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**THROWING FOR GOLD**

*BY LAURA STRICKER*

Criminal Justice degree student Renee Foessel wasn’t in class on the first day of school this year – but she had a pretty good reason.

The 21-year-old was in Rio de Janeiro training for the women’s discus throw in the Paralympic Games, where she eventually placed 10th.

It was her first time participating in the games, but she’s no stranger to competing on the world stage.

At last year’s Parapan Am Games, she won a gold for discus, a silver for shot put and a bronze for javelin. She also won bronze at the 2015 IPC World Championship in Qatar.

“I am unbelievably thrilled to be able to participate, and the thought of competing on the highest stage of competition brings joy,” said Foessel, who has a type of cerebral palsy called hemiplegia, in an interview before the games. “There are no barriers to what I can do – only adaptations.”

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**FIVE AMAZING AUTHORS CONNECTED WITH THE HUMBER SCHOOL FOR WRITERS**

*BY LAURA STRICKER*

Humber’s distinguished School for Writers has helped introduce book lovers everywhere to an impressive array of authors, with more than 330 alumni who have gone on to publish over 1,000 books.

The school turns 25 this year. In honour of this milestone, keep reading for five prominent authors who have either studied or taught at the school over the years.

**VINCENT LAM** A past creative writing student, Lam, who is also a doctor, wrote the 2006 Giller Prize-winning Bloodletting and Miraculous Cures and bestseller The Headmaster’s Wager.

**LAWRENCE HILL** Best known for writing The Book of Negroes, Hill is the author of 10 books. He has taught creative writing in both the School for Writers workshop and correspondence programs.

**MORDECAI RICHLER** The late Mordecai Richler helped promising writers hone their skills in the Workshop in Creative Writing. His published works include The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz and Barney’s Version.

**NADIA L. HOHN** A graduate of the Humber School for Writers correspondence program, Hohn won the 2016 Elementary Teachers’ Federation of Ontario Children’s Literature Award for her picture book, Malaika’s Costume.

**CAROL SHIELDS** The late Carol Shields, who wrote Unless and The Stone Diaries, among many other works, taught in the Creative Writing workshop. 

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**INTERIOR DECORATING STUDENTS “DECK THE FALLS”**

*BY SARA LAUX*

Just before the holiday season started, five teams of Humber Interior Decorating students and five professional designers descended on Niagara Falls in a flurry of bells, baubles and bows.

The result? Ten Niagara Falls hotel lobbies decorated in spectacular fashion for the holidays: five by Humber students, five by pros (including a Humber professor), all of them ready for the “Deck the Falls” walking tour in early December.

“The students have completely surpassed my expectations,” said Nicholas Rosaci, an interior designer and Humber graduate. “What I got were professional, capable designers. The future is bright at Humber!”

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**HUMBER GRADS RACE TO THE TOP**

*BY SARA LAUX*

Two recent industrial design grads competed against 1,600 international entrants to win third place and finalist spots in this year’s Michelin Challenge Design, an automotive design competition for young designers.

Kurt Scanlan, who placed third, impressed judges with his Cierzo C1 racecar, which he designed in his fourth-year Vehicle Studio class.

Josh Gadomski, who was in the same graduating class as Scanlan, earned a finalist place with his Hydracross design.

Humber is the only industrial design degree program in Canada that offers an optional focus on vehicle design.

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HOME AWAY FROM HOME
BY LAURA STRICKER

When Johnson Zhang came to Humber in 2012, it was his first time in Canada, and he didn’t speak much English. Now he has an International Business diploma from Humber and recently graduated with a degree in economics from York University. Zhang is one of more than 2,000 students who have taken advantage of a partnership between China’s Ningbo University and Humber – a program that’s celebrating its 20th anniversary this year.

Under the Humber-China Partnership Program, Ningbo students are taught in China by Humber faculty in the second year of their program, then have the option to come to Toronto for their third year. Along with their studies, Ningbo students spend time exploring their new city – visiting the CN Tower, Canada’s Wonderland and Niagara Falls. “The program offered me a great opportunity to come to Canada and get in touch with a new culture, new people and experience different views,” said Zhang. Humber College.

MEDAL-WINNING MEALS
BY SARA LAUX

Four cool facts about Humber’s gold-medal Culinary Olympics win.

In late October, a team of nine Humber students, grads and faculty won a gold medal at the International Culinary Olympics in Erfurt, Germany – competing against 54 other teams from across the globe to take home a top spot in its division. Here are four facts about the team’s first-ever gold-medal win.

1. 59 nations – more than 2,000 chefs in total – competed.
   The 148 teams were divided into five categories – and Humber was the only Ontario college to take home gold in its division.

2. More than 7,000 meals were prepared by all the competing teams.
   The Humber team prepared:
   - Three different appetizers
   - A five-course meal
   - Petit fours (four pastry varieties)
   - Four different dessert plates
   - A buffet platter
   - Four types of finger foods

3. Humber’s culinary students regularly get to test their skills in culinary competitions, both close to home and abroad.

4. More than 25,000 people attended the competition.

FACE THE FENTANYL
BY LAURA STRICKER

With the launch of a province-wide, high-profile ad campaign, a group of four Humber Creative Advertising students are helping the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police put a face on fentanyl overdoses.

The Face the Fentanyl campaign was designed by Creative Advertising students Adrianna Casuga, Jason Carlos, Francesca Diviesti and Katharina Vivian through the Humber AdCentre.

Fentanyl is a powerful prescription painkiller that has made its way onto the streets. In the last few years, more than 550 people have died in Ontario after overdosing on illegal fentanyl.

Jeff McGuire is the past president of the OACP and chief of police for the Niagara Regional Police Service. The purpose of the campaign, he said, is to educate people about fentanyl and – hopefully – put a stop to the overdoses.

“Our number one obligation and mandate is to create public safety. When we have people dying from overdoses we want … to get the message out.”

The campaign launch was covered by multiple news outlets, including CTV News, the Toronto Sun and the Toronto Star.

HAWKS SMASH OCAA RECORD
BY LAURA STRICKER

The Humber Hawks have passed the 500-medal mark in the Ontario Colleges Athletics Association – the first college varsity program to do so. Men’s golf leads the total medal count with 63, followed by badminton (54) and women’s golf (50).

A member of the OCAA since 1968, Humber has won 205 medals in the last decade alone – 111 of which were gold. Of the 26 member schools in the OCAA, only four have at least 400 medals. Hawk yeah! Humber Athletics.

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