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Dear Colleagues,

December is a special month when the changing climate brings falling snow and colder days rewarding us with warm beverages by the fire and a time for contemplation, reflection, and an opportunity to celebrate the accomplishments and progress of the past year.

I extend my sincere gratitude and appreciation to the entire Humber FAST community for your dedication, contributions, and continued commitment to deliver the very best experience for our students. I am incredibly grateful for the opportunity to work with all of you and I am excited for the year ahead filled with new adventures.

In this issue, we showcase Associate Dean & Principal of the Centre for Skilled Trades & Technology, Michael Auchincloss, and his recent adventure, travelling halfway around the world to Bhutan to support Bhutanese youth.

Meanwhile back home, the Centre for Skilled Trades & Technology faculty & staff engaged with & inspired thousands of secondary students to explore a career in skilled trades at the Level Up! Skilled Trades Fair. Our interactive booth was buzzing with activity!

We have more compelling stories that I look forward to you discovering on the following pages, including capturing fun moments at our Fall Open House that we highlight in our Home Sweet Humber profile.

As we bid farewell to 2023 and welcome 2024, I extend my warmest wishes to you and your families for a safe and joyous holiday season, and I look forward to connecting with you in the new year!

Warm Regards,



Paul Griffin
Senior Dean

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HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS PLANT, PLUNGE AND CLIMB THEIR WAY THROUGH THE HUMBER FAST BOOTH AT LEVEL UP!

Our industry experts engaged with & inspired thousands of secondary students to explore a career in skilled trades at the Level Up! Skilled Trades Fair.

Our interactive booth showcased how our unique state-of-the-art facility takes you beyond the traditional classroom to provide students with hands-on practice in a simulated worksite to learn specialized skills from industry experts.

Students were given the opportunity to explore electrical, mechanical & plumbing techniques, gear-up to learn the basics of rappelling as an arborist and compete in The Plunger Games!

Thank you to all the staff & faculty at the Centre for Skilled Trades & Technology who coordinated and welcomed students at this two-day Career Fair!



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HUMBER COLLEGE LEADS PROJECT TO ENHANCE BHUTANESE YOUTHS' ACCESS TO TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

Thousands of Bhutanese youth will have increased access to technical and vocational education and training (TVET) through a Humber College-led project funded by the Government of Canada through Global Affairs Canada.

Bhutan Education and Skills Training (BEST) is a five-year, \$4.95 million project that will enhance equitable access to TVET education, provide learners with industry-relevant skills and support them to enter the labour market, which reduces poverty through economic empowerment.

Humber staff, including our very own Associate Dean & Principal of the Centre for Skilled Trades & Technology, Michael Auchincloss, travelled to Bhutan to co-develop curriculum, using their expertise and resources to support Bhutanese youth who have encountered education and employment obstacles.

Learn more in this [Humber Today feature story](#).



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FAST TRANSFORMATION COMMITTEE UPDATE

BY LARS KRISTJANSEN, PROGRAM COORDINATOR, ELECTROMECHANICAL ENGINEERING

FAST's Transformation Committee had another great meeting last week!

Our mission is to help transform FAST into a 'super amazing' place to work! In each of our four meetings to-date, we've been excited about unpacking all ideas to promote inclusivity and empower team support. We've tossed out the box and are open to exploring all options to transform the culture and effectiveness of FAST into a dream team and the best faculty to be a member of at Humber.

Last week's round table discussion focused on empowering communication methods from both the perspective of the listener and the speaker. We discussed positive practices that can help bridge gaps, build relationships, communication practices that can be eliminated, opening access to all levels of our team and approaches to promote inclusivity.

Committee membership will remain open and anyone who is interested in joining may contact Layla Khan at Layla.khan@humber.ca

Our next FAST Transformation Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 16 at 10:00am.



