

Midland Campus apprenticeship training programs are growing

The Midland Campus has become a hub of apprenticeship training in Central Ontario over the past several months.

On March 4, students in Georgian's first ever mould making class and Midland's first tool and die maker and general machinist classes completed the intermediate level of what is referred to collectively as the Precision, Machining and Tooling trades, or PMT.

PMT spans three levels – basic, intermediate and advanced – and prepares apprentices for careers in this rapidly-growing trade. PMT apprenticeship training in Midland allows apprentices who live and work in the region to take training close to home.

All the apprentices in intermediate PMT at Georgian are registered apprentices with local companies. They were able to easily commute daily to the Midland campus, saving time and money while learning in a world-class facility. A second PMT class (basic) began recently.

The trade of Recreational Vehicle Mechanic is now well-established at the Midland Campus. A class of basic level apprentices attended training last year and a second basic level finished this past Christmas. The intermediate level RV Mechanic apprentices wrapped up training on March 4, and RV Mechanic apprenticeships of all levels will be provided on an ongoing basis.

The completion of these two programs is timed to coincide with the start-up of basic level electrical apprenticeship training on March 7.



The apprentices

*PMT students take a break from instruction to pose with **Jurgen Hierholzer**, instructor, far left; and **Norm Robitaille**, technologist, far right.*

Cathy St. Denis wins free parking

Upwards of 1,000 people attended Georgian's first-ever Pow Wow, held by students and faculty of Aboriginal programs at the Barrie Campus on March 19.

Cathy St. Denis was the lucky winner of a parking pass and designated parking space, which was donated by college employee **Brian Charles**.

Sylvia Priest in Human Resources won the traditional blanket, donated by Elder **Sue Anderson Kelly**. **Bonnie Simcoe** of Rama won the stained glass piece that was donated by college employee **Sue Cahoon**.

Order your daffodils now

Daffodils, benefitting the Canadian Cancer Society, will be for sale at the Orillia Campus in the lower foyer on March 31 and April 1 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

No pre-ordering is necessary and the cost is \$6 per bunch of 10 blooms.

Please contact **Tammy** at ext. 3021 for more information.



Students launch website to help support Ontario colleges campaign

The College Student Alliance has joined the fight to help garner funds, support and respect for Ontario colleges through its "YOU'RE Worth More" campaign.

The campaign is fueled by students who are demanding the Ontario government increase funding to colleges in the 2005-06 Ontario Budget.

"YOU'RE Worth More" encourages students to stand up and make their voice heard through an online petition at <http://www.fundmenow.ca>, which urges Premier McGuinty and his government to bring Ontario's chronically under funded colleges up to the national average by 2007-08.

Students and concerned citizens will also have the opportunity to write Premier Dalton McGuinty and Finance Minister Greg Sorbara directly by logging onto the website.

"Across the province, student governments will be hitting the halls to educate, encourage, and inspire students to tell the provincial government that they are worth more. Ontario's college students are the lowest funded in Canada on a per-student basis. Students are demanding that the Ontario government commit to increased funding to Ontario colleges in the 2005 provincial Budget to reach the national average by 2007-08," said Kerrie McQuaig, President, College Student Alliance.

College students in Ontario are paying at least 145 per cent more in tuition fees than in 1990. During the same time period, the Ontario government has reduced per student operating grants by 17 per cent. This has resulted in increases to the net cost to the student through increases

to ancillary and other user fees, cuts to essential student services, suspension or cancellation of programs, and the reduction of full-time faculty and support staff to a level lower than in 1990.

The College Student Alliance represents 17 colleges and 25 student councils with over 110,000 full-time student members throughout the province.

As of Wednesday, more than 13,500 people had also signed the petition at www.fundcollegesnow.ca, a website petition asking the province to make good on the Rae report and include significantly more money for colleges in the upcoming spring budget.

Beyond signing the petition, Georgian staff members are also urged to write and share their views with those who can

make a difference.

For sample letters, visit Staff Lounge in GroupWise. Here are three people who are important to contact, to make this campaign a success:

The Honourable Mary Anne Chambers, Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities, Province of Ontario.

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Dalton McGuinty

Premier of Ontario

dmcguinty.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org

The Honourable Gregory Sorbara
Minister of Finance, Province of Ontario

gsorbara.mpp@liberal.ola.org



Foundation has new director

The Georgian College Foundation would like to welcome **Lisa Eveleigh** as its new Director of Development.

Eveleigh is an experienced senior fundraiser and executive manager, with a diverse background in the not-for-profit sector. She takes over this position from **Wayne Bjorgan**, who retired recently.

Her previous experience includes fund development, management, marketing and public relations, financial and human resource management, program development and leadership.

She was most recently executive director of the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Foundation. Eveleigh has also been a faculty member with Georgian College's Fundraising and Resource Development program since 2000. Other positions include vice president, development, of Invest in Kids and national director of development, Ducks Unlimited Canada. In 2001, she won the 2001 top management employee award for Ducks Unlimited.

Everleigh received her certified fund raising executive designation in 1998 and is currently working toward her Master of Business Administration through distance and online education from the University of Leicester, England.

Please welcome her as a valuable member of the Georgian team.



Enjoying student art

*The School of Design and Visual Arts held its annual Portfolio Review Days and welcomed over 450 visitors from various parts of Ontario and beyond, March 14-16. **Greg Merrall**, co-ordinator for the Jewellery and Metals program, explains the afternoon's agenda to applicants and parents, including presentations by SDVA student ambassadors on each of the portfolio programs, and question and answer tours of program areas.*

Special thanks to Georgian College

I have been a disabled student at Georgian college this past year. A lot of people do not realize how much the staff does for the students beyond their job description. I would like to thank some of the following people, as well as some other general areas of the college that have helped me. Due to my personal circumstances, I cannot say my name. We'd like to say thank you, me along with my four-legged partner in crime, as they have helped me at school and personally since I've been sick at the hospital. Thank you to all of you.

Joanne, Mary, Ruth, Julie, Debbie, Phil, Susan, Norma, Nina, Sydney, Monica, Jim, Chris, Christina, Suzie, Judith, Greg, Ester, