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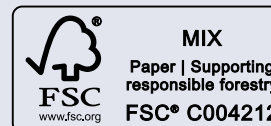
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

WHAT COULD BE BETTER than meeting the Barrett family during my first month as President and CEO.

For nearly a decade, The Barrett Family Foundation has been an important partner in helping to uplift and transform Humber's science, technology, engineering and math (STEM)-related programs. With a recent \$30 million gift, combined with previous contributions to Humber's Unlimited Campaign, The Barrett

Family Foundation has provided a total of \$42 million to Humber, making their donation the largest in Canadian college history. This support also puts Humber in a position to continue to lead, transform and differentiate in technology, advanced manufacturing and skills building. We will be able to help students pursue post-secondary education, provide access to real-world learning, narrow the skills gap, enhance employability and drive economic growth.



When you look at the cover of this magazine, you can see the iconic Barrett Centre for Technology Innovation ascending into the endless night sky. What I see is a gateway full of possibility, promise and opportunity—for a better future for all Humber students.

Humber is becoming a leader in STEM, and we have our supportive donor community to thank. Our donors continue to believe in Humber, and they are helping us embark on new strategies to close the skills gap and drive the economy forward.

As labour challenges in Canada's skilled trades continue to deepen, the Schulich Foundation has established the Schulich Builders Scholarships for Skilled Trades, DEWALT has invested in Humber's Centre for Skilled Trades and Technology through donations of tools, equipment and scholarship support, and Enbridge Inc. has created scholarships that foster inclusivity in the skilled trades and STEM.

Humber is grateful to have built strong relationships with our community of supporters, and we were pleased to have had the opportunity to gather in person this year to celebrate the achievement of our student scholarship recipients and the donors who are supporting their academic journey.

Finally, Humber continues to see its alumni recognized with the Premier's Awards, winning 10 awards since 2011. This prestigious award demonstrates the value of a Humber education and acknowledges the impact our graduates are having in the community and on the international stage.

From sharing Humber's latest green initiatives to recent athletic wins, alumni achievements and heartwarming stories like "Humber Love," I hope you enjoy our spring/summer issue of *Humber Magazine*. •

Dr. Ann Marie Vaughan
President and CEO
Humber College

Humber News.



The Humber Arboretum offers Sustainable Urban Beekeeping courses.



GREEN INITIATIVES CREATE A BUZZ ON CAMPUS

IF THERE'S A BUZZ IN THE air, it's because Humber College is busy leading several green initiatives as part of the college's Sustainability Plan, including planting a third pollinator garden in the Humber Arboretum. With the first two just outside the Centre for Urban Ecology and on the roof of the Barrett Centre for Technology Innovation (Barrett CTI), Humber is making an effort to protect and support pollinators and the important role they play in maintaining a healthy ecosystem. And it's not surprising that, as a Certified Bee Campus, Humber

is home to 11 beehives currently used to teach sustainable urban beekeeping, which also includes producing jars of "Humber Honey".

In addition to the pollinator gardens, Humber's community took advantage of Earth Month to reflect on how far the college has come through several green initiatives that have been implemented across each campus to help reduce our carbon footprint.

- The College's **REUSABLE FOOD CONTAINER PROGRAM** continues to make a difference in reducing the amount of waste the

college generates by saving more than 100,000 single-use containers from the landfill last year.

- There's also the **PLANT WALL** at the University of Guelph-Humber, which was recently rebuilt. The wall holds about 8,000 new plants and actively improves air quality by sucking existing air through the return duct of the building's HVAC system and bringing it to the plants' roots where microbiomes break down toxins and chemicals. The replenished air is then redistributed throughout the building.

HUMBER NEWS

• ENERGY-EFFICIENT BUILDING DESIGN

is a big part of Humber's sustainability efforts, and this includes Building NX, which is the first retrofit in Canada to achieve a Zero Carbon Building Design Standard certification. The Barrett CTI is also a net-zero LEED Platinum-rated building thanks to solar panels on the commuter hub, use of sustainable construction materials, energy-efficient lighting, water conservation and reduced-use mechanisms. Both buildings are a living lab and teaching tool for students in all programs from design and construction to hospitality and tourism.

- At Lakeshore campus, work is well underway with the **HUMBER CULTURAL HUB** and the first phase will be completed in 2024. Once finished, it will be one of the most efficient and sustainable buildings in Canada.

To find out more, visit humber.ca/sustainability.



The Plant Wall at the University of Guelph-Humber.

BUILT FOR CHANGE

Humber identifies new opportunities for innovation

This past fall, Humber released two transformative plans meant to shape the future of the college over the next few years. The digital campus plan and the academic plan are forward-looking, three-year documents that identify opportunities to support innovation in how Humber teaches, learns and works. Both plans were developed in alignment with the college's commitment to equity, diversity, inclusion and Indigenous ways of being, knowing and doing.

The digital campus plan aims to improve experiences, create efficiencies and foster connection across the college. Called *The Digital Campus of Tomorrow 2023-2026* and led by Scott Briggs, vice president, Digital Innovation and chief information officer, the plan has four guiding principles:

- **People first:** Meet the needs of the community by offering digital services that deliver greater personalization, simplicity, connections and ease of use.

- **Equity and inclusion:** Services will be accessible and reduce barriers rather than create them in order to help close the digital divide.
- **Digital ethics and privacy:** Promote ethical data and technology use, provide transparency on how data is used and respect privacy commitments.
- **Safe and secure:** Protect the Humber community from emerging cyber threats and design with a risk-based approach to cybersecurity.

The academic plan, titled *Looking Forward* and led by Gina Antonacci, senior vice president, Academic, recognizes the critical role polytechnic institutions play in Canada. It focuses on how Humber must change to respond to shifting labour market needs by offering programs that are meaningful and life changing. This plan also considers the ongoing technological advances that will continue to influence higher education through curriculum,

program delivery modes and the goals and expectations of students and industry partners.

Consultations for both plans were conducted jointly and included students, faculty, staff, alumni, Program Advisory Committees, the Humber College Council, college leadership, Academic and Student Affairs and the Board of Governors. Specific consultations were also held for those from equity-deserving groups.

"Humber continues to build on the strengths of our unique model of polytechnic education while always seeking to improve and foster local and global partnerships and strengthen capacity for innovation," said Humber's president and CEO, Dr. Ann Marie Vaughan. "We are focused on the future and creating educational and campus experiences that set students and employees up for success today and tomorrow." •

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On January 24, 2023, students, faculty, staff, industry partners and community members gathered in Humber's Barrett Centre for Technology Innovation (Barrett CTI) as history was made.

MAKING HISTORY FOR THE FUTURE

By Phil Sach | Illustration by Taylor Callery

Donning Humber navy and gold scarves, Bob Barrett, president and CEO of Polyainers Inc., along with his wife Francine Rouleau-Barrett, co-founders of The Barrett Family Foundation, took to the stage to announce a monumental \$30 million commitment to technology innovation and access to STEM-related post-secondary education.

The largest gift ever to an Ontario college, this donation expands upon their already immense impact on Humber by establishing 100 new scholarships for engineering and technology students and additional funding for skills training, work-integrated learning, and experiential opportunities. It also invests in the Barrett CTI itself, supporting programs, people and resources for the cutting-edge space while contributing to the widespread digital transformation of Humber's campuses.



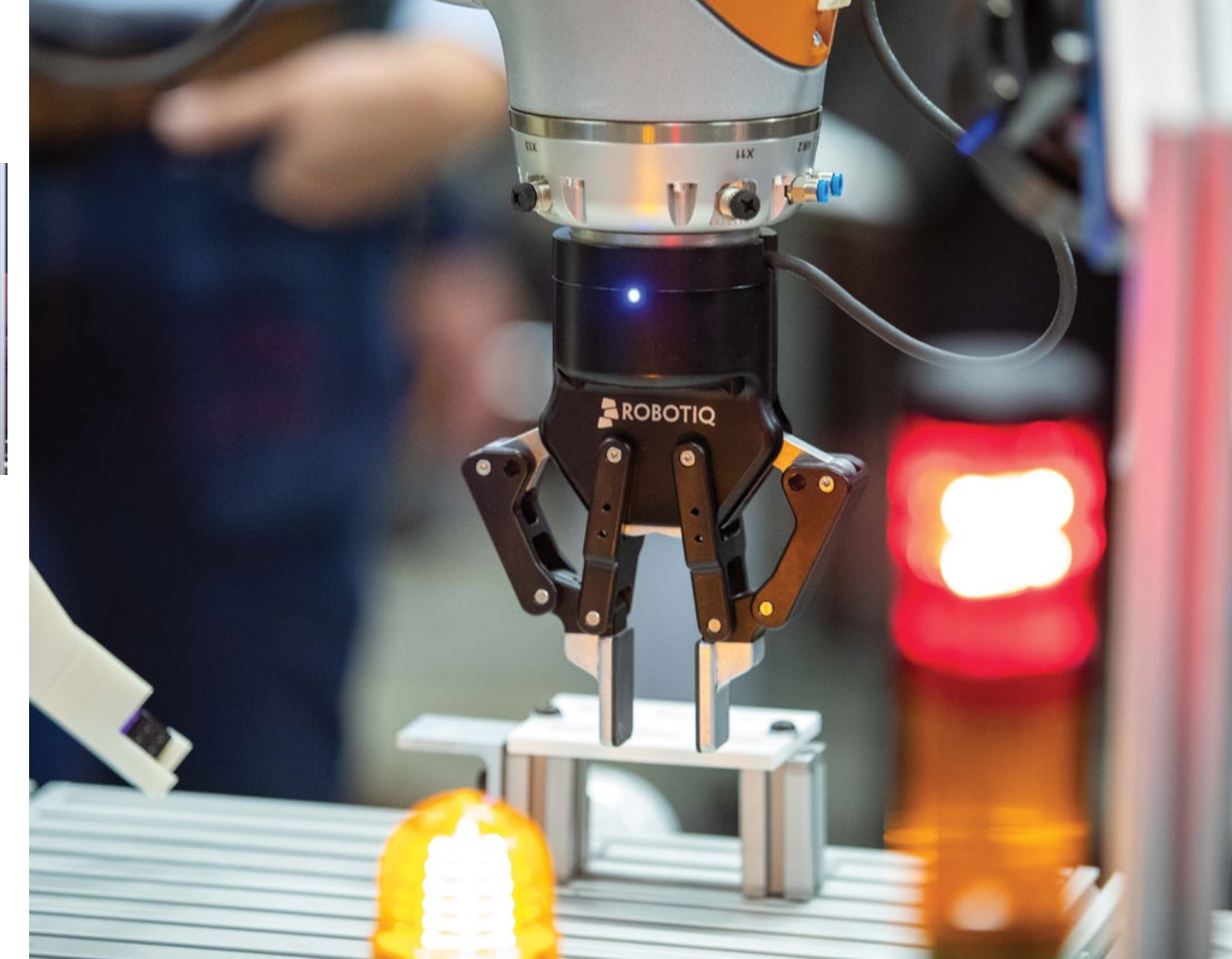
The impact even goes beyond the college with the establishment of the Barrett Centre Collaboratory designed to spark interest in STEM education among grade 6–12 students, and by offering a diverse range of industry-driven development opportunities and micro-credentials.

“The Barrett family has built something transformational at Humber,” says Neal Mohammed, director of the Barrett CTI. “They’ve created a hub for innovation, collaboration and new technologies where students gain job-ready skills, industries enhance their operations, and set the stage for innovative solutions that address tomorrow’s most complex challenges.”