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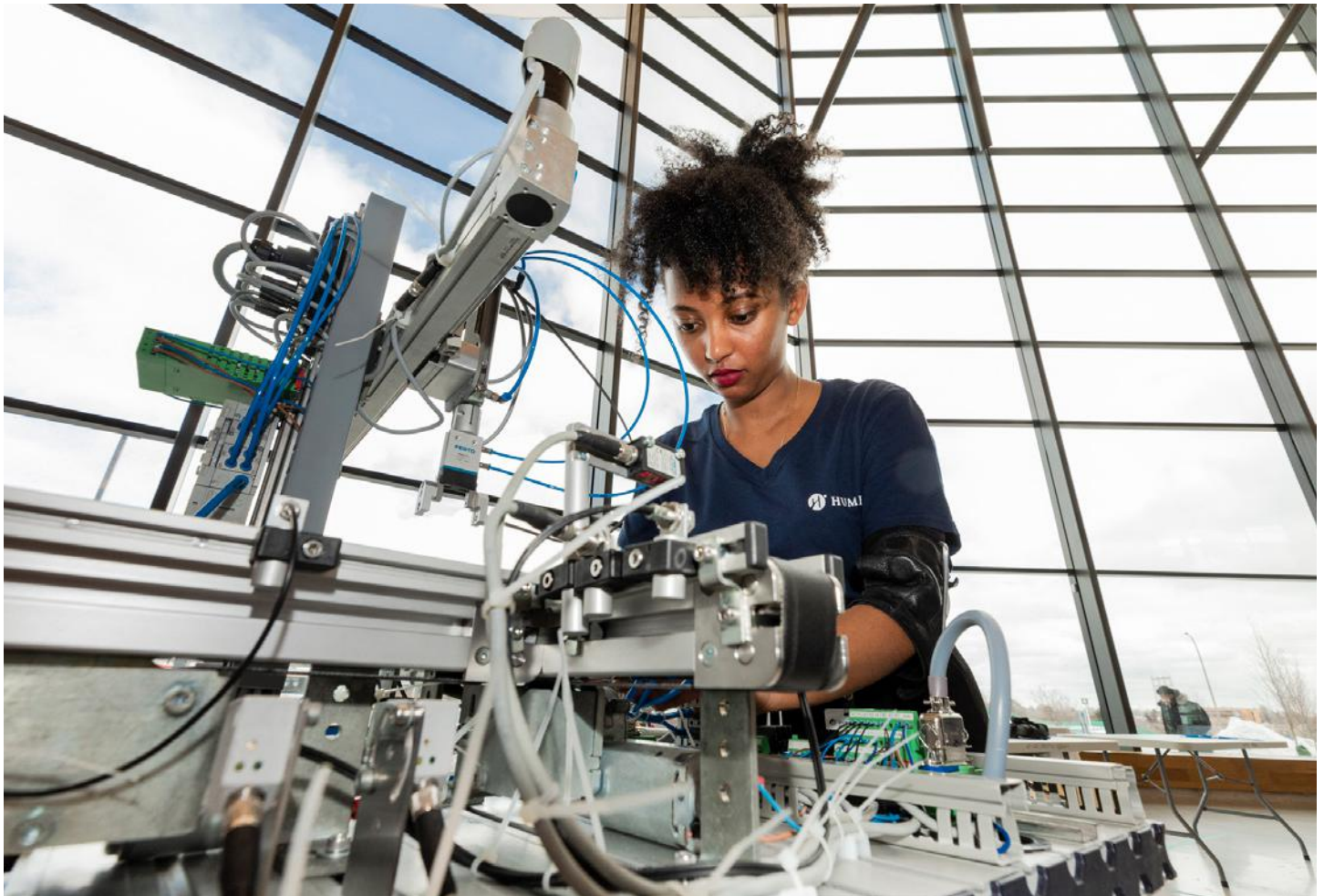
WOMEN IN ENGINEERING CLUB LAUNCHES

Students from FAST's engineering programs held a kick-off event in November, to establish the inaugural Women in Engineering Club. The idea was initiated by Samara Ocansey, a second-year student in the Bachelor of Engineering, The Built Environment program.

The vision of the club is “to build a strong and supportive community for engineering students who identify as female. The goals are to create a space where students can connect with one another, foster mentorship opportunities, and organize events that champion diversity and inclusion in the field of engineering. The club has the potential to empower current female engineering students and serve as an inspiration for future generations to pursue careers in engineering.”

In addition to informal gatherings, the Club is aiming to bring students together and plan an event on March 8, 2024, International Women's Day.

The Club is sponsored by Shaun Ghafari, Dean of Engineering, and supported by Janice Wojcik, Manager of Work-Integrated Learning.



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HOME SWEET HUMBER

CELEBRATING AND SHOWCASING LIFE AT NORTH CAMPUS AND CARRIER DRIVE!

FALL OPEN HOUSE

We opened our doors to welcome the next generation of Humber students at our Fall Open House!

Our classrooms and hallways were filled with energy, providing the opportunity for students to experience north campus and the Centre for Skilled Trades & Technology, meet our faculty & staff, and learn about our FAST programs.

It takes a collaborative approach to coordinate Open House. We extend a sincere thank you to all the faculty, staff, coordinators and administrators at our north campus and Carrier Drive who helped coordinate and host our FAST information sessions.



