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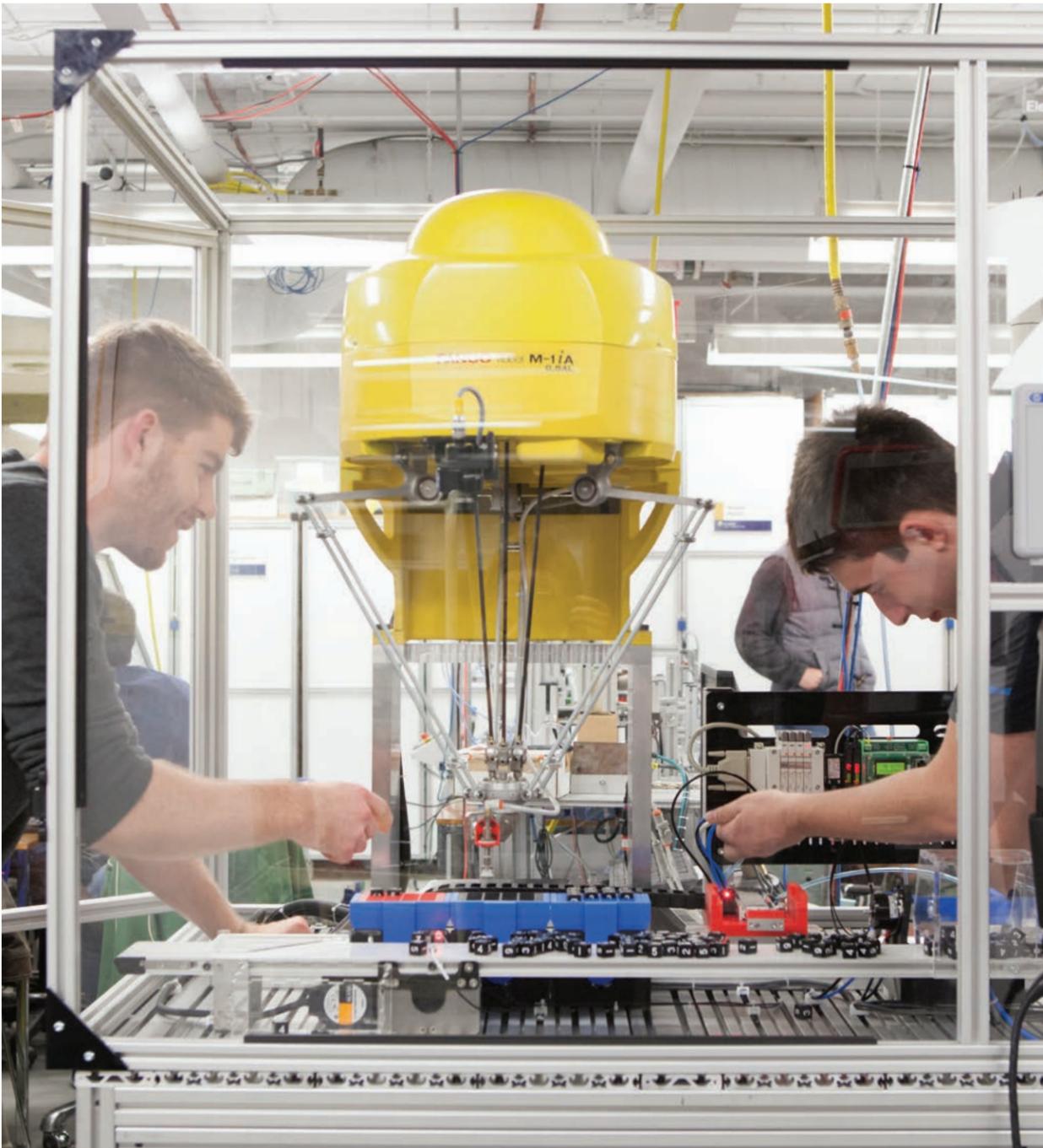
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BUILDING FOR NOW – AND THE FUTURE

At Humber, we are building new facilities and spaces for our current and future students.

Construction is underway on two major projects at North Campus: a new technology and innovation facility, and a 1,000-space parking garage.

The innovation space is expected to be complete this summer. The new parking garage is expected to be up and running by the end of April.