Growing Together

The Barretts began their history with Humber over 20 years ago, providing students with work placements through their industry-leading packaging manufacturer, Polytainers. Bob Barrett grew to become a strong supporter of Humber’s unique brand of polytechnic education and a passionate contributor to the local economy where he built his business.

Driven by a powerful sense of duty and a relentless dedication to the success of Humber’s students, Bob Barrett brought this partnership to new heights in 2013 with the creation of The Barrett Family Foundation. Since then, the Barrett family have donated millions to help young people pursue education, gain relevant workplace skills, and find meaningful careers.



Over the past ten years, the Barretts created more than 960 scholarships, awards and bursaries, contributed to skills mentorship and competition training, and even promoted STEM education on a global scale donating \$2 million to support outreach for girls in Kenya and Ethiopia. In 2018, they made a donation, adding to a previous gift, and contributed \$10 million that would see the creation of the Barrett CTI. Their support also meant that the Barrett CTI could become a living lab for mechatronics, automation and advanced manufacturing where students learn alongside leading companies and faculty with expertise in robotics, 3D printing and collaborative digital technologies—including those used at Polytainers.

The Foundation’s total giving to Humber now stands at more than \$42 million—the most ever

contributed to a Canadian college by a single donor. The 2023 donation brings Unlimited, Humber’s first comprehensive fundraising campaign, to over \$85 million, surpassing its original \$50 million goal.

Empowering Student Success

Student support is a hallmark of the Barretts’ philanthropy. “My father instilled in me a sense of ingenuity, entrepreneurship and giving back, and now we are building upon these lifelong teachings for the future,” remarks Bob Barrett. “We are supporting areas vital to the prosperity of young people and our workforce’s productivity, sustainability and adaptability—a vision we know Humber shares.”

The Foundation has granted gifted learners unfettered access to everything needed to achieve their ambitions, regardless of circumstance. One such student is Thomas Ylipelkola, an Electromechanical Engineering Technology alum and recipient of a Barrett Family Foundation scholarship.

“Humber prepares students to build good careers, and this scholarship allowed me to take the first steps towards my own,” shares Ylipelkola. “My love of engineering came about while studying economics at another institution. After transitioning to Humber, I had to carry a great deal of existing student debt with me. The Barretts removed this financial strain and allowed me to fully focus on my education.”

The scholarship propelled Ylipelkola from the classroom into an internship with Polytainers, where he could test

the skills he developed during his program and level them up using the very same pneumatic, mechatronics and robotics machinery he trained with at Humber. Upon graduating in 2020, he officially joined Polytainers as an automation technician—a defining part of his career. “I am growing and learning each day while building a skilled profession I can be proud of and confident in,” says Ylipelkola.

Partnerships with Purpose

Industry partners like Polytainers are integral to the Humber experience, providing hands-on training that complements the classroom and serving as the catalyst for real-world solutions that position Canada ahead of a growing “innovation gap.” When these partners work together, the possibilities for what they can enable for the future are endless—and through the Barrett family’s philanthropy, they have been instrumental in fostering collaboration in countless ways.

The Advanced Manufacturing Skills Consortium is one such example. Comprised of nine industry leaders, the Consortium contributes to technology, talent and opportunities at the Barrett CTI, including collaborative projects, programs, applied research and events. Today, the Consortium includes Cisco Canada, DMG MORI Canada, Festo Didactic, Javelin Technologies,

KUKA Robotics Canada, Magna International, Rockwell Automation, SEW-EURODRIVE and SICK Canada.

Another important way collaboration is being advanced for a greater purpose is the annual Barrett Partner Day, held for the first time in 2022. The pioneering event brings together all the organizations supported by the Barretts to create a forum for dialogue, foster synergies and find opportunities to leverage expertise and resources. By connecting Humber to other charities that the family supports, such as United Way, World Vision, Rideau Hall Foundation, and Trees for Life, the Barretts are creating an innovative and connected ecosystem where like-minded organizations can come together to break ground on ideas that have the potential for transformative solutions, particularly ones that can create positive impact in the community.

The Road Ahead

The Barrett family’s prominent place in Humber’s history is undeniable. But for Bob Barrett, giving back is about much more. “We believe in Humber,” he says. “We believe in the educators and administrators who make it special, the students working hard to realize their goals, and the future we can build together. Humber has the vision, power, energy and, more importantly, dreams to make an extraordinary impact in education.” ●



From left: Dr. Ann Marie Vaughan and Barrett Family Foundation members, Bob Barrett, Francine Rouleau-Barrett, Rebecca Barrett, Kim Barrett McKenna, Mark Cullen and Alister Mathieson.

Gratitude

THE GENEROSITY OF OUR DONORS IS TRANSFORMING THE LEARNING EXPERIENCE AND CREATING UNLIMITED POSSIBILITIES FOR HUMBER STUDENTS.

Schulich Foundation announces largest skilled trades program in Canada

ON FEBRUARY 9, 2023, the establishment of the Schulich Builders Scholarships for Skilled Trades, Canada's largest skilled trades scholarship program was announced at Humber College. In its first year, the Schulich Foundation will commit \$3 million to combat labour shortages and highlight the importance of skilled trades. The scholarships will help cover tuition first and foremost, as well as tools and living expenses.

In addition to Humber, Ontario Colleges, including Algonquin, Centennial, Conestoga, Durham, Fanshawe, George Brown, Loyalist, Mohawk, and Sheridan were selected to participate in the program. Each college will award 10 scholarships per year to students enrolled in select full-time skilled trades programs. Five scholarships worth \$20,000 will be for students enrolled in a one-year program, and five



The announcement included live demonstrations from Ontario college 2022 WorldSkills competition winners. From left: Humber alumna Emma Kilgannon, the Honourable Jill Dunlop and Malcolm Matwijec (Centennial College).

scholarships of \$40,000 will be allocated to students in two-year programs.

