME TO THE FAMILY-NEW GRADUATE GUIDE

Guide to help new graduates navigate life after college and next steps.

WELCOME TO THE DC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM & TWITTER



LIKE US ON FACEBOOK & LINKEDIN

SCAN ME FOR YOUR NEW GRADUATE GUIDE

EACH CREDENTIAL MAILED OUT HAD A QR CODE INCLUDED!



## PARTNERSHIP WITH DURHAM COLLEGE STUDENT ASSOCIATION (DCSA) FOR ORIENTATION

The DCAA recognizes the need to support current students.

This year, DCAA placed an advertisement in the DCSA Survival Guide and collaborated on an orientation gift.



## ALUMNI IN FOCUS

We proudly celebrate our graduates and to do that, alumni staff launched *Alumni in Focus*, a social media campaign to highlight DC's recent and not so recent alumni at various stages in their career.

If you're interested in being featured as part of our campaign, please complete the form located here

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# ALUMNI EVENTS

# 2020 DCAA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

## DC TALKS: ALUMNI SERIES

COVID-19: Past, Present and Future

*& Annual General Meeting*

Our special guests will discuss the impact of the pandemic, past, present and future as it relates to each panelist's business/sector.

Rogier ten Kate, Moderator

**Post Secondary:**  
Don Lovisa, President at Durham College

**Business Sector (Sports):**  
Caroline Wright, Senior Director, Operations and General Manager at MLSE (Maple Leaf Sports Entertainment Partnership)  
*'96 Sport Management*

**Health Sector:** Tamara Dus, Director Health Services at University Health Network  
*'93 Registered Nursing*

**Moderated by:** Rogier ten Kate, Faculty/Program Advisor for International Business Management Program, Durham College

Over 120 people registered to attend-highest attendance to date, for an AGM!

Held *September 30, 2020* virtually in the Global Classroom on **Orange Shirt Day**, incoming president, Nicole Blackman, a proud member of the Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nation, shared a message recognizing Indigenous Peoples across Turtle Island (North America).

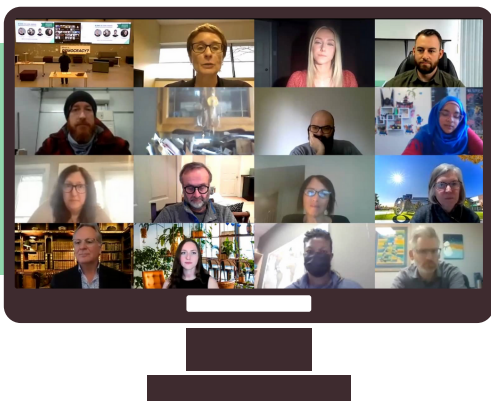


Eighteen graduating students were recognized with the DCAA Leadership Award in honour of their outstanding leadership both inside and outside of the classroom. In addition to board reports shared, Cameron Ackerblade was recognized and thanked for his service as president this past year.

Following the AGM, we held our first virtual event- a keynote panel involving alumni, our college president and faculty moderator to discuss the impact of COVID-19.

## DC TALKS: ALUMNI SERIES

Held virtually in the Global Classroom with co-hosts college president, Don Lovisa and Global Class professor, Lon Appleby.



Don Lovisa,  
president



Lon Appleby,  
professor

# DC TALKS TOPICS 2020-21

## DC TALKS: THE GLOBAL GRADUATE

EXPLORING RACIAL DISPARITIES IN HEALTHCARE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT  
NOVEMBER 23, 2021 11 TO 2:00 PM (ONLINE)

CO-HOSTED BY DURHAM COLLEGE  
PRESIDENT, DON LOVISA  
& PROFESSOR LON APPLEBY



NICOLE  
BLACKMAN



JUDY  
PAL



STEPHANIE  
BALL



ALLISON  
HECTOR-ALEXANDER



## EXPLORING RACIAL DISPARITIES IN HEALTHCARE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT

Alumni, Nicole Blackman and Judy Pal, joined staff, Stephanie Ball and Allison Hector-Alexander, to lead an important conversation addressing Indigenous racism in the health care system and challenges law enforcement leaders face concerning systemic racism and the importance of effective communication.

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## MENTAL HEALTH: KEEP THE CONVERSATION GOING

Alumni, Lori Lane Murphy and Chris Bovie, joined DCSI Executive Chairperson, Jenna Peace and DC Mental Health Nurse, Marta Gozdzik to discuss the different layers of stigma and barriers in mental health, mental health support and their personal stories about mental wellness.

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## DC TALKS: MENTAL HEALTH

KEEP THE CONVERSATION GOING  
FEBRUARY 17, 2021 11:30 AM TO 12:00 PM (ONLINE)

CO-HOSTED BY DURHAM COLLEGE  
PRESIDENT, DON LOVISA  
& PROFESSOR LON APPLEBY



LORI LANE  
MURPHY



JENNA  
PEACE



CHRIS  
BOVIE



MARTA  
GOZDZIK



## DC TALKS: THE GLOBAL GRADUATE

GLOBAL SUPPLY CHAIN CHALLENGES IN A DISRUPTED WORLD  
MARCH 31, 2021 11:30 AM TO 12:00 PM (ONLINE)

CO-HOSTED BY DURHAM COLLEGE  
EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT, ELAINE POPP  
& PROFESSOR LON APPLEBY



JESSICA  
BEAUDRY



CAMERON  
MUNRO



THIEN  
NGUYEN



JENNIFER  
STEVENS



## GLOBAL SUPPLY CHAIN CHALLENGES IN A DISRUPTED WORLD

Graduates Jessica Beaudry, Cameron Munro, Thien Nguyen and Jennifer Stevenson from the Supply Chain and Operations Management program discussed a variety of issues including the professional challenges they faced this past year with the pandemic impact, ways the supply chain sector has improved or failed due to COVID-19 and valuable lessons learned.

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# ALUMNI OF DISTINCTION RECIPIENTS



## TAMARA DUS '93 REGISTERED NURSING

Tamara is a progressive and innovative health care leader with particular expertise in collaboratively steering system transformations. A passionate clinical professional, she also focuses on achieving positive stakeholder outcomes for sustainable health care practices to meet community needs.

As Director, Health Services, for University Health Network (UHN), Tamara's responsibilities include working with a team to support 16,000 employees, more than 1,200 physicians, and more than 8,000 students and volunteers to develop, implement and evaluate a robust health and wellness strategy at the UHN. She also leads the COVID-19 employee response team at UHN and is co-leading the provincial pilot vaccination roll out to support Ontario's immunization strategy for vaccine clinics. She administered the first vaccine in Ontario.

Previously, Tamara held a variety of roles during her 24 years at Lakeridge Health including registered nurse; Manager of Clinical Trials and Systemic Therapy, Durham Regional Cancer Centre; Clinical Director of the Central East Regional Cancer Program and Durham Regional Cancer Centre, Interim Clinical Director of Womens and Children's program, as well as the Clinical Director Emergency, Critical Care and Central East Prehospital Care Program.

In addition to work in hospitals, Tamara has worked at both Durham College and Ontario Tech University, teaching in nursing programs, in the community and with the Department of Public Health at the Regional Municipality of Durham.

Her passion lies in supporting community wellness by implementing health education and communication strategies, influencing the development and revision of public policy and building capacity within individuals, families, groups and communities.



## THOMAS COUGHLAN '05 BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION-ACCOUNTING

As the founder of Coughlan Realty Ltd, Thomas was quick to become amongst the top 1 per cent of Realtors® in the GTA and is recognized as one of the top Brokers in the Durham Region. He provides mentorship to other agents and brokers across the community, sharing best practices and leadership techniques to enhance the industry in its entirety.

During his time at DC, he served as vice-president of the Durham College Student Association (DCSA), followed by two consecutive terms as president, leading the DCSA through many positive changes, including the \$14-million Athletic Complex expansion and the adapting UPASS (Universal Bus Pass) for all full-time students at DC and the University of Ontario Institute of Technology (now Ontario Tech University). He also served a three-year term on the DC Board of Governors.

