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WE ARE PERFORMERS



MATT MURRAY



SINA GILANI

RISING STARS

The graduating class of 2012's Theatre Performance program are a talented bunch.

Giacomo Gianniotti was in the latest season of *Grey's Anatomy*. Matt Murray is a regular on the ABC Family show *Kevin from Work*. And Oyin Oladejo and Sina Gilani are regulars on the Toronto theatre scene.

Gilani is best known for his recent dramatic (and controversial) turn in the Buddies in Bad Times play *The 20th of November*. The one-man show features Gilani as school shooter Bastian Bosse. It's based mainly on the 18-year-old's blog entries, right until Nov. 20, 2006, when he shot 30 classmates and teachers in Germany.

"Acting is a craft," says Gilani, who originally came to Canada from Iran to study physics. "It takes the rehearsal process to try and find your way into the character and the play. The collective of the artists working on the play helped get inside Bastian's world and his twisted psychology. It is called a one-person show, but it is not a one-person production."

The actor and playwright is currently working on touring his Summerworks-featured play *In Case of Nothing*, as well as two films and workshopping his new play *Field of Reeds*.

He credits the Theatre Performance program with making him a better actor.

"I learned how to act at Humber. There are a great many artists and professionals in the program who care about the students and theatre in the city. It was an honour to work with them, and I'm sure the program can teach a great deal to anyone who wants to pursue theatre professionally."

Oladejo, who won the Edna Khubiyar Acting Award while at Humber and a Dora award after she graduated, similarly praised the program.

"Humber prepares you for the world at large, because you're not just an actor - you're a creator as well," she told *Humber Today* in a past interview. "When you're done working on a show or with a company, you don't have to worry about what your next job is going to be, because you have the knowledge and skills to create something yourself." **HT**

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YOU MIGHT KNOW THEM FROM:

GIACOMO GIANNIOTTI
Grey's Anatomy, Murdoch Mysteries, Reign, and recently named one of Playback Magazine's 5 to Watch.

SINA GILANI
The 20th of November, In Case of Nothing

MATT MURRAY
Rookie Blue, Kevin at Work

OYIN OLADEJO
'Da Kink in my Hair (Harbourfront Centre), *Idiot's Delight, Tartuffe, The Crucible, Spoon River* (Soulpepper Theatre)

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HIVES OF ACTIVITY

TWO NEW FLOORS OF LABS, CLASSROOMS AND STUDY SPACES ELEVATE THE F WING

With floor-to-ceiling windows that overlook the Arboretum, workspaces that encourage group collaboration and the latest technology, Humber's newest classrooms are enhancing the learning experience. Called the Humber Interactive Spaces, or HIVES, the two new floors feature anatomy, biochemistry and cadaver labs, along with facilities for the funeral services program and the college's new biotechnology program. In the classrooms, students sit five or six to a table - called "pods" - clustered around a large flat screen TV. The professor can control what appears, or students in each pod can plug in their phone, laptop or tablet and use the screen for small group work.

"The HIVES allow me to do a much better job using inquiry-based learning," says Jeff Caldwell, a funeral services professor. "The students are already in small groups where they can work together. Being connected to the screens around the room makes it a lot more efficient for them to show their classmates what it is that they're learning and how they learned it." The new spaces are a hit with students, too. "I think the building is beautiful," says Katrina Mio, a nursing student. "There's more space in the labs, it's bright and the classrooms are much better for tutorials. It's another great space on campus." [HT](#)
healthsciences.humber.ca

TOP TWEETS



THE BAD NEWS: Bee populations around the world have been declining.

THE GOOD NEWS: Urban bees tend to be healthier than their rural counterparts, and can help restore bee populations. **That's why Humber now has its very own beehives.**

- Humber's honey bees come from many different places, including as far away as Ferme-Neuve, Quebec.
- Beards aren't just for hipsters! On humid summer days, bees huddle on the outside of their hive in a beard shape - called, of course, "bearding" - to keep the interior of the hive cool.
- Bees pollinate about one-sixth of the world's flowering plants and approximately 400 agricultural products. [HT](#)

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REIGN-ING OVER FILM FESTIVALS

From student short film to full-length feature, to winning and being nominated for multiple awards, *Reign* has had quite the... well, reign.

The film, which premiered in 2015, was funded by Humber and worked on by faculty, students and graduates of Humber's Film and Television Production (FMTV) program. *Reign* is about two friends – one popular, the other not – caught kissing on video. When the footage goes viral, popular Brooke turns on her former friend Charlie.