The program also provides leadership training and mentorship to set graduates up for success. It will build awareness about career opportunities in skilled trades, boost recruitment, help students finish their program and find employment upon graduation. Priority for the scholarships will be given to students nominated by their high schools, or students can apply directly through participating colleges.

"This investment by the Schulich Foundation acknowledges the important role that colleges play

in our society," said Judy Schulich, executive vice president of the Schulich Foundation. "We are proud to invest in the skilled trades. This gift will encourage youth to pursue rewarding careers in the skilled trades."

The announcement included the Schulich Foundation, dignitaries and special guests such as Premier Doug Ford; Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development, Monte McNaughton; Minister of Colleges and Universities, Jill Dunlop; Minister of Education, Stephen Lecce and representatives from the other colleges supported by the program. ●



Front row, from left: The Honourable Jill Dunlop, Minister of Colleges and Universities; the Honourable Monte McNaughton, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development; Ian Howcroft, CEO, Skills Ontario; Judy Schulich, executive vice president, Schulich Foundation; the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario and MPP for Etobicoke North; Seymour Schulich, Chairman; and Tanna Schulich, Schulich Foundation. Back row, third from right: Dr. Ann Marie Vaughan, President and CEO, Humber College, with fellow heads of Ontario colleges.

GRATITUDE

DIVERSIFYING THE WORKFORCE

Enbridge Scholarship for Diversity in Skilled Trades and STEM

A NEW SCHOLARSHIP FROM

Enbridge Inc. shines an affirming spotlight on the human side of the energy delivery company's credo—"Building the energy systems of tomorrow. Meeting the pressing demands of today."

"We're looking at attracting diverse candidates to the organization and looking ahead to ensure we're engaging with our future talent," explains Cheryl Alward, Enbridge's Senior Specialist, Diversity and Inclusion Projects, Human Resources.

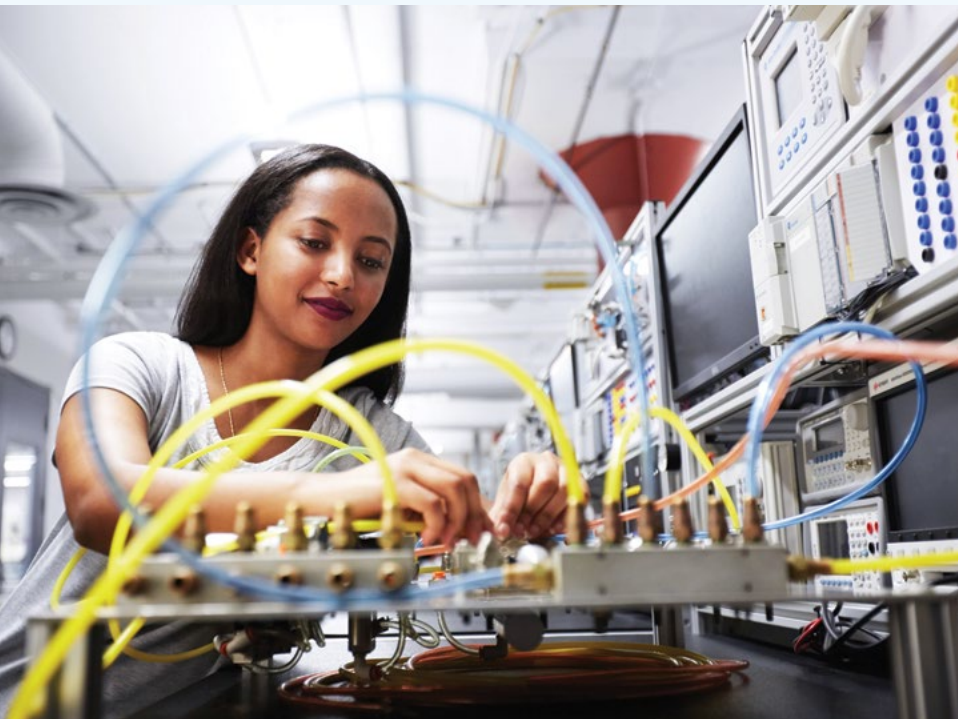
Alward spearheads an initiative to help young adults learn about career opportunities at Enbridge, with a special focus on attracting equity-deserving candidates. "We have a goal of 40% for women and other specific goals for other equity-deserving groups," says Alward.

"We have the biggest opportunity to increase the diversity of our workforce in our front-line field roles, which traditionally have been held by men. Our primary focus is to attract more women into these types of programs."

To this end, the company is offering a generous scholarship opportunity at Humber—its first such funding initiative with an Ontario college, and an ideal match for the college's diverse student population.

The Enbridge Scholarship for Diversity in Skilled Trades and STEM is open to students enrolled in their first or second years of study in select Humber programs, who self-identify as Indigenous persons, women, and/or as members of other equity-deserving groups. Successful recipients will be outstanding team players in good academic standing with plans to pursue careers in the skilled trades or STEM.

With two \$1,000 scholarships to be awarded each year for five years, beginning in the upcoming fall scholarship cycle, the generous funding will go far to raise awareness and encourage students from equity-deserving groups to consider a future in the skilled trades and STEM and be welcomed into an inclusive, ever-diversifying workforce. ●



DEWALT: Providing the right tools for success

ON FEBRUARY 15, 2023,

students, Humber faculty and staff and DEWALT employees gathered at Humber's Centre for Skilled Trades and Technology to announce a new partnership between Humber and DEWALT. DEWALT, a division of Stanley Black and Decker, made a donation of \$300,000 dedicated toward scholarships, tools and additional supports for students in the skilled trades.

The gift will fund scholarships and bursaries in Humber's Pathways to the Skilled Trades program, an eight-week transition program that helps individuals who are unemployed or experiencing

▼ Allan Hawes, general manager, Stanley Black and Decker, with members of the DEWALT team and students from the Centre for Skilled Trades and Technology with Humber faculty and staff.