Thomas has held multiple positions on Parliament Hill most notably assistant to the Honourable Jim Flaherty and issues manager for Government of Canada during the economic crisis in 2013. He has supported the community in many ways including giving major gifts to Kids' Safety Village of Durham Region, donating to various community charities and a making a recent pledge to the new Durham Region Hospice. He currently serves on the Board of Directors for the WindReach Farm Foundation.



## CAROLINE WRIGHT '96 SPORT MANAGEMENT

Caroline is a seasoned sports marketing professional with expertise in marketing creative, operations, retail and venue strategy. As a leader at Maple Leaf Sports & Entertainment (MLSE), one of the world's premier sports and entertainment organizations, her current portfolio includes leading the operations of all of MLSE's facilities including Scotiabank Arena, BMO Field, Coca-Cola Coliseum, BMO Training Ground, OVO Athletic Centre.

MLSE is the parent company of the Toronto Maple Leafs (NHL), Toronto Raptors (NBA), Toronto FC (MLS), Toronto Argonauts (CFL), Toronto Marlies (AHL), Raptors 905 (NBAGL), TFC II (USL) and Raptors Uprising Gaming Club, the Toronto Raptors Esports franchise in the NBA 2K League.

Caroline is a blood donor, volunteers with MLSE Foundation, has volunteered for Habitat for Humanity, where she traveled to New Orleans with MLSE to assist in the rebuild after Hurricane Katrina, and most recently volunteered her time to support MLSE in serving up to 13,000 meals a day to front-line workers and shelters due to the pandemic.

In 2018, MLSE presented Caroline with the company's MVP Award for leading the building conversion of the Air Canada Centre to Scotiabank Arena. She is still overseeing the next phase of the project to its full re-imagination.

Most recently Caroline was recognized by Sports Business Journal as one of fourteen women overseeing every aspect of their facilities among the 144 stadiums and arenas from seven U.S. and Canadian team sports leagues (NFL, NBA, MLB, NHL, MLS, WNBA and NWSL), ranging from maintenance and renovation projects to booking and budgeting.



## STUART PETRIE '14 MECHANICAL ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY

As an employee of Sperry Rail Services, the global leader of railroad flaw detection, Stuart quickly moved up the ranks. He began his career as chief operator travelling across the country finding and removing defects that have the potential to derail a train, shut down our economy and ultimately cost human lives. From there he was promoted to field manager of Operations for Western Canada where he oversaw the staffing, operation and continued quality improvement of the majority of the Canadian fleet.

When Sperry opened its first training facility in Canada, Stuart was assigned as the technical trainer where he developed the Canadian Training Centre and curriculum; he continues to oversee its operation.

Stuart was also chosen to pursue his Level III Certification in Ultrasonic Testing and is now Non-Destructive Testing operations manager responsible for administering certifications and ensuring compliance with regulations. He is also responsible for the Verification Department worldwide, dedicated to performing rail flaw detection as part of the non-stop testing process.

In addition, he is designing training materials for operator improvement and advancement in the European Union, and the UK, as well as for new operators of Sperry's equipment in South Africa. He is also creating and amending materials to comply with national and international standards in Australia.

Stuart serves on DC's Non-Destructive Evaluation Program Advisory Committee, and regularly recruits DC grads to work for Sperry Rail across Canada.

**PREMIER'S  
AWARD  
NOMINEES**

## FIVE DURHAM COLLEGE ALUMNAE NOMINATED FOR 2021 PREMIER'S AWARDS

Durham College (DC) is pleased to announce that, in recognition of their outstanding career success related to their college experience and the significant contributions they have made to their community, five alumnae – Caroline Wright, Tamara Dus, Judy Pal, Tamara Green and Ellen Campbell – have been nominated for the 2021 Premier's Awards.

The Premier's Awards honour the important social and economic contribution that college graduates make to Ontario and throughout the world. The awards were launched in 1992 and are administered by Colleges Ontario. Presented annually, the Premier's Awards recognize graduates in the following seven categories – Apprenticeship, Business, Community Services, Creative Arts and Design, Health Sciences, Recent Graduate, and Technology.

