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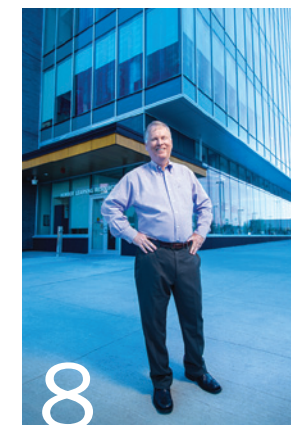
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Dr. Dan Andreae
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president's message

AS FANS KNOW, SPORTS ARE ALL ABOUT STATISTICS.

Take the Jays’ riveting season this year, for example – even people who didn’t know a grand slam from a ground rule double were able to rattle off statistics, facts and figures like seasoned pros. Statistics help us learn how to better prepare for the future, whether it’s the next game or the next business cycle.

At Humber, statistics are a vital part of helping our institution move forward.

We know that, for the 2015-2016 school year, we had the largest number of applications and new full-time registrants of any Ontario college, with 12,000 new semester-one students joining us this fall.

We’ve consistently led the GTA in enrolment growth. In particular, we’ve seen a 40 per cent increase in university graduates choosing to come to college to continue their education and gain job-ready skills.

According to a recent study by the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, the gap between skills and available jobs costs the Ontario government approximately \$24 billion in lost GDP. University graduates are increasingly anxious about their job prospects, and, as a result, more are pursuing college credentials after they graduate. Unfortunately, the ongoing youth unemployment numbers indicate that there is good reason for their anxiety.

We’re working on improving those numbers, as you’ll see in this edition of *Humber dialogue*. The article on our apprenticeship programs demonstrates how Humber is able to provide its students with the right skills to be job-ready. We also highlight one way Dr. Dan Andreae, one of our dedicated professors, was able to help his students be successful.

You can see photos of the two new floors we’ve added onto the F Wing, as well as shots of the new Learning Resource Commons (LRC). These new additions to the North Campus will provide state-of-the-art facilities for our Health Sciences programs, as well as much-needed student spaces.

Finally, meet five alumni nominated for this year’s prestigious Premier’s Awards. Their accomplishments demonstrate the value of a college education and the interesting paths it can lead to.

I hope you enjoy this edition of *Humber dialogue*.

Chris Whitaker

President, Humber College Institute of Technology & Advanced Learning

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ARCHIVAL IMAGE OF THE LAKESHORE PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL

Bringing the history of the Lakeshore Campus alive

From May 22 to July 3, Humber’s L Space Gallery featured an exhibit about the Lakeshore Campus’ former life as a psychiatric hospital.

Anne Zbitnew, an artist and Humber photography professor, organized a team of artists to create works that showcase the area’s past. “I look at the importance of visual storytelling for reclamation and the building of community,” she says. “Stories can be told and heard in many forms and deep communication happens with other ways of ‘talking’.”

The Mimico Branch Asylum, which opened in 1889, was eventually re-named the Lakeshore Psychiatric Hospital. It officially closed its doors in 1979. Through image transferring, textile, ceramics, tracing and film, *Visualizing Absence* brought this often-hidden piece of history back to life. The exhibit is now on display at Toronto’s Tangled Art + Disability gallery until December.

PAN AM PRIDE

Humber’s Lakeshore Campus was a hub of activity during this summer’s Pan Am/ Parapan Am Games.

A community celebration of the games held in Colonel Samuel Smith Park drew hundreds together to watch Humber student Oksana Chernichenko carry the Pan Am torch. Chernichenko, a creative advertising student, handed the torch to Olympic gold medal hockey player Natalie Spooner, who then lit the giant community cauldron to cheers and applause.

“I was so excited to represent Humber in the Pan Am Torchbearer run,” says Chernichenko. “It was such a big deal to me – what an important event to be part of.”

A number of Humber staff, students and alumni participated in the games, including Andrew Tucker, who helped Canada capture a bronze medal in sitting volleyball at the Parapan Am Games.



Faculty achievements

Sabra Desai, manager of Community Outreach and Workforce Development, won a 2015 YWCA Women of Distinction Award in the Education category. Desai was recognized for her work as a founder of Interim Place women’s shelter and the South Asian Women’s Centre, and for laying the foundation for Humber’s Human Rights, Equity and Diversity Centre.

Linda Hill, co-ordinator of the Social Service Worker diploma program, and **Richard Mitchell**, who teaches math and science, received NISOD Excellence Awards for their commitment to student achievement.

Bernie Monette won a 2014 John and Suanne Roueche Excellence Award from the League for Innovation in the Community College for his contribution to innovation and leadership.