▲ Jennifer LeDonne, VP of Human Resources, Stanley Black & Decker Canada, accepting a gift from Gina Antonacci, senior vice president Academic and Kelly Jackson, vice president of External Affairs and Professional Learning, Humber.

financial hardship and are interested in exploring skilled trades as a career option. It also includes support for emergency bursaries, equipment and resources for the Centre for Skilled Trades and Technology. Students will be provided with DEWALT tools required for their profession once they graduate and DEWALT brand ambassadors, many of whom are hosts of home renovation shows, such as those shown on HGTV, will provide mentorship and awareness building to encourage the next generation of skilled trades professionals.

Humber's relationship with DEWALT extends back to 2007 with students having benefited from using DEWALT's tools and equipment. This new collaboration will provide life-changing support, help diversify the skilled trades, and provide mentorship for students to participate in international skills competitions. New scholarships will also help close the skilled trades gap and seek to motivate women and equity-deserving groups to consider a career in the skilled trades.

"We are very proud to be part of this partnership and we look forward to supporting it and watching it grow

over the next couple of years," said Allan Hawes, general manager of Stanley Black and Decker. "Our team is committed to ensuring students have what they need to excel not only in their education, but in their future roles."

"We are so pleased to be able to strengthen these relationships and look forward to their continued impact on students and faculty," shared Gina Antonacci, senior vice president, Academic. "These relationships also align with our academic plan and support apprenticeships. We are happy that the DEWALT team has joined us to support the future of skilled trades." ●

DEDICATION, ACHIEVEMENT AND SERVICE

The Franca Giacomelli Scholarship

DECADES AGO, A

24-year-old programmer and systems analyst saw a posting at Humber for full-time professorship and thought, "They're not going to hire me." But Franca Giacomelli had valuable training and in-demand skills, having devoted a lot of time in high school as a student tutor. She was confident

that she would be good at teaching, and she was right.

Flash forward 42 years, and faculty member Giacomelli was an instructor in the Longo Faculty of Business, Chair of the Academic Council, member of the Board of Governors, and active participant in the school community. Recently, she retired, having taught, mentored and supported more than 10,000 students—and loved every moment.

"I always went home with a smile on my face," she says.

She also went home with the Humber College Medal of Gratitude in recognition of her support and

contributions to students.

"Franca is an exemplary faculty, colleague and human being," says Alvina Cassiani, Senior Dean, Longo Faculty of Business. "She supports the local church, elementary and secondary schools in North Etobicoke. I applaud her tireless energy in making our community a better place."

In honour of her recent retirement, the Giacomelli family created The Franca Giacomelli Scholarship for Dedication, Achievement and Service. It recognizes a student who has demonstrated leadership

in the classroom, work placement, the Humber community, and/or the community at large.

"There are students who do a lot outside their studies and never give it a second thought," says Giacomelli. "If they start early on the path of giving back, the more likely it is that they will do it in later years."

The scholarship encourages students on that path by recognizing their giving. It will be awarded this winter to a student who demonstrates this active attitude early in their life—as Giacomelli did, in her early tutoring years. ●

Franca and Dan Giacomelli





“
 Behind each student scholarship recipient is a generous donor who recognizes the unlimited potential of Humber students. To our donors, your impact does not go unnoticed, and we could not be more grateful for your support.
 —Dr. Ann Marie Vaughan, President and CEO
 ”

In April, over 360 student scholarship recipients, donors and Humber faculty and staff came together to thank scholarship donors and celebrate student success.



A NIGHT TO CELEBRATE

Humber’s annual scholarship celebration was an evening of excitement and entertainment. Messages of congratulations and gratitude were shared with students and donors. Guests enjoyed a sit-down dinner and sweet treats from a candy bar, live music from Humber Music students in the Rhythm ‘n Soul Ensemble got many up onto their feet, and a 360-degree photo booth provided fun for all. Truly a night to celebrate!



Rhythm 'n Soul Ensemble

Teach the youths to stand up tall
 However big or small
 Fighting for human rights and justice for all
 Whether you are brown black gay queer
 Hybrids in shapes & forms
 from near and far

—excerpt from the poem, *Real*

Words of empowerment were provided by **Shelley Opaleke**, scholarship recipient and Bachelor of Behavioural Science student, who read an excerpt of her poem, *Real*, that was published in *Until We Are Free: Reflections on Black Lives Matter in Canada* (University of Regina Press, 2020).



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ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

The Premier's Awards honour the important social and economic contributions that graduates make to Ontario and throughout the world. Nominees are selected under the following categories: Apprenticeship, Business, Community Services, Creative Arts and Design, Health Sciences, Recent Graduate, and Technology. Since 2011, Humber College has had 10 wins and ranks third overall in total wins among 24 colleges in Ontario.



WINNER

MARK CAMERON

Health Sciences
Primary Care Paramedic, 1989

In 2011, when a young girl's foot became trapped in farm machinery near Havelock, Ontario, Mark Cameron, along with another paramedic, didn't hesitate to jump into action and free the child from the contraption. Having grown up with a "boots on the ground" mentality, Cameron felt that it was always his calling to help others.

Such selfless acts of bravery along with a keen sense of empathy have earned Cameron the Governor General's Medal

of Bravery twice—first for the 2011 rescue and then for his work in war-torn Syria.

Born in Hastings, Ontario, Cameron has a stellar career spanning more than 35 years in advanced care paramedicine. After graduating from Humber's paramedic program in 1989, Cameron worked for City of Peterborough Emergency Medical Services. He taught at the Michener Institute and later became the first Advanced Life Support Course Director at Centennial College and Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre. Cameron has also served as an international flight paramedic, and despite being "terrified" of helicopters, he repatriated sick and injured Canadians from every continent in the world except Antarctica.

Cameron is the co-founder and co-president of the Canadian International Medical Relief Organization (CIMRO), a non-governmental organization which provides medical education and relief to disaster zones worldwide. He is also president of the Critical Incident Management Response Organization.