"We are DC proud of our five outstanding alumnae and their nominations for this prestigious award," said Don Lovisa, president, DC. "Their accomplishments and the impact they make in their sector and communities is proof that a college education lays a strong foundation for incredible and uniquely rewarding careers. Good luck to our nominees!"

This year's Premier's Award winners will be announced in November 2021. For more information, please visit [www.co-awards.org](http://www.co-awards.org).

### CAROLINE WRIGHT '96 SPORT MANAGEMENT



Caroline Wright has spent the past two decades supporting the success of Maple Leaf Sports & Entertainment (MLSE), one of the largest and most diverse sports and entertainment portfolios in North America. As the senior director of Operations and general manager for MLSE Facilities, she manages all MLSE venues, including Scotiabank Arena, BMO Field, Coca-Cola Coliseum, and more.

She has been recognized with multiple awards from the NHL, NBA and MLB for leading business results, and in 2018, was presented with an MVP Award for leading the building conversion of the Air Canada Centre to Scotiabank Arena. Most recently she was recognized by Sports Business Journal. Wright is nominated for a Premier's Award in the Business category.

## TAMARA DUS '93 REGISTERED NURSING

A registered nurse and the director of Health Service, Occupational Health and Wellness for the University Health Network (UHN), Tamara Dus leads COVID-19 employee response, addressing frontline worker burn-out and stress from the pandemic. She also co-leads the provincial pilot vaccination roll-out to support Ontario's immunization strategy for vaccine clinics.

Dus was instrumental in establishing the first COVID-19 vaccine clinic in Ontario, and in December 2020, administered the first five doses of Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine in the province. She has been recognized as the Most Influential Woman in Emergency & Critical Care Solutions in Ontario by Acquisition International. Dus is nominated for a Premier's Award in the Health Sciences category.



## JUDY PAL '83 SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT ADMINISTRATION



Judy Pal is a sought-after consultant who has worked with international police agencies in Canada, Chile and Trinidad and held numerous communications and administration leadership roles across police organizations in North America. She is credited with re-tooling the image of the largest police department in Atlantic Canada and has conducted image and media training for more than 200 commanders with the NYPD and thousands of law enforcement professionals.

She is also a regular contributing trainer at FBI Regional Command Colleges across the U.S. and has taught and spoken at events across North America, Australia, Uruguay and the Philippines. Pal is nominated for a Premier's Award in the Community Services category.



## TAMARA GREEN '17 CULINARY MANAGEMENT & '18 ADVANCED BAKING AND PASTRY ARTS

The founder of the personal chef company Indigenesis, Tamara Green provides Indigenous ingredient-based catering inspired by the Great Lakes region and surrounding Indigenous nations. She prepares items with historical ingredients used prior to Canada's colonization, avoiding the flora, fauna and animals that were introduced to the area by settlers.

Through Indigenesis, as well as her participation in local events like Ontario Culture Days, Green provides opportunities to learn history through food while honouring Indigenous culture and cuisine. Green's recipes have been published online and in print, and featured in the Fall 2020 edition of Grapevine Magazine. Green is nominated for a Premier's Award in the Recent Graduate category.



## ELLEN CAMPBELL '13 WATER QUALITY TECHNICIAN



Ellen Campbell's passion for clean water has allowed her to nurture an incredible career. She is a senior operator and mechanic with the Ontario Clean Water Agency and member of the agency's Executive Leadership Committee, as well as the marketing manager for the Ontario Association of Sewage Industry Services.

Outside of work, Campbell has served on the Walkerton Clean Water Centre's Board of Directors and is the founder of Rain It In, a national non-profit and annual competition that challenges post-secondary students to create innovative solutions to mitigate the impacts of intense rainfall events and floods. Campbell is nominated for a Premier's Award in the Technology category.

# ALUMNI NEWS

# HOT OFF THE PRESS



## DC ALUMNUS AND BIRD MECHANICAL LTD. CEO CONTRIBUTES \$150,000 TO DC SKILLED TRADES EXPANSION

Durham College (DC) is pleased to announce the Whitby campus has received a significant donation of \$150,000 from Bird Mechanical Ltd, whose chief executive officer, Brandon Bird is a DC graduate, Alumnus of Distinction, and Premier's Award nominee.