Susan Somerville, dean of Humber’s School of Hospitality, Recreation & Tourism, was named Dietitian of the Year by the Dietitians of Canada and was also made a Fellow of the Ontario Hostelry Institute.

Rosanna To, co-ordinator of the Community Integration through Co-operative Education program, received the 2015 Gary Filan Excellence in Leadership Award for her tireless efforts to build inclusive communities.

Humber welcomes new vice-president, Human Resources

Lori Diduch joined Humber from the William Osler Health System, where she served as Executive Vice-President, People, Service and Performance. With over 20 years of senior human resource experience, she has also held progressively responsible leadership roles. Lori brings a strategic focus to service excellence and a proven ability to engage others in achieving results and implementing sustainable change.

Inspiring innovation

Applied research at Humber has helped bring many innovative products to market by fostering entrepreneurial innovation and economic development.

Some of Humber's latest projects are highlighted below:

Seeing in 3D – glasses not required

For several years Odin Cappello, a faculty member in the School of Applied Technology, has been perfecting the high-quality 3D viewing on iPads without the need for 3D glasses.

Cappello partnered with Ontario-based Ooyavah Inc., a company that specializes in 3D technology, and Sheridan College to create an iPad case – called Pryzma – for viewing 3D content.

Nine Humber students studying Film and Television Production, Multimedia Design and Development, Industrial Design, and Creative Advertising also had the opportunity to work

on the project.

“Ooyavah gets the benefit of working with excited young people, and students get the benefit of having a really cool design project under their belts,” Cappello said of the collaboration.

There is currently a patent pending for Pryzma, and Ooyavah plans to launch a Kickstarter campaign to help bring it to market.

Yoga or running: which is better?

Humber is exploring the benefits of running versus yoga. With funding from the National Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada, research facilitator Laura Keating and School of Hospitality, Recreation & Tourism professor Joseph Gibbons have partnered with Chrysalis Yoga in Burlington. Along with researchers at St. Joseph's Healthcare and



ODIN CAPPELLO AND STUDENT DESIGN TEAM WORK ON PRYZMA 3D LENS

McMaster University in Hamilton, they will evaluate the mental and cognitive benefits of both activities in healthy adults.

Greening the planet

Alumni Pablo Alvarez and Craig Petten are determined to make the world a healthier, more sustainable place.

The Sustainable Energy and Building Technology graduates are co-owners of Aqua Greens, a local horticultural company, and the winners of the 2014-2015 Humber LaunchPad

competition. Using aquaponics – a recirculating, closed loop ecosystem – Alvarez and Petten are able to grow edible plants while raising tilapia in the same tank of water. This method uses approximately 90 per cent less water than conventional farming, and allows AquaGreens' products to stay pesticide, herbicide and fungicide free. Because the growing process takes place indoors, fresh, local produce can be made available throughout the year.

Humber was also honoured with a Skills Ontario College Award of Distinction for its commitment to encouraging careers in the skilled trades.

But this was not the only time in the past year that Humber and its students have been recognized for their accomplishments in skilled trades. Three students from the School of Applied Technology, competing in the Mechatronics and Electronics categories, took home gold and silver medals at the Skills Canada National Competition held in May.

Finally, in August, recent graduate Winston Lord represented Canada and the college at WorldSkills in São Paulo, Brazil – the only North American to compete in the Electronics category.

ONTARIO SKILLS GOLD WINNERS (MECHATRONICS) THEODORE WILLERT (LEFT) AND AVERY BIRD >

Award winners

Humber students, alumni, staff and faculty can always be found doing great things on the local, national and international stage. Here's what some of them have been up to recently.

CICan success

At the end of May, Humber was recognized by Colleges and Institutes Canada (CICan) for excellence among students and in programming.

Fallon Burns, a graduate from the Paralegal Studies program, received the bronze Student Leadership Excellence Award for her active involvement in campus life and the paralegal profession.

Along with being a member of the Paralegal Studies Advisory Council and heavily involved in residence activities, Burns also helped create the Paralegal Cup, a mooting (mock legal debate) competition for paralegal students, consistently made the Dean's List and became the student director of the Ontario Paralegal Association. She was also a finalist at the Osgoode Cup National Undergraduate Mooting Competition in 2011 and 2013.

Humber was also recognized at the prestigious ceremony with a bronze award for Indigenous Education Excellence and a gold for Internationalization Excellence.

Orangeville aids in search and rescue

The Humber Orangeville Community Search and Rescue (HOCSAR) team and four second-year Police Foundation students were recognized by the Orangeville Police Services Board and its police chief for assisting during a search and rescue operation in the community.

HOCSAR, which started in 2008, is made up of Humber students and members of the Orangeville community. They are trained to assist emergency responders during search operations.

hawk's nest



You could say that **Kingsley Hudson** has come full circle at Humber.

Fifteen years ago, Hudson played guard for

Humber's men's national championship-winning basketball team, and, with his teammates, was the subject of *The Team*, a documentary series by CBC. Now he's a financial aid officer at Humber, and the assistant coach of the college's provincial gold-medal women's basketball team.

This fall, other members of the team had the opportunity to reconnect with Humber, as they were reunited for a 15-year follow-up story for *Soar*, the alumni magazine for the Humber Hawks. The team was also honoured at this year's annual Hawks' Varsity Gala, where they received a commemorative plaque that incorporates a piece of the floor on which the championship game was won.

“Seeing everyone 15 years later solidified for me that when you win a championship, the bond that you develop is unbreakable. All the camaraderie was still there within the team,” says Hudson, who played professionally in England after graduating from Humber. “Now, working at Humber, advising and coaching and helping to make changes in students' lives, is really rewarding. You don't just come to Humber and wear the uniform – you're a Hawk for life.”

To see then-and-now shot of the championship 2001 Humber men's basketball team, turn to page 24. To learn more about the Humber Hawks, go to humberhawks.ca.

WE ARE GOLDEN

It was an exciting few months for Humber students and graduates as they had the chance to show off their knowledge at the 2015 Skills Ontario competition.

Teams from Humber's Schools of Applied Technology and Hospitality, Recreation & Tourism won a total of seven medals. Students took home gold, silver and bronze awards in Mechatronics, Horticulture and Landscape, Electronics, Mechanical CAD, Automation and Controls, and Electrical Installations.



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North Campus is growing

The North Campus has undergone a significant expansion with the addition of two new spaces. The 264,000-square-foot Learning Resource Commons (LRC) is Humber's largest construction project to date. The 38,000-square-foot F Wing addition provides extra learning and study space for Health Sciences students.



- 1] Exterior of the Humber LRC
- 2] The main staircase in the LRC
- 3] The third floor Learning Commons, open 24 hours a day, seven days a week
- 4] The exterior of the F Wing
- 5] State-of-the-art equipment
- 6] Students work in the new biotechnology lab
- 7] Student study space



DR. DAN ANDREAЕ IN THE NORTH CAMPUS MATH AND WRITING CENTRE, RECENTLY NAMED IN HIS HONOUR

never stop learning



HUMBER IS GRATEFUL TO DR. DAN ANDREAЕ FOR HIS GENEROUS SUPPORT OF OUR STUDENTS. PICTURED HERE IS DR. ANDREAЕ AT THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE DAN ANDREAЕ MATH AND WRITING CENTRE AT THE NORTH CAMPUS.

A diverse career, countless contributions to society and a passion and talent for teaching – you could call Dr. Dan Andreae Super Professor.

He doesn’t wear a cape or leap tall buildings, but the award-winning instructor has taught a total of 45 different subjects in several different universities and colleges. He continues to motivate and inspire his many students, recently making a significant gift to Humber College in support of student success.

Andreae has always been interested in learning, and completed an undergraduate degree in psychology at York University, then completed a Masters in Social Work at Wilfrid Laurier University. “Social work was an evolution for me,” he says. “I saw it as a way to do things on the ground – to make a difference to individuals and families within their social context.”

After a brief stint working in municipal and federal politics, Andreae became executive director of a small health education organization which launched the National Eating Disorder Centre at Toronto Hospital. From there, he was challenged with leading the Alzheimer Society as it transitioned from a volunteer-driven charity to a professional organization.

During his time with the Alzheimer Society, he took a six-month

leave in order to lead the charge to make social work a regulated profession in Ontario. As it happened, the process took 10 years, involving three governments and seven Ministers of Community and Social Services.

Along the way he completed a doctorate in education (EdD) at the Ontario Institute of Studies in Education and moved into a career in postsecondary teaching. Recently, Andreae completed a second doctorate of science (D.Sc), specializing in neuroscience, and graduated cum laude. Andreae has taught subjects from introductory psychology to globalization and bioethics. He received a Distinguished Teacher Award from Renison College in 2005, and was twice named the University of Guelph-Humber’s Faculty of the Year as well as the recipient of the Faculty Mentoring Award. “I treat students as human beings with aspirations, dreams, fears and doubts,” he says. “I respect them and support them. I try to make new knowledge understandable and practical.”

Recently, Andreae established a \$250,000 endowment in Humber’s School of Liberal Arts & Sciences to fund student scholarships. “I’ve been associated with Humber for 20 years and watched it grow in size and sophistication. I’m impressed with the institution and what it’s trying to do.” The endowment will fund

three scholarships every year – one for a student who has overcome challenges, one studying psychology and one for a mature student.

Andreae believes the liberal arts are an important training ground for any career. “They provide a process for analyzing and solving problems, and help students move from factual knowledge to understanding.” Appropriately, his gift was recognized by the naming of the Dan Andreae Math & Writing Centre, a place where students can receive extra academic support.

Andreae also gives generously to other charities. His support for research into cornea cell transplantation helped a young man recover his sight and pursue a medical degree. He has received the June Callwood Award for inspirational leadership in the voluntary sector, the Champion of Change Award for his work to advance Alzheimer education and an honorary Doctorate of Laws from Assumption University to recognize his contributions to health care.

Andreae is a strong proponent of lifelong learning. His advice to students about to enter the ‘real world’ reflects his own rich and diverse experience. “Life is a journey, full of ups and downs. Look for balance and be open to new possibilities. Respect and take care of yourself. Be curious. And never stop learning!”



Bright SPARKS

**At Humber,
skilled trades
offer apprentices
an exciting
future**

The television ad from the Government of Canada begins with footage of large infrastructure projects, and says that Canada will need one million “skilled tradesmen and women” over the next decade to keep the economy strong.

It’s a powerful message – and it’s not just the government that’s encouraging greater interest in trades.

In September 2015, the Canadian Chamber of Commerce released a report that estimates the gap between skills and available jobs costs the Ontario government approximately \$24 billion in lost GDP – and while gaps have been identified in industries such as health care, finance and information technology, many also exist in skilled trades.

That’s where apprenticeship programs – and Humber – come in. While Humber offers apprenticeship programs in fields as diverse as plumbing, horticulture and network cabling, the biggest is electrical, a growing area that offers exciting career opportunities.

Walter Borges taught in Humber’s electrical apprenticeship program for more than 10 years, and now is the program co-ordinator. He says that the stereotype of an electrician is changing, as the industry expands into areas such as renewables and energy conservation. “Some of the students who come here are working almost completely in solar,” he says. “And then, of course, automation is always evolving. Today you have electricians who are dealing with pneumatics and hydraulics, as well as low voltage control.”

Apprenticeship programs occupy a unique place in the postsecondary landscape, because apprentices are already working in the industry, and are under contract with the Ministry of Training, Colleges, and Universities (MTCU). Electrical apprentices must complete 9,000 hours in the industry, which takes approximately six years. Included in that time are three separate terms at college: one eight-week term, and two ten-week terms.

Ryan Bodrug is a Humber alumnus who finished his apprenticeship in 2008. He now owns and operates Orion Electric, which specializes in custom jobs in

construction, maintenance and design.

When Bodrug reflects on his experience at Humber, he talks about the camaraderie between students and instructors. “The teachers were really enthusiastic and passionate about the topics they were dealing with, and the students came from all over,” he says.

Bodrug was also impressed by the additional support he received from Humber. “I had been out of school for many years, but the college had a lot of resources available, like extra math, to help me through.” He now has three employees, all of whom have either attended or are attending Humber.

That isn’t surprising to Borges. From his perspective as a professor, Humber has two great strengths: its faculty and facilities. All of Humber’s teachers in the program are licensed electricians with extensive experience in industry. “Our instructors are phenomenal,” he says. “We get great feedback from apprentices, and this gives us an excellent reputation in the field.”

Housed in the Centre for Trade and Technology close to the North Campus, Humber’s facilities are continually updated with input from instructors and industry. “We are always bringing in new things, like different kinds of programmable logical controllers used extensively throughout industry,” says Borges. “We don’t just set up a lab and leave it. We’re always reinventing ourselves.”

It’s not just Humber staff and students who are excited about the future of the electrical trade. According to Dave Graham, former vice-president of Business Development for Robertson Bright Inc. and former chair of the Joint Apprenticeship Council (JAC), the future is definitely a bright one. “I believe it’s the best skilled trade in the world,” he says. “Being an electrician is so diverse now – with smart buildings, and using energy wisely. Humber is very progressive in making sure that the new technologies are being taught to apprentices.”

That’s music to the ears of Borges. “At Humber we try to prepare our students for the work force, not just for what they’re doing today, but for what they might encounter in the future.”

APPRENTICESHIP FACTS

- Apprenticeship programs at Humber College include arborist, electrical, plumbing, boilermaker, culinary, development services worker, cook, horticulture and network cabling.
- Humber also offers introductory “techniques” programs to postsecondary students who are looking to become apprentices. Examples are electrical techniques and plumbing techniques. These programs help students gain the skills to land a first job.
- Approximately 80 per cent of apprenticeship training is completed on the job. The other 20 per cent is completed at school.
- According to Buildforce Canada, in the next 10 years Canadian companies will need approximately 300,000 new workers in the construction sector alone.
- Because apprentices are able to “earn while they learn,” student debt after apprenticeship training tends to be lower than other postsecondary programs.

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Thanks to all of the participants, sponsors and donors who supported the **3rd Annual Humber College Classic Golf Tournament** on June 2, 2015. Together, we raised over \$120,000 in scholarships and awards making it possible for Humber students to stay in school, focus on their studies and graduate.



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— **Melissa Yake**, Sustainable Energy and Building Technology, 2015

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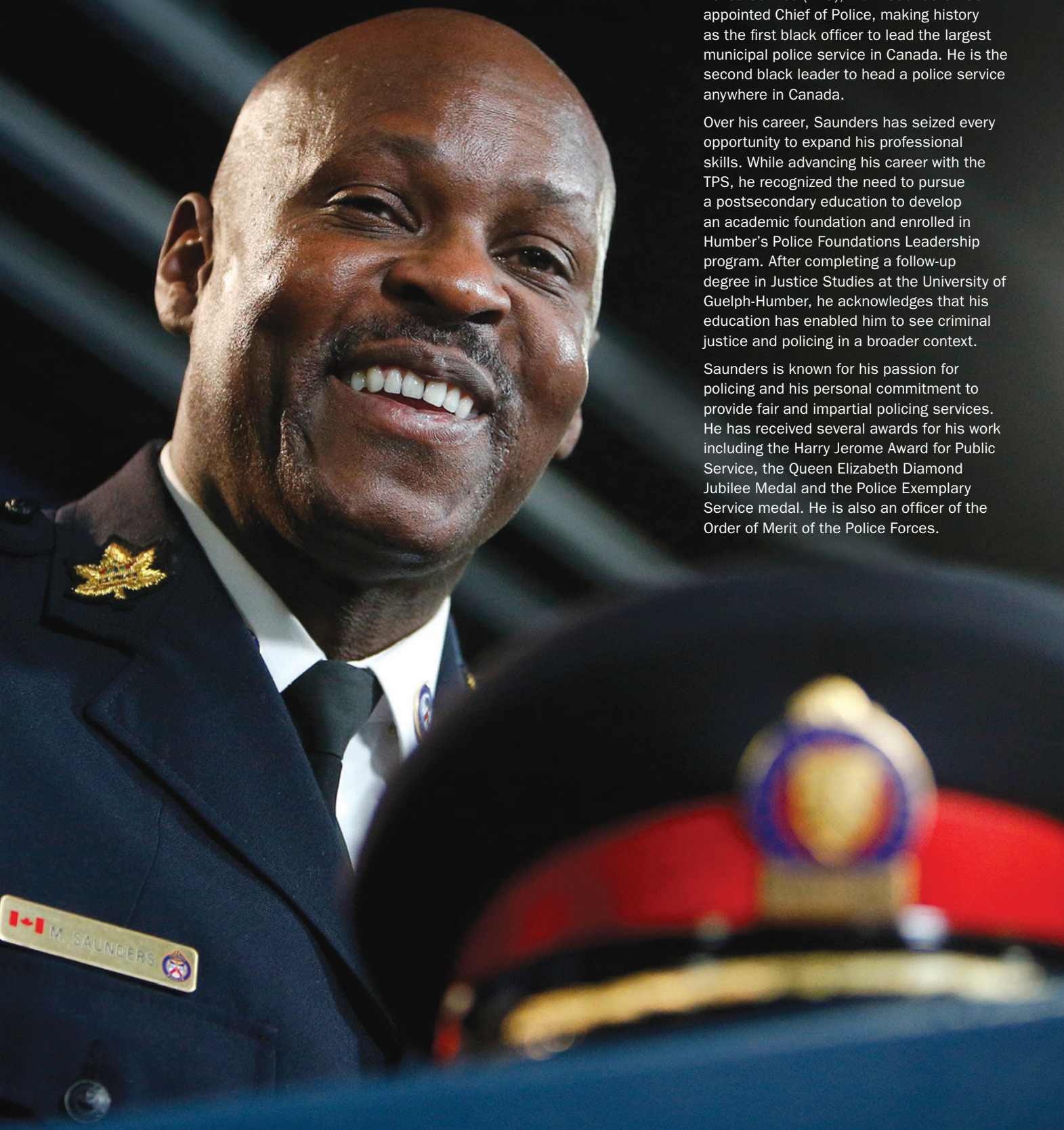
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Honouring SUCCESS

The annual Premier's Awards celebrate the contributions made by Ontario college graduates to the success of the province and beyond. This year, 116 graduates from colleges across Ontario have been nominated in six categories: Business, Community Services, Creative Arts and Design, Health Sciences, Recent Graduate, and Technology. Meet Humber's exceptional nominees for 2015. >



COMMUNITY SERVICES

Mark Saunders

Chief, Toronto Police Service
Police Foundations Leadership, 2008

In April 2015, after 32 years with the Toronto Police Service (TPS), Mark Saunders was appointed Chief of Police, making history as the first black officer to lead the largest municipal police service in Canada. He is the second black leader to head a police service anywhere in Canada.

Over his career, Saunders has seized every opportunity to expand his professional skills. While advancing his career with the TPS, he recognized the need to pursue a postsecondary education to develop an academic foundation and enrolled in Humber's Police Foundations Leadership program. After completing a follow-up degree in Justice Studies at the University of Guelph-Humber, he acknowledges that his education has enabled him to see criminal justice and policing in a broader context.

Saunders is known for his passion for policing and his personal commitment to provide fair and impartial policing services. He has received several awards for his work including the Harry Jerome Award for Public Service, the Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Medal and the Police Exemplary Service medal. He is also an officer of the Order of Merit of the Police Forces.

BUSINESS

Mia Pearson

Co-Founder, North Strategic
Public Relations, 1992

An award-winning entrepreneur, Mia Pearson is widely regarded as a pioneer in the Canadian communications world.

As the co-founder of North Strategic, Canada's fastest growing national public relations and social media agency, Pearson works with many of the most beloved Canadian and international brands.

Two years after starting North, Pearson launched Notch Video, with designs on disrupting the traditional ad agency model. Notch has been doubling in size every year since inception.

Pearson credits her work placement opportunities at Humber for helping her to identify what she loved to do, teaching her the importance of following her passion and building a career she truly loves. Humber's reputation as one of the top colleges for PR interns enabled her to gain invaluable experience at one of Canada's top agencies, kick-starting her career.

Pearson is dedicated to helping women with their professional growth, generously giving her time to mentorship initiatives through the Women's Executive Network. She works with University of Toronto's Rotman School of Management Judy Project, which provides executive women the skills they need to be highly effective and inspiring leaders. Pearson regularly co-hosts Women in Leadership retreats, an experience that allows female executives to build their personal brand and develop their career plans.

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HEALTH SCIENCES Vince Savoia

Executive Director, Tema Conter Memorial Trust Foundation
Paramedic, 1982
Law & Security Administration, 1981

For men and women in justice, emergency and military services, tragic events are a daily occurrence – and many have difficulty coping with the aftermath.

In 1988, Vince Savoia was the paramedic called to the scene of the horrific murder of a young woman, Tema Conter. When trying to live with what he had seen became impossible, Vince realized that, in order to heal from the experience, he needed to find a way to honour Conter.

In 2001 Savoia created the Tema Conter Memorial Trust Foundation, a registered non-profit whose mission is to provide resources for those affected by post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and help create awareness of critical incident stress.

Today, Savoia is a nationally known expert in work-related mental health and wellness, with an extensive background in crisis intervention and peer support. He advocates extensively on behalf of first responders and military personnel suffering from the effects of workplace trauma.

Savoia says that he always knew he wanted to give back. “I wanted to serve the public. I wanted to help others. I always had the belief that when you help others, you help yourself.” At Humber he found what became his life’s direction and the training he needed to make a difference. He still maintains strong ties with the program and its students.

CREATIVE ARTS & DESIGN Catherine Mitro

Director, Humber Community Music School
Director, Youth Jazz Canada
Director, Intro to Commercial/Jazz Music program, Humber College Music, 1979

“I believe in music. I believe in education. And I believe in the individual. Jazz embraces all three.”

Catherine Mitro is profoundly inspired by the power of music. She’s also passionate about paving the way for gifted youth to develop their talent and achieve success.

In 1980, Mitro started the Humber Community Music School (CMS), the first music education program in Canada to use jazz as a vehicle for teaching music to young children. The CMS provides a unique experience for the budding recreational musician from age three up through to the highest levels of performance training.

Graduates of the program have gone on to great success, receiving more than 200 gold awards at MusicFest Canada (where Mitro is now a member of the Hall of Fame) and more than \$2 million in scholarship offers from schools across North America. They have been nominated for Juno Awards, signed record deals, travelled the world and built careers as musicians and teachers.

Mitro emphasizes that it was her early experience as a student at Humber that provided the skills and knowledge to make CMS a reality. “Humber introduced me to jazz and opened my eyes, my ears and my mind to a new way of understanding music,” she says. “I believe that elements of this music were to be shared with every student, from the very beginning of their training.”



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RECENT GRADUATE

Sabrina Rubli

Founding Director, Femme International
International Development, 2013

Sabrina Rubli took a "light bulb moment" as a student and created a clear, simple plan with the potential to create real change for women in developing communities.

It started when Rubli and her classmate Ella Marinic were tasked with designing a water sanitation program for a rural Kenyan community in their International Development program. They couldn't help but ask: How do women without access to water sanitation systems manage while menstruating?

While researching options available to women and girls with no sanitation resources, the duo discovered that girls in Kenya's poorer areas missed an average of five days of school a month, mainly as a result of staying home while menstruating.

Determined to find a solution, her school project developed into a successful small non-governmental organization, employing five local staff members, and impacting nearly 1,000 young girls in only two years.

"The results speak for themselves," Rubli explains. "You can't ignore the economic impact of girls staying in school. I see women as the answer to sustainable development. When women stay in school they have a greater chance to graduate from high school and a much greater chance to continue on and find meaningful jobs. Staying in school is everything."

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Convocation a time for pride and joy

June and November were absolute whirlwinds of convocation ceremonies – 12 in four days, to be precise. The Toronto Congress Centre was filled with excitement and pride as more than 8,000 new graduates were welcomed to the Humber alumni family.

One highlight of the week was a 30-foot-long selfie wall where graduates could pose with each other and with their families to mark the occasion.

The ceremonies also included a livestream of interviews with participants, entertainment provided by Humber music students and inspirational speeches from honorary degree recipients.

The degree recipients were:

- **Cathy Corsetti**, paralegal and Chair of the Paralegal Standing Committee, Law Society of Upper Canada
- **Dwight Drummond**, journalist, CBC Television
- **Russ Ford**, Executive Director, LAMP Community Health Centre
- **Jim Grieve**, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ontario Ministry of Education
- **Walter Rhoddy**, President, RHODDY Design
- **Jacques Seguin**, Senior Vice-President, Strategic Planning and Process Improvement, Manitowoc Corporation
- **Danny Vogler**, Technical Director, Digital Operations, Corus Entertainment
- **Greg Wells**, Grammy award-nominated record producer, songwriter and musician

Congratulations to the graduating class of 2015, and all the best in your endeavours.

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class notes

1990s

Heiko Mueller (Paramedic, 1993) and **Robert Bronson** (Paramedic, 1994) were both honoured with the Ontario Award for Paramedic Bravery this year after courageously defending an undercover police officer from an armed suspect. This 2011 incident highlighted the fearless acts of these two extraordinary Humber grads and the extreme circumstances community service workers face daily.

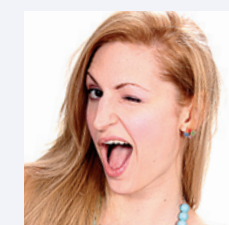
Stephen Moneypenny (Industrial Design, 1996) is making a mark in the automotive industry. As Nissan Design America's senior designer, Moneypenny led a design team who collaboratively constructed the interior of the 2016 Nissan Titan. The car, along with Moneypenny's sleek interior design, was unveiled at the 2015 Canadian International Auto Show.

three amazing Hospitality, Recreation & Tourism grads who not only share a passion for the hospitality profession, but now also share spots on the Ontario Hospitality Institute's Top 30 Under 30 list for 2015. Both **Fancy** (Pastry Chef) and **Goad** (Food and Beverage Training Manager) work at the Drake Hotel in Toronto. Doria – who helped prepare the welcome dinner for the royal couple, the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge (also known as Prince William and Kate), in 2011 – works for Loblaw's as the President's Choice Test Kitchen Chef.

2010s

Jacob Farjou (Fitness and Health Promotion, 2011; Exercise Science and Lifestyle Management, 2014) has successfully launched his kinesiology-focused clinic, *TrainSmart Wellness*, in Brampton this past year. Farjou, who started his career in the Fitness and Health Promotion program in 2009, has come a long way in a short time. After winning the 2013 New Venture Seed Fund grant, and with some guidance from *HumberLaunch*, this recent grad now has the ability to provide care for his clients, as well as promote health and wellness among the community.

Josephine Condotta (Interior Decorating, 2011) has transformed her dreams into reality through her paint and palette. Led by her passion for art and design, and accompanied by her industry-influenced skillset, Condotta now runs her own business, selling her art and showcasing her



pieces at exhibits. Over the past year, Condotta has been accepted into The Artist Project,

received a \$5,000 grant from the Starter Company program to help expand her business, and has recently launched her first solo art exhibition at the Noodle Gallery in the Alton Mills Arts Centre.

Yosef Baraki (Film & Television Production, 2012) struck the big screen this past spring when he was invited to premier his first feature film – *Mina Walking* – at the Berlin Film Festival. Baraki played an all-encompassing role during filming: he acted as the director, writer, editor, cinematographer, as well as camera operator. Baraki made the "Ten Canadians to Watch at Berlin" list by Telefilm Canada, and the film then went on to be nominated for a Best First Feature award.

Natalie Bittcher (Package & Graphic Design, 2013) was presented with an honourable gold-level award at the 2015 PAC Awards. Bittcher won the award in the "In-Store Marketing – Floor Display Merchandiser" category for her structural design of the CIBC Tim Hortons Double Double™ VISA Card stand. This stand can be seen in almost all Tim Hortons across Canada.

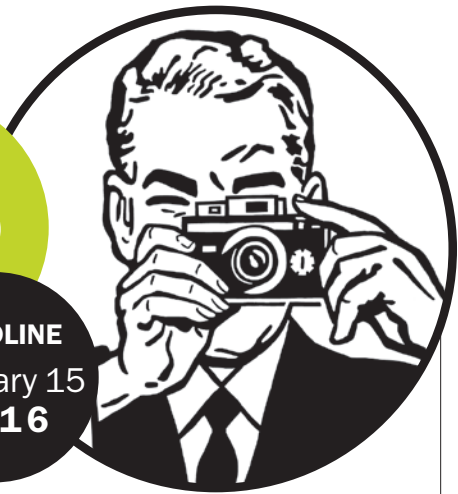
Alicia Cardoso and **Natasha Falcioni** (Baking and Pastry Management, 2015) have won the jackpot when it comes to the dessert menu. With an adoration for all things sweet, together Cardoso and Falcioni created *Cake Poutine* – a deliciously sweet twist on the classic Canadian fries, cheese curds and gravy dish. This year, the women were invited to debut their original desserts at the Canadian National Exhibition where they showcased their vanilla bean cake fries topped with various sauces and sweets.

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Shutterbug contest

The Shutterbug Contest is back on. We’re inviting all amateur photographers to showcase their photographic talents by submitting their best shots. Enter your photo before it’s too late – you might just be our Grand Prize winner.

Theme Abandoned Places

Eligibility

- Contest is open to Humber alumni
- Entries are accepted from amateur photographers only and must not have been previously published

Entry submission

- Email your entry to alumnicontests@humber.ca with the subject line “Shutterbug Photo Contest”
- In the email, please include: your name, address, telephone number, the title of the photograph and a brief explanation of the picture, including when and where it was taken
- Only one (1) submission per entrant

Photo requirements

- File must be 300 dpi – a high resolution image is required
- No larger than 3MB
- Both colour or black and white are accepted
- Name your file: YourFullName_ImageTitle

Deadline Entries must be received by February 15, 2016

Prize

- First prize winner: \$500
- Runners up: Humber prize pack

Judging

- Entries will be judged on creativity and quality of image
- The winner will be selected by March 30, 2016 by a panel of judges in Toronto
- The winner’s name and winning photo will be published in the next issue of *Humber dialogue*

*By submitting an entry, the winner grants Humber College the rights to use his or her name and photo in Humber print and online sources.



▲ View From The Canadian - Karen Moyle, Tourism and Travel, 1977

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HERE ARE LAST YEAR’S WINNERS

▼ Sudbury Rail Yard - Wayne Bertrand, Architectural Technician, 1998



▲ Icestang - Victoria Basciano, Design Foundations, 2012



RUNNERS UP

Revisiting *The Team*

In 2000 – the same year that *Survivor* and *Big Brother* first aired – Humber got its own taste of reality TV when CBC filmed an eight-episode documentary about the Humber Hawks men’s basketball team. *The Team* followed the men from training camp to the final game of the 2000-2001 season, where they won the Canadian Collegiate Athletic Association National Championship.

To commemorate this anniversary, *Soar*, the Hawks alumni magazine, gathered members of the winning team to recreate the cover of *Starweek*, the Toronto Star TV guide that they appeared on.

Kingsley Hudson, Dexter Miller, Cornell “Jr” Brown, Chris Bennett, Marcel “Skinny” Lawrence, Mark McLaughlin and Dejvis Begaj got together to pose for the cover of *Soar* and reminisce about their championship win.

Winning the championship and participating in the documentary were highlights for Begaj, who played centre/forward on the team. “The perfect ending. It was a great year, something that I will remember for the rest of my life.”

“Winning my last game in front of my family and best friend,” recalls former guard Brown. “There was no better feeling than accomplishing such a great feat with a great group of guys.”

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