Through CIMRO, Cameron has travelled to Syria over 100 times, treating the most disadvantaged and traumatized. He and his team provided vaccinations to over 1.4 million children in Syria, eradicating a fast-moving polio outbreak and thwarting the possibility of it spreading across Europe. It is this extraordinary humanitarian care that earned him his second Governor General's Medal of Bravery.

With well-earned accolades including the Ontario Provincial Police Commissioner's Citation for Lifesaving Award, the Paul Harris Fellow medal awarded by Rotary International, and prestigious lectureships including at Stony Brook University's Mind/Brain Centre on War and Humanity, Cameron continues to live out his lifesaving calling. Meanwhile, CIMRO has been recognized as setting a gold standard worldwide by the United Nations, the World Health Organization, and the Canadian and British governments.



NOMINEE

DARRAN MALCOLM

Apprenticeship
Arborist Apprenticeship, 2001

If much has changed in Lisa Kimmel's industry since her 1996 graduation from Humber's Public Relations program it is, in part, thanks to her leadership. Most recently Chair & CEO, Canada; Chair, Latin America, and Global Women's Equality Network; and Global Managing Director of Edelman's Sector Specialty Agencies, DJE Holdings, Kimmel has always been an agent of change, promoting inclusive and empowering workplace cultures and championing women in business.

Prioritizing people, collaboration and social responsibility, Kimmel helped Edelman earn creative accolades, sustain high employee engagement, and achieve gender parity in the company's most senior positions.

She has been active on numerous boards of directors, advised C-suite professionals on thought leadership, reputation, and employee experience; and has written for *The Toronto Star* and *The Globe and Mail* on such topics as CEOs expressing vulnerability, the #MeToo movement, and the trust stakeholders have in brands, government, non-governmental organizations, and media.

As an inspiring, empathetic leader for aspirational women in business, Kimmel has received the YWCA Toronto Women of Distinction Award for Corporate Leadership and is a four-time Women's Executive Network Top 100 Most Powerful Women in Canada honouree—earning her induction into the WXN Hall of Fame.

Since graduating from the Arborist Apprenticeship program in 2001, Darran Malcolm has shared his industry savvy with upcoming generations as a Humber faculty member and throughout his career at Davey Tree Expert Co. of Canada. His trajectory at Davey began with a job as a spray technician prior to his earning his ticket as an apprentice through progressively more senior positions, leading to his current role as Operations Vice President.

While Malcolm's career path evolved rapidly, the services offered by the company remained unchanged since 1930. In 2016, Malcolm proposed a new

strategic direction focused on the industrial market, including the railway, logistics, and oil and gas sectors. In response, Davey developed a prototype for a sustainable herbicide delivery system built upon a train, and he began operating it from coast to coast. This technology became a pillar of the company's growth as the industrial vegetation management sector now represents 20 per cent of Davey's business.

Malcolm continues to help guide the company in new directions and nurtures its involvement in community initiatives. He also advocates on behalf of arborists, encouraging recognition of the trade as "compulsory" for the benefit of all in the evolving sector.



NOMINEE

LISA KIMMEL

Business
Public Relations, 1996



NOMINEE

JACQUELINE EDWARDS

Community Services
Law and Security Administration, 1994

Jacqueline Edwards' career with the Correctional Service of Canada (CSC) spans Community Outreach & Engagement, Staff Supervision, Employment Equity & Diversity Management, Labour Relations and Parliamentary Affairs. She has also served in the CSC's Honour Guard.

In 2019, Edwards was appointed the first female president of ABLE (Association of Black Law Enforcers), where she led the charge for police reform on anti-racism. Never shirking from difficult discussions, she triggered positive responses answering the call to action, and motivated a 700% increase in ABLE membership.

A mentor for those interested in joining the profession, Edwards is also a

tireless volunteer—as chair, regional chair, president, or a member of boards and committees such as CSC Regional Racial Harmony Committee, the National Council of Visible Minorities and the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police's Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee and Anti-Racism Working Group.

Edwards leads by engaging diverse voices, from Indigenous elders to police chiefs across Canada. Presenting at conferences on equity, diversity and inclusion, she emphasizes the co-creation needed for change.

She has been awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee Medal, and the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police's President's Award of Merit, the highest honour for Ontario police leaders.

Brand Ambassador for Save the Children Canada, and is a supporter of Fresh For All, which delivers produce to food banks and meal programs.

NOMINEE

CARSON ARTHUR

Creative Arts and Design
Landscape Technician, 2004



Carson Arthur is a globally recognized landscape designer. As an outdoor guest expert on Cityline, he reaches over 2 million weekly viewers across North America with messages focused on eco-friendly spaces and a mantra that advocates for a healthier planet.

A member of the LGBTQ+ community and a champion for green living, Carson leads by example and with integrity—making him a sought-after figure for notable brands who embrace him and what he represents. Beyond his role as spokesperson and media personality, he is a dedicated creator, having accomplished over

150 unique designs for television projects and authored two books—*Garden Designs for Outdoor Living*, and the Amazon bestseller *Vegetables, Chickens and Bees*.

At his own "Carson's Garden + Market" in Prince Edward County, he caters to those interested in urban gardening, educates about farm-to-table, food diversity, and empowering self-reliance, and offers children's programming on growing herbs and saving seeds.

Independent food growth and ending the cycle of poverty for children are issues close to Arthur's heart. For several years, he served as the International

NOMINEE

MICHAEL LONDON

Technology
Interior Design, 1998



Throughout his 20-year career in luxury interior design, Michael London has been a champion for diversity, hiring designers from various multicultural

backgrounds and sourcing materials created by Black suppliers and artists. Persevering through his own experience of aloneness as a Black designer in the sector, he forged his own path and excelled despite challenges related to race and discrimination—first becoming the creative director of one of Canada's most prestigious design firms, Gluckstein Design, then establishing his own firm, Michael London Design, which opened in 2019.