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## DC GRAD LAUNCHES INCLUSIVE BANDAGE BRAND HEAL IN COLOUR

For Tianna McFarlane, a Durham College (DC) Supply Chain and Operations – Business (formerly Business Operations) alumna, starting her own company had always been a lifelong dream – but the opportunity to create something significant didn't present itself until 2019, when she was inspired during a simple trip to the drugstore to buy bandages.

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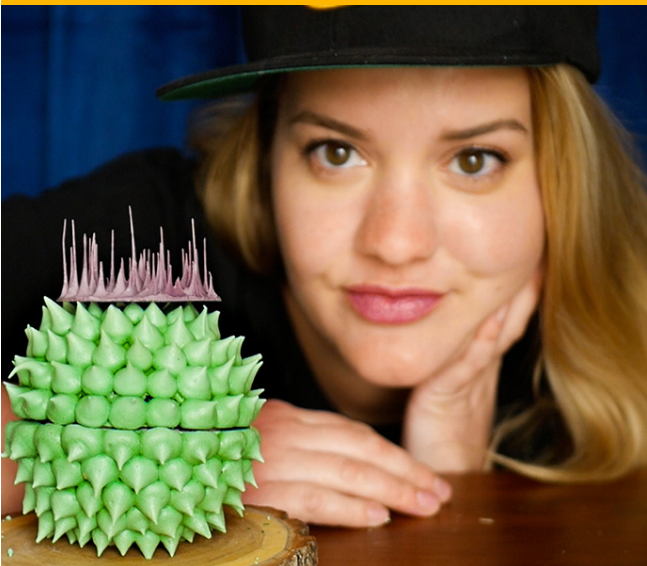


## DC GRAD NOMINATED FOR DAYTIME EMMY® AWARD AND JAMES BEARD FOUNDATION AWARD

Kristin Atwood, an alumna of the Durham College (DC) Culinary Management program, has been combining her passion for food and filmmaking since graduating in 2017.

With more than 5 million views on her channel, Kristin has been able to turn Chef Studio into a thriving full-time job.

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# CAMPUS NEWS

# HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE PAST YEAR



The Barrett Centre of Innovation in Sustainable Urban Agriculture

## DC RECEIVES \$5-MILLION DONATION FROM THE BARRETT FAMILY FOUNDATION TO ESTABLISH THE BARRETT CENTRE OF INNOVATION IN SUSTAINABLE URBAN AGRICULTURE

Durham College is only the second college in Ontario to receive support from the Barrett Family foundation.

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## DC LAUNCHES TWO NEW DEGREE PROGRAMS AND GRADUATE CERTIFICATE FOR IN-DEMAND JOBS

Durham College has received consent from the Ministry of Colleges and Universities to offer two new degree programs which will address labour shortages being experienced in two of Canada's hottest job sectors – construction management and artificial intelligence.

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## CENTRE FOR SKILLED TRADES AND TECHNOLOGY

Durham College's (DC) Whitby campus is once again expanding. With 60,000 sq. ft. of dedicated space to focus on high priorities, the phase IV expansion has been designed to significantly increase DC's industrial skilled trades training capacity and create more opportunities to participate in applied research projects to advance innovation and knowledge.

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# HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE PAST YEAR

## DURHAM COLLEGE LAUNCHES FIFTH APPLIED RESEARCH CENTRE, THE SOCIAL IMPACT HUB

It's been estimated that Canadians are paying more to ignore Canada's housing problem than they would to fix it, inflating costs related to health care, justice and other taxpayer-funded services. So, how do we fix an issue that is costing both those experiencing homelessness, and those that are not? The simple answer is through social innovation.