The film premiered on the opening night of Toronto's 2015 Female Eye Film Festival, with NorthernStars.ca commending writer and director Corey Misquita for "skillfully moving the story along with mounting drama and a sense of impending dread." Misquita, who directed a short version of the film in her second year, won the festival's award for Best Debut Filmmaker.



The recognition didn't stop there. Misquita won Best Feature Film Director at the LA Femme International Film Festival. One of the film's supporting actors, Corina Bizim, won a 2015 Joey Award, which recognizes young Canadian actors. Kyal Legend, another supporting actor, was also nominated.

"It feels surreal," Misquita says. "I went to Humber thinking I was going to be a part of three short films, and ended up making a feature film based on a previous short film immediately after graduating. Sometimes it's still hard to believe that we actually got this opportunity." **HT**

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DEAN'S LIST

Humber Today spoke to Paula Gouveia, dean of the School of Liberal Arts & Sciences, about 10 books she can't live without. Here's what she had to say:

10. *Game of Thrones*
George R. R. Martin (It's a guilty pleasure... it's better than the HBO series... promise.)
9. *Germinal*
Émile Zola
8. *Le Père Goriot*
Honoré de Balzac
7. *Le Rouge et le Noir*
Stendhal
6. *A Passage to India*
E.M. Forster
5. *Gone with the Wind*
Margaret Mitchell
4. *Madame Bovary*
Gustave Flaubert
3. *Gargantua*
François Rabelais
2. *Les Misérables*
Victor Hugo
1. *Love You Forever*
Robert Munsch (I have two boys and this was our favorite at bedtime...)



HUMBER OPENS NEW LGBTQ+ RESOURCE CENTRE

Humber staff and students who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or queer now have a safe space to meet, support each other, and access college and community resources with the opening of the North Campus's LGBTQ+ Resource Centre.

"The LGBTQ+ Resource Centre exists because a dedicated group of staff and students recognized the importance of having a space where LGBTQ+-identified folks can connect with others in the community," says Natalie Elisha, the centre's co-ordinator. "I hope the Centre is a place for Humber's LGBTQ+ community to do just that." **HT**

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FOOD TRUCK ROLLS INTO HUMBER

Humber's brand new food truck has been filling stomachs and delighting tastebuds on and off campus since last summer, including an appearance at the Lakeshore Campus Pan Am community celebrations and Toronto's Ribfest.

The truck's menu changes regularly, and includes veggie wraps with gorgonzola cheese, chicken skewers with soba noodles, chili sweet potato sticks, turkey burgers and smoothies.

It's the only student/faculty-run food truck in Ontario. Jennifer Balana and Shanika Perera, second-year Culinary Management students, say it's a unique learning opportunity – one of many they've had at Humber.

"Culinary Management is a good program to take before becoming a chef or opening a restaurant," says Balana. "We get professional training in our labs and classes – like how to prep and cook food that tastes great for hundreds of people at a time." **HT**

humber.ca/hospitality/facilities/restaurant-training/food-truck

Connect with the Humber Food Truck on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook at [@foodtruckhumber](https://twitter.com/foodtruckhumber)



HUMBER PARTNERS WITH TORONTO POLICE IN INNOVATIVE PILOT PROJECT

"Policing is about people."

- Alyssa Ferns, Professor

In May 2013, Toronto Police Services (TPS) launched the Neighbourhood Policing Program, a project where groups of officers, called Neighbourhood Policing Teams, were assigned to work closely with specific areas across the city.

Later in the year, TPS approached Humber's School of Social and Community Services to see whether they could help evaluate the success of the program.

In the spring of 2015, students in the Criminal Justice degree program and faculty worked with TPS to develop and administer surveys to both police officers and residents – giving the students a hands-on look at policing within a community.

"I really looked forward to the opportunity to go into the community, put boots on the ground in these neighbourhoods and get a close-up view of what was going on," says Hilry Neale, a Criminal Justice student who worked as a research assistant on the project and wants to become a police officer. "Policing is moving forward and is working more closely with communities. It was great hearing what the community had to say." **HT**

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HUMBER GETS A HAT TRICK FOR CAMP OCHIGEAS

Business students raise cash for kids.

Hockey tickets for \$25 are a bargain. And hockey tickets that help pay for kids with cancer to go to camp are, as the commercial says, priceless.