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LET'S WORK TOGETHER

This fall, the Work-Integrated Learning office launched LET's WORK, a Career Advising Program aimed at developing student leaders in engineering, technology, and the trades in FAST manufacturing-related programs. The one-year industry-funded initiative is aimed at increasing the career readiness of students as they transition into the workforce. The program provides participating students with awareness of the employability (or soft) skills required by employers, as well as assistance with resumes and interviewing skills.

The pilot kicked-off at the Centre for Skilled Trades & Technology, with workshops and coaching to final semester students in the Electrical, Mechanical/Millwright and Welding Techniques programs. An Industry Panel/Networking Event was held on Tuesday, November 28 to help students learn more about career options across various industries, day-to-day responsibilities of jobs related to their field, and pathways to apprenticeships. The pilot is part of a broader initiative to retain students in skilled trades and manufacturing. Students heard from representatives from Magna, Polyainers, FGF Brands, Greater Toronto Airport Authority, Matcor Metal Fabrication and Siemens Canada, and then had the opportunity to network and explore employment opportunities.

In Winter 2024, LET's WORK will be expanded to final semester students in the advanced manufacturing engineering technician and technology programs. One goal will be to help prepare students for the FAST annual career fair for students and graduates, to be held on March 15, 2024. Information will be provided to students in the new year, with some employment services being planned in collaboration with the Humber Career Centre.





FAST CELEBRATIONS

Congratulations to Technologist, Amin Fakhri who has earned a new certification as an AWS Certified Solution Architect - Associate from Amazon Web Services (AWS). Congratulations Amin!



Jazel Paco, a FAST second-year Mechatronics Engineering degree student, is the recipient of a prestigious \$1,000 undergraduate scholarship from the IEEE Toronto Section. The award was presented recently at the IEEE Toronto Annual General Meeting. Congratulations Jazel!

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FAST MILESTONES

Congratulations to the following FAST members who are celebrating a Career Milestone in December! We truly appreciate your contributions to the Humber FAST community and congratulate you on reaching this important milestone!

1 year Sandra Ornelas

40 years Kelly Gray

UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER 15

6:00 – 8:00 PM

Woodworking Showcase

Centre for Skilled Trades & Technology (Carrier Drive)

DECEMBER 20

12:00 – 1:30 PM

FAST Holiday Lunch

Barrett CTI 5th Floor

DECEMBER 22

Employee Appreciation Day

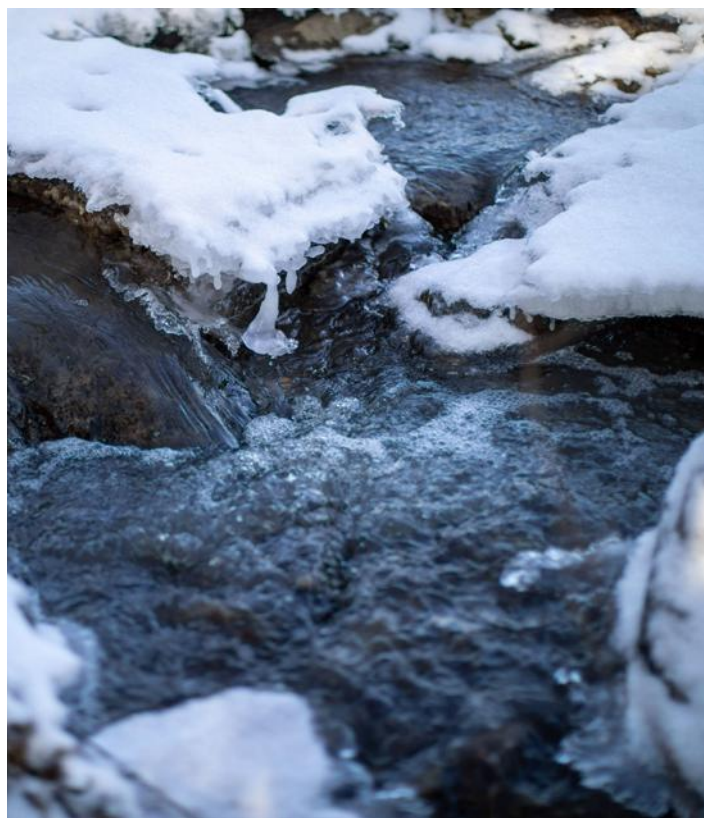
Holiday Break Begins

DECEMBER 23 – JANUARY 2, 2024

Campus is Closed


JANUARY 3, 2024

Campus Re-opens



WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

FAST TIMES recognizes and celebrates the achievements of our faculty and students. To share your successes with us, please submit stories and images to the Office of the Senior Dean, Julie Pasquin: julie.pasquin@humber.ca

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