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## DC'S WORKING ACROSS BORDERS PROJECT CONTINUES TO MAKE GLOBAL IMPACT DURING COVID-19

Four years ago, Durham College (DC) started an innovative Working Across Borders (WAB) course for business students, which allows them to engage with various international institutions around the world through virtual collaborative learning. The goal; creating business solutions and ideas based on the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

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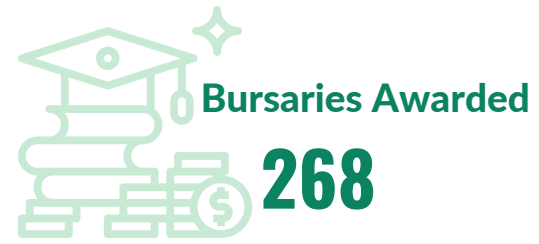
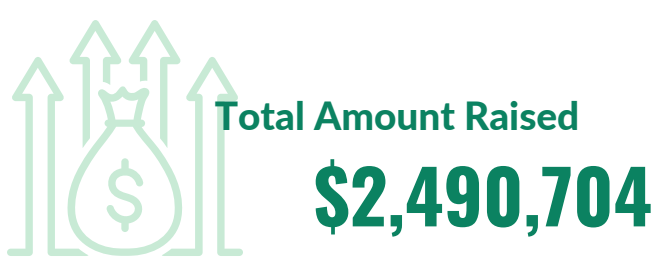
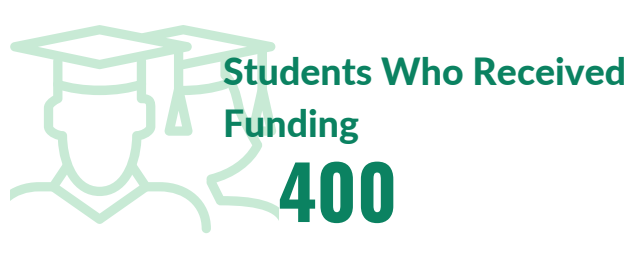
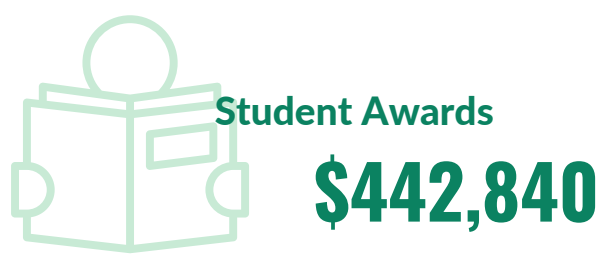
# GIVING TO DC

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For over 50 years, Durham College has equipped students with the skills and knowledge they need to pursue meaningful careers, make a difference in the world, and create social and economic prosperity for their families and communities. We haven't done it alone. Special thanks to the generosity of donors and alumni from across our communities who have helped us to thrive.

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# DURHAM COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (DCAA) LEADERS OF THE FUTURE

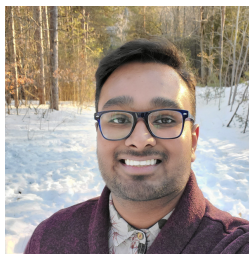
This award is presented annually by the DCAA to graduating students who have demonstrated consistent and outstanding leadership both inside and outside of the classroom.

It recognizes graduating students who utilize their leadership skills to make valuable contributions to the enhancement of student life on campus. Award recipients demonstrate their leadership skills in a variety of activities and support their peers throughout their time at DC.

Fall/Spring Convocation



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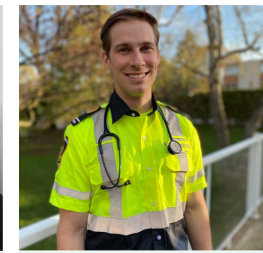
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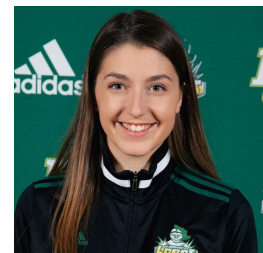
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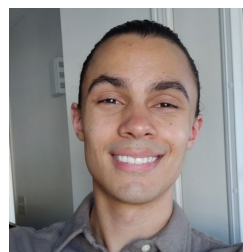
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# APPENDICES

## 2020-2021 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

POSITION	NAME	GRADUATION YEAR	PROGRAM
President	Nicole Blackman	2004	Registered Nursing
Vice-president 1	Carrie-Anne Atkins	1998	Public Relations
Vice-president 2	Gabby De Sousa	2017	Advanced Elevating Device Mechanic
Past president	Cameron Ackerblade	2005	Accounting
Director	Ryan Cullen	2017	Horticulture-Food and Farming
Director	Lorraine Fuller	1990	Business Administration - Accounting
Director	Vanessa Hughes	1990	Human Resources Management
Director	Jonathan Hurter	2004	Court and Tribunal
Director	Brent Lessard	2014	Mechanical Engineering Technology - Non Destructive Evaluation
Director	Amanda MacDonald	2017	Business Marketing
Director	Amanda Morari	2013	Digital Photography
Director	Peter Wiebe	2012	Mechanical Engineering Technology - Non Destructive Evaluation
Student Representative	Helen Wright	2021	HR Business Admin

## 2020-2021 STAFF

POSITION	NAME
Associate vice-president	Linda Flynn
Senior Alumni Development Officer	Sally Hillis

## SPECIAL THANKS

To the following people who provided support for alumni affairs this past year.

STAFF	WORK STUDY STUDENTS
Lisa McInerney	Jenna Peace
Julie VanHartingsveldt	Lucas Thomson
Mary Weller	Leah Pearson

# **DCAA FINANCE REPORT**

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REVENUE	BUDGET	PROJECTED 8/31/21	BUDGET VARIANCE
<b>AFFINITY PARTNERS</b>			
TD Insurance	\$122,600	\$125,598	102%
MBNA	\$1,800	\$4,405	245%
Manulife	\$1,900	\$1,888	99%
<b>EVENTS</b>			
Etiquette Dinner**	--	--	--
Oshawa Generals**	--	--	--
<b>OTHER</b>			
Convocation Flowers**	--	--	--
GIC Interest Revenue	\$1,200	\$1,152	96%
Tax Rebates	\$2,000	\$1,798	90%
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$129,500</b>	<b>\$134,841</b>	<b>104%</b>

\* DC Grad Lawn Sign event sponsored by the DCAA

\*\* Events and programs delayed or cancelled due to COVID19

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EXPENSES	BUDGET	PROJECTED 8/31/21	BUDGET VARIANCE
<b>GIVING</b>			
Bursaries/Scholarships	\$12,000	\$12,000	100%
Campaign Pledge	\$50,000	\$100,000 <sup>1</sup>	200%
Enactus DC	\$750	\$750	100%
Sponsorship/Donation	\$5,000	\$300	6%
DCAA Leaders of the Future Award	\$5,000	\$5,000	100%
DC/VOIT Holiday Food Drive**	\$3,000	--	--
<b>ALUMNI SWAG</b>			
Grad Gift	\$7,500	\$7,802	130%
Orientation	\$4,000	\$5,110	128%
<b>EVENTS/PROGRAMS</b>			
Alumni of Distinction**	\$1,500	--	--
Alumni Guest Speakers Program	\$4,000	\$555	14%
Alumni Events**	\$2,000	--	--
Convocation*	\$3,500	\$9,749	279%
Countdown to Grad**	--	--	--
DCAA Board Appreciation**	\$1,000	--	--
Etiquette dinner**	--	--	--
Hail/Farewell dinner & Annual General Meeting	\$2,000	\$1,695	85%
Oshawa Generals**	--	--	--
Premier's Award**	--	--	--
Career Launch** (formerly b2B)	\$1,000	--	--

<sup>1</sup>DCAA participated in matching revenue for the Building for Skills campaign up to \$50,000; \$58,817 was raised from alumni and friends for a total of \$108,817.

# DCAA FINANCE REPORT

EXPENSES	BUDGET	PROJECTED 8/31/21	BUDGET VARIANCE
<b>OTHER</b>			
Annual Report/ Strategic Plan	\$900	\$2,252	250%
Reflections	\$600	\$600	100%
Miscellaneous	\$1,000	\$2,053 <sup>2</sup>	205%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$104,750</b>	<b>\$147,866</b>	<b>141%</b>
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$24,750	(\$13,025)	

Current Bank Balance as of July 31, 2021: \$173,934.55

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<sup>2</sup>DCAA purchased ad in DCSI Student Survival Guide to support students.



# DCA LUMNI

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