Today, London leads a team of 12, while providing mentorship and exposure for Black and diverse designers through speaking on panels

and in media interviews. He is the interior design expert on *The Marilyn Denis Show* and has been featured on *CBC*, and in *The Globe and Mail*, *National Post*, and other media outlets.

Adding to Association of Registered Interior Designers of Ontario (ARIDO) awards earned in his earlier role, he was recently honoured with two Building Industry and Land Development Association (BILD) Awards in recognition of excellence and innovation—fitting tributes to his approach that questions traditional methods and pushes the envelope to find creative ways to achieve results in groundbreaking style.

For Mason Victoria, a passion for creativity brightened and uplifted a low-income family setting, sparking his swift, bright rise to stardom. Today, the conductor, arranger and sound designer stands out in the crowded music scene and his diverse sound captivates audiences. Moreover, his talent and maturity are far beyond his years.

The MARTY Award and Ron Lenyk Inspiring Youth Arts Award winner has composed and arranged over 30 original charts for performances from Toronto, Los Angeles and Tokyo as the Managing Artistic Director and Founder of the 21-piece Sonuskapos Jazz Orchestra. At age 19, he was invited to conduct and perform

his large ensemble music with the New Music Jazz Orchestra and at 21, he was welcomed to Calgary to have his creations performed by some of Canada's most renowned artists and orchestras.

As artistic producer at Spectrum Music, Mason belonged to a group of Canadian composers and curators fusing genres such as classical and pop to present thought-provoking themed concerts that explore the world around us. A supporter of creative ambitions, his latest venture is lead audio designer at Disruptive Games. As a mentor, he continues to teach, uplift and motivate artists and musicians to build their own creative horizons to similarly impressive heights. ●

NOMINEE

MASON VICTORIA

Recent Graduate
Bachelor of Music, 2017



HAWKS CONTINUE TO SOAR

It was another successful season for Humber Athletics. Since 2006, Humber has captured at least one Canadian Collegiate Athletic Association (CCAA) national title each season—a streak spanning 16 consecutive seasons. Humber Hawks continue to showcase their athletic dominance on the national and provincial stage.



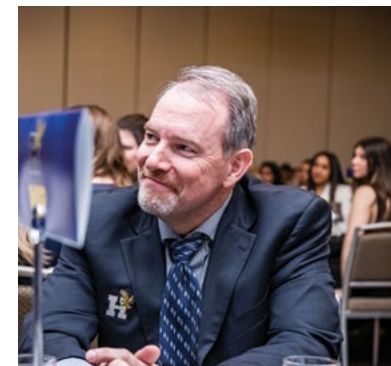
MEN'S SOCCER HAD AN unprecedented run this season, as the squad captured its seventh national title in ten seasons. The Hawks finished the season without a loss for the second time, successfully defending their title with a 2-1 victory in extra-time over Seneca College.

Provincially, the Hawks won 21 Ontario Colleges Athletic Association (OCAA) medals, including 12 provincial gold medals. Women's soccer won their first provincial title since 2012 under first-year head coach Jose Caro.

The athletic dominance of Humber student-athletes was once again no match for their academic success. The fall semester saw 91 student-athletes earn honour roll status, while 51 per cent finished with an 85 per cent average or higher.



HUMBER'S GOLF TEAM began the national run capturing both team titles with one of its most dominant performances in nearly two decades. The women's squad successfully defended its national title, leading wire-to-wire at Deer Creek Golf Club in Ajax. All-Canadian Hayley McCallum captured the individual title, winning by 19 strokes and becoming just the second female golfer in program history to win the individual gold medal. The men's squad returned to national glory, capturing the program's first CCAA title since 2012. Helping the Hawks win by 20 strokes was All-Canadian Matthew Bremer, who became the seventh individual champion in team history.



HUMBER ATHLETICS' incredible success in the classroom and sport saw the director of athletics, Ray Chateau, recognized by Colleges and Institutes Canada (CICan). Ray Chateau was the Gold recipient for CICan's 2023 Leadership Excellence for Managerial Staff, earning Humber its fifth Gold award since 2015. ●

MEET AND GREET

A strong community is built around the people in it, and that sense of togetherness comes in many forms. Here's a look at some recent events enjoyed by Humber alumni and friends.

Providing a perfect holiday outing to wrap up 2022, Humber invited our alumni with young families to **Snow White at Young People's Theatre**. There were themed crafts and scavenger hunts with plenty of laughs included.



In February, 120 alumni and guests gathered at Coca-Cola Coliseum for a **Toronto Marlies game**, followed by a private skate on the ice. Alumni events are never lacking prizes and giveaways and one lucky graduate walked away with a John Tavares jersey, four young attendees had the opportunity to ride the Zamboni, and others left with Marlies and Humber gear!

As part of Humber's March 2023 Career Month, Humber Alumni and the Longo Centre for Entrepreneurship collaborated to bring an **Artificial Intelligence-based workshop** to help students and graduates improve their interview skills. Leveraging a software called *InStage*, student volunteers participated in mock interviews with AI avatars and received metrics reports and feedback from hiring experts as part of a group learning exercise.

More than 100 alumni and special guests gathered in private Humber gondolas for a **March Toronto Raptors game** with playoff implications. The excitement of the game echoed throughout Scotiabank Arena as Humber community members and sports fans showed their passion for the home team.



Over 1,900 graduates crossed a ceremonial stage at Toronto Congress Centre during **Fall Convocation 2022**. Alumni shared their special moment with Humber's new President and CEO, Dr. Ann Marie Vaughan, who experienced her first Convocation since joining the college. Her words to the graduating class were to "embrace the twists and turns that life brings" while encouraging young alumni to take the knowledge gained at Humber to chase their dreams.



Celebrating 50 years of Humber's esteemed Music program, a **50th Anniversary Spring Showcase** took place at the Lakeshore Campus Auditorium on March 31 headlined by alumna Laila Biali and featuring some of Canada's top jazz musicians and alumni Larnell Lewis, Jesse Ryan and Lauren Falls. The event officially kicked off the milestone year for Humber Music. ●

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LUIZ + AUBARY

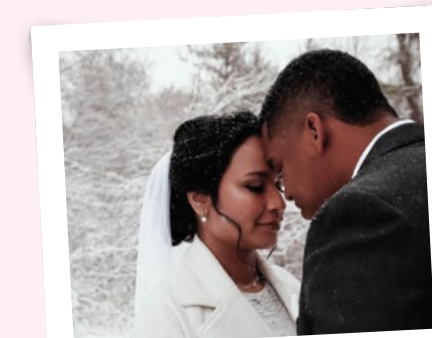
Luiz and Aubary met at a Humber frosh party in 2018 and had an instant connection. From their first date at the Toronto Christmas Market to a honeymoon in Mexico, they settled in a cozy neighbourhood with their son Mateus and truly enjoy life in the present.

HUMBER LOVE

In 2023, we celebrated #HumberLove with **Luiz and Aubary Oliveira** of Humber's Bachelor of Creative Advertising and Photography programs and **Dwight and Azra Mighty** from Tourism – Travel Services Management and Fitness and Health Promotion.

For more #HumberLove stories, visit: humber.ca/alumni/humberlove and share your story at alumni@humber.ca.

Dwight and Azra met in 2017 at the Humber gym, where a crush from a distance blossomed into a newfound best friend. They had an enchanted winter wedding and continue their everlasting love today. Dwight admires Azra for having the purest heart and Azra refers to Dwight as her “human teddy bear”.



DWIGHT + AZRA



Carlos Anthony

Advertising and Marketing Communications, 2015, is an author and filmmaker with a strong passion for exploring themes of Black adolescence and culture, fatherhood and fidelity, earning recognition for his contributions to the literary and creative sector. As the new director of program operations at the Windsor International Black Film Festival, Carlos curates a selection of films that amplify Black stories and voices. He's committed to providing year-round programming such as screenwriting workshops and masterclasses to support aspiring Black filmmakers. Carlos is also the co-founder of the Millennial X filmmaking program.



Gilad Cohen

International Development, 2011, spent over a decade as the founder and executive director of JAYU, a Toronto charity committed to sharing human rights stories through the arts and the 2020 Toronto Arts Foundation Arts For Youth Award winner. In January 2023, he decided to fulfil a childhood dream and become a full-time artist, using his art to stir conversation around mental health, inequity and human rights. Gilad opened Golden Child Studio and debuted his first photography exhibition, First Look First, which received coverage by CBC.



Michelle McLeod

Acting for Film and Television, 2013, is a talented actor known for her roles in the award-winning comedy and TIFF hit *Don't Talk to Irene* and *Tin Star*, where she acted alongside Tim Roth. Her latest project was the Sarah Polley-directed *Women Talking*, based on the 2018 novel by Miriam Toews. The film won the 2023 Academy Award for Best Adapted Screenplay and a Screen Actors Guild Award nomination for Outstanding Performance by a Cast in a Motion Picture. Michelle plays the character of Mejal, a young woman who suffers panic attacks, smokes as a vice and confronts the mental health aspect of trauma.



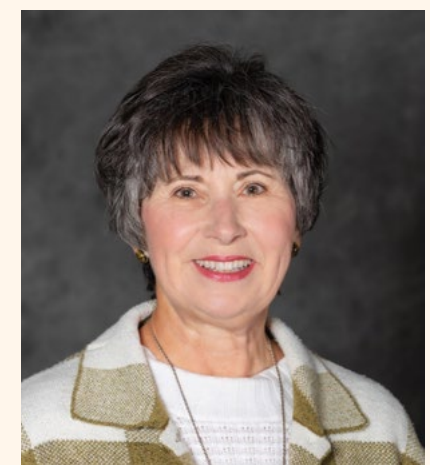
Elizabeth Lincoln holding the President's Award for high academic standing, 1974.

knew she needed to stay strong for her family but also wondered whether she could continue with her studies.

However, her uncertainties diminished when she received the President's Award for having the highest academic standing during her first year. Lincoln still gets emotional when she re-reads then President Gordon Wragg's inspirational and congratulatory words. "It was like my dad was cheering me on."

Upon graduating from Humber, Lincoln married her high school sweetheart and secured an entry-level position with Xerox Canada. Feeling the need to be ahead of changing times, Lincoln went on to earn a Bachelor of Commerce and a Bachelor of Education all while working full time.

Today, Lincoln instructs a course on *Photography in Legacy Projects* as well as *A Step-By-Step Guide to Writing a Memoir*, having recently published her own memoir, *The Kingdom of My Childhood*. After a few years of indulging in travel and hobbies, Lincoln went back to where it all began—Humber's North Campus—and enrolled in a photography course. What does Lincoln see in her future? As always, she'll follow where her heart takes her. ●



If you have a great memory or story from the past—we'd like to hear it! Send your story and photo(s) to alumni@humber.ca and you could be featured in a future Flashback.

FOLLOWING HER HEART

After a tragic loss, Humber continued to cheer on alumna Elizabeth Lincoln

Nothing was going to stop Humber alumna, Elizabeth Lincoln (Family and Consumer Studies, 1975), from getting ahead. Having broken through the gender biases of her era, the successful senior leader of Avis Budget Group decided to take early retirement in 2016 to fulfil a promise she made to herself many years ago—to enjoy the

retirement that her dad never had. In the summer of 1974, Lincoln was in her second year of Family and Consumer Studies at Humber College when her life took an unexpected turn—her father had passed away suddenly. "We were all grieving," she recalls. "Mom was in a fog, and my sister, like a statue." Lincoln

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