Each semester for the past three years, students in many of Humber's postgraduate business programs have teamed up with Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment (MLSE) to raise money for Camp Oochigeas – affectionately known as Camp Ooch – a summer camp specifically for kids and teens with cancer.

“The partnership between Humber and MLSE is a huge help to us at Camp Ooch,” says Brandon Atkinson, a program specialist at the camp. “The funding that comes to us through this program allows us to bring more kids to camp and improve our medical facilities. Being able to come to camp for these kids is an incredible experience.”

In addition to raising money for charity, students also gain invaluable hands-on experience in selling – a sought-after business skill.

As part of their Professional Selling class, students sell Toronto Marlies hockey tickets for \$25 – discounted by MLSE from the regular price of \$39. Of that \$25, MLSE donates \$5 directly to Camp Ooch.

“This has been an outstanding partnership for all three parties,” says Marc Lira, manager of sales for MLSE. “This is the kind of practical experience that you don’t normally get at school. It’s a terrific opportunity for students to take what they’re learning in class and use it in the real world.”

Since starting in 2013, the program has raised more than \$50,000.

“The MLSE ticket-selling experience was phenomenal. Getting to go beyond the classroom is a great way to measure our learning experience,” says Greg Edelsward who, as the top seller in his semester in 2014, got the opportunity to intern with MLSE. “Contributing to a great charity makes the project that much more impactful.” **HT**

business.humber.ca/programs/postgraduate-certificates



AN AUTOMATIC SUCCESS

Humber's Electromechanical Engineering program produces in-demand graduates.

Fully half of the students in Humber's Electromechanical Engineering Technology have full-time jobs lined up before they graduate. Come spring convocation, almost all of them are working full time.

The reason? High demand worldwide, plus the program's prestigious reputation and hands-on experiences, which include a four-month work placement.

“What makes it unique compared to other institutions is its third year,” says program co-ordinator Neal Mohammed. “We do a real integrated thesis project... we design, build and commission a fully automated system with the latest technology. Companies are looking for students that are able to perform systems integration in a short time with minimal supervision. This program provides that foundation.”

This foundation has helped Humber students dominate year after year at provincial, national and international skills competitions. Students have won gold or silver at Skills Canada for the last five years, and have also won gold at World Skills Americas.

Kunal Bangia, who completed the program in 2015, says that he had four job offers before he graduated. He was hired by MMM Group, a building service firm where he did his co-op placement.

“My typical day involves designing baggage systems for several airports in Canada and a few international locations. The program helped me understand all the concepts needed for my job, such as controls, mechanical, wiring, PLC programming, Autocad and Solidworks. When your teachers show such dedication to helping you become successful, it makes for a great learning experience.”

It's not just students who give the program high praise – employers are noticing too.

“We think Humber does amazing work,” says Scott Claxton, vice-president of Michigan-based Esys Automation, which employs several Humber grads. “This program sets students up so well for industry – their hands-on use of the equipment throughout their education means they're perfectly prepared to walk into our industry and make a difference.” **HT**

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TOP 5 ATHLETIC MOMENTS HUMBER'S WINNINGEST SEASON EVER

THE 2014-2015 ATHLETIC SEASON WAS ONE OF THE HUMBER HAWKS' BEST EVER – AND HERE'S WHY:

1. We won medals.

A lot of medals. 24 provincial and nine national, to be precise.

2. A lot of those medals were gold.

13 provincial championships paved the way for four national golds in men's cross country, women's singles and mixed doubles badminton, and men's basketball.

3. Some amazing players and coaches were recognized.

Olivia Lei, a member of the badminton team, received Player of the Year from the Canadian Collegiate Athletic Association (CCAA) and the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association (OCAA). Lei went undefeated in every collegiate game she played during the season. Volleyball outside hitter Thalia Hanniman won the OCAA Female

Athlete of the Year award – the sixth consecutive Humber female athlete to do so. And three players and two coaches were inducted into the OCAA Hall of Fame.

4. We fielded some record-setting teams.

Just one example: our men's golf team has won nine straight OCAA titles, as well as 10 CCAA championships – both records.

5. 2015 marked 10 incredible years of winning.

With 208 OCAA and 71 CCAA medals in the last 10 years, the Hawks just keep getting better. We lead the CCAA in number of overall championship wins with 30 national gold medals.

Check out tomorrow's athletic stars at a Hawks game this season. **HT**
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