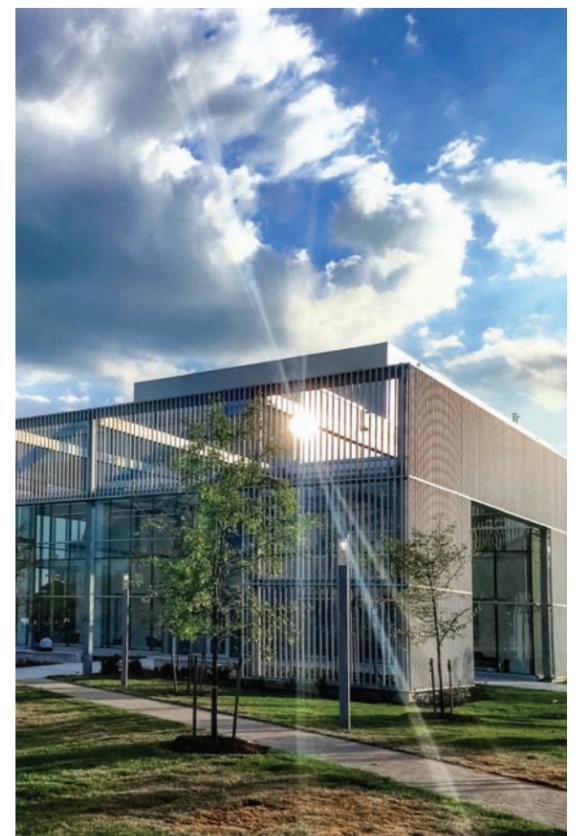
The five storey, 93,000 square foot facility will house the Barrett Centre for Technology Innovation. The centre will pioneer a new model of education focused on collaborating with the communities we serve and on technological advances.

Using our expertise in automation and robotics, systems integration, design, augmented and virtual reality, and user experience testing, teams of faculty, students and technicians will partner with businesses and community organizations to solve real-world problems.

Incorporating makerspaces, multimedia and design studios, state-of-the-art software and equipment and a digital visualization room, this collaborative approach will reduce research and development costs and risks, making it easier for companies to pursue innovative ideas and technological advancements.

There are exciting things happening at our Lakeshore Campus too, where we recently opened two new buildings: the Student Welcome and Resource Centre (pictured below) and a state-of-the-art, three floor fitness centre. [HT](#)

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GRADS SHOW WORLD-CLASS SKILLS

A journey to WorldSkills landed a pair of Humber grads third place in the prestigious, international competition.

Avery Bird and Theo Willert, recent graduates of the Electromechanical Engineering Technology program, travelled to Abu Dhabi last October to compete in the mechatronics category at WorldSkills.

"This medal means so much," said Bird. "It is the fruit of not only mine and Theo's efforts, but of so many people from the College who have worked hard over the last few years to get us to this level!"

The duo earned gold medals at Skills Ontario and Skills Canada before qualifying for the global competition.

"For the past four years we have been training and competing all over Canada to get to this point," said Willert. "We started our journey in the first week of our program, and spent long days and nights perfecting our skills. Without support from Humber and all the people who taught, trained and encouraged us, we would never have gotten all the way across the world standing on the podium."

Bird and Willert currently work as automation technicians at Magna International in Brampton, jobs they got in part due to a mentorship program. [HT](#)

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INSTAGRAM



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Who was there that wonderful day Willow the #copybara came to campus?
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#throwbackthursday



@amberleanne_bell
Amber graduates from the Nutrition and Healthy Lifestyle Promotion program!
#humbergrad2017
#neverstoplearning



@humberarb
This morning the grounds crew discovered a new addition to the Arb
#WhiteTailedDeer
#HumberArboretum



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Lynn Short won for a method she developed to control the spread of the invasive plant, which is damaging Ontario's wetlands, beaches and other plants, without using herbicides.

“Phragmites choke out native vegetation, making the environment inhospitable for native animals,” Short explained. “For the past [several] summers, I have been speaking to other communities around Ontario to help them recognize the problem and determine some solutions.”

Since summer 2016, students have worked with her in the Humber Arboretum – a 250-acre, urban forest at North Campus – to collect data and identify other effective ways to control Phragmites. [HT](http://humber.ca/arboretum)

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TOP TWEETS



Big thank you to the amazing @humbercollege Practical Nursing students! The #volunteers have each contributed over 128 hours of service.



Great to see @humbercollege @guelphhumber @ShareIGNITE @Humber_ARC and many others in our communities stand up to sexual violence #TBTN2017



SUPPORTS FOR STUDENTS

Starting your first year at Humber is an exciting, yet potentially daunting experience. With a wide variety of student supports available, whether you are just starting out in postsecondary or coming back to further your education, we got you.

FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE

Signing up for the First Year Experience program gets you a peer mentor, access to social events and learning skills workshops, plus Your First Six Weeks – a program to help ease your transition to college life.

ACCESSIBLE LEARNING SERVICES

Accessible Learning Services facilitates equal access for students with disabilities by coordinating academic accommodations and services, including assistive technology training and learning supports.

HEALTH AND COUNSELLING

We have doctors and nurses at our North and Lakeshore campuses available to all current Humber and University of Guelph-Humber students. If you're feeling overwhelmed and need to talk to someone, we also have counsellors onsite.

ABORIGINAL RESOURCE CENTRE

The Aboriginal Resource Centre helps students adjust to college life, while creating an awareness and appreciation of Indigenous culture and history.

CAREER SERVICES

Get your resume and cover letter reviewed, find job postings and get help with interview preparation. Our Career and Student Success Advisors offer these services and many more.

GYM

Anyone enrolled in classes can visit the gym or take fitness classes for free.

LGBTQ+ RESOURCE CENTRE

The LGBTQ+ Resource Centre works to promote safer, braver, positive spaces at Humber. The dedicated space allows people to connect, access resources and build community.

WRITING AND MATH CENTRE

Get free help with that particularly complicated math problem or support to get your essay started. Available to all Humber and Guelph-Humber full-time and part-time students.

SLEEP LOUNGE

Pulled an all-nighter and now you're desperately in need of a nap? Our North and Lakeshore campuses have sleep lounges. No appointment needed, just bring your student card.

To learn more about these and the other services offered, visit wegotyou.humber.ca.

GRADS SHINE AT TIFF

Several Humber grads made a splash at the 2017 Toronto International Film Festival, both in front of and behind the camera.

Michelle McLeod, who studied Acting for Film and Television, made her big-screen debut in *Don't Talk to Irene*, about an unpopular high school student who gets suspended and is forced to volunteer at a retirement home. With her passion for cheerleading, she creates a dance troupe in the home and signs up for a talent-search reality show.

Vance Banzo, from the Comedy Writing and Performance program, had a part in *Indian Horse*, based on the book by Richard Wagamese.

"(The movie is) about Saul Indian Horse, and after he gets out of the residential school system, how he finds solace and healing in hockey," Banzo explained.

Indian Horse is scheduled for release in theatres in April 2018.

Mary Goes Round is the first time Molly McGlynn, a Television Writing and Producing grad, directed a feature-length movie.

A substance abuse counsellor gets arrested for driving under the influence and returns to her hometown of Niagara Falls. Her estranged father is dying of cancer and wants her to bond with the half-sister she didn't know she had.

Lastly, the short film *Lira's Forest* was a full-on Humber affair. Ashley Shields-Muir, a Television Writing and Producing grad, produced the film. Her fellow grads Gillian Ashton and Rebecca Whitaker were co-producers.

Lira's Forest is about a woman approaching the end of her life who comes across a masked visitor that emerges from the forest near her home. [HT](#)

creativearts.humber.ca/programs

STUDY AT HUMBER, SEE THE WORLD

Starting this spring, students from Humber's School of Media Studies & Information Technology programs can earn a credit through a new exchange program we are launching with Shenzhen Polytechnic.

The program allows students to study for two weeks at Shenzhen,

one of China's leading polytechnic institutions. It is one of our many examples of global leadership in polytechnic education.

We offer study abroad opportunities all over the world, including in England, France, Austria, Peru, Japan and New Zealand. [HT](#)

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PHARMACY TECHNICIAN PROGRAM GETS ACCREDITED

Demonstrating its high-quality faculty, program content and facilities, Humber College's Pharmacy Technician program has been accredited by the Canadian Council for Accreditation of Pharmacy Programs.

The accreditation means Humber has met or exceeded the council's standards.

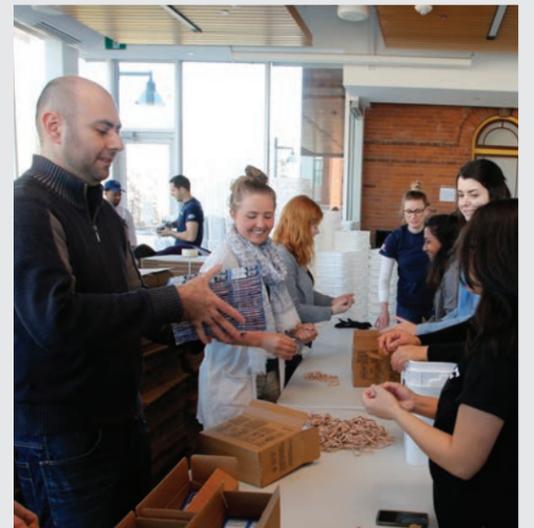
"I am extremely proud of this accomplishment," said Jason Powell, dean of the School of Health Sciences. "It is a direct reflection of the amazing faculty, staff and students involved in the Pharmacy Technician program, as well as the incredible facilities we have at Humber College to support excellent teaching and learning."

At Humber we have many programs that have been accredited by professional regulatory organizations, including Food and Nutrition Management, Architectural Technology, Practical Nursing and Accounting. [HT](#)

healthsciences.humber.ca/programs

RELIEF FOR REFUGEES

The devastation in Syria has left millions of people without access to even the most basic supplies—including clean water.



Last March 22 (World Water Day), Humber International Development students worked with GlobalMedic to assemble 1,700 family emergency kits for 10,000 people displaced in Syria and surrounding countries.

The kits contained water purification packets, toothbrushes, toothpaste and other hygiene supplies donated by Procter & Gamble.

GlobalMedic was founded by Rahul Singh, a graduate of the Humber paramedic program. Since 1998, he has led more than 50 disaster relief missions around the world. [HT](#)

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MAKING MEDIA ACCESSIBLE TO EVERYONE

A team of Humber College faculty and staff has developed a fully accessible, free online course on making broadcast media available to all.

The course, Accessible Design in Broadcast Media, is open to everyone.

The website has a screen reader and magnifier; tools that will be built into all of our online courses. The site also features downloadable transcripts, captioning and American Sign Language interpretation.

The course is relevant for those working in broadcast media, staff, faculty and students at other postsecondary institutions as well as those who want to learn more about making media available to everyone.

The course is offered in English and French and covers representation of disability in broadcast media, captioning, transcription, descriptive video and live captioning, alternative text for image descriptions and tutorials on making accessible documents and presentations.

Visit humber.ca/makingaccessiblemedia to take the free course. [HT](#)

STUDENTS GET ON-THE-GROUND EXPERIENCE IN TANZANIA

Last May, 10 students from several programs in the School of Social & Community Services travelled to Moshi, Tanzania for an international service-learning trip. The trip was led by Dr. Rai Reece and Philip Burge, professors from the School of Social & Community Services.

A key goal of the trip was for students to learn about issues of personal and situational social location, differential learning and skills building.

Students had the opportunity to immerse themselves in a new culture and work with social service programs in Tanzania. They worked in primary schools, a women's educational and economic organization and a juvenile detention centre. [HT](#)

communityservices.humber.ca/programs



TOP 5 MOMENTS IN HUMBER ATHLETICS

It was an exciting and record-breaking year for our Humber Hawks teams. Keep reading for highlights from 2017.

1. A RECORD BREAKING WEEKEND

Last February, the badminton and curling teams combined won eight gold medals in 24 hours – a remarkable event in Ontario Colleges Athletic Association (OCAA) history.

2. SHOWING OUR PRIDE

Humber College won the Canadian Collegiate Athletic Association (CCAA) Innovation Award for the #HereToPlay campaign. Athletics worked with the on-campus LGBTQ+ Resource Centre to help build awareness of the experiences of LGBTQ+ students in athletics and recreation spaces.

3. NOFUENTE GOES INTERNATIONAL

Star basketball point guard Ceejay Nofuente played on Canada's Development Women's National Team. Last August, she travelled to Tokyo to compete at the U24 Women Basketball League Four Nations 2017. Canada ended up placing seventh. Nofuente's incredible year began in January 2017, when she shattered two OCAA scoring records in one game. It rounded out nicely last

November when she became the first player in Humber women's basketball history to push past 1,000 points scored in her career.

4. ALL WE DO IS WIN

In November, the women's basketball team won its 68th game in a row, beating an OCAA record.

5. AN AWARDING IMPRESSION

Hawks men's soccer coach Michael Aquino received the CCAA 2017 Coaching Excellence Award. He was recognized for leading the team to three national championship wins in four years. Nine Hawks players also won CCAA Academic All-Canadian Awards for academic achievement and athletic excellence. To cap it off, women's golf coach (and Humber/Guelph-Humber grad) Adrian Cord was inducted into the 2017 OCAA Hall of Fame.

Check out tomorrow's athletic stars at a Hawks game this season. [HT](#)
humberhawks.ca

GROWING FOOD ON CAMPUS

A food learning garden being built in the Humber Arboretum will be a space for students and the community to learn about urban agriculture, local food and food security.

Currently under construction by Arboretum staff, students in the Landscape Technician program and work study students, the garden is located behind the North Campus residence.

Once complete in the spring, it will be used to feed and educate both Humber and the wider community.

Culinary Management students will use the garden to learn about local and sustainable food sources by growing herbs, fruits and vegetables.

Those in the Landscape Technician program will have the opportunity to help with maintenance, horticulture and plant care.

Early Childhood Education students will learn about the importance of healthy, local food for early childhood development, along with introducing children to local food gardening.

Food grown will be included in menus at the Humber Room, the on-campus, student-run restaurant. [HT](#)

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GRAD WINS NATIONAL COOKING COMPETITION

For Solange Ordonez, chicken and cheese were two of the keys to her success.

Bacon jam, candied jalapeno pepper and butternut squash were a few of the others.

Ordonez, who graduated from the Culinary Management program in 2017, placed first in the Canadian Culinary Federation's National Junior Culinary Challenge in Calgary. To win the competition, she had to prepare a three-course meal (starter, soup and main) using different types of chicken.

"The culinary program at Humber was the key to my success (in this competition)," Ordonez said. "The combination of theory and practice helped me to be confident in the kitchen." [HT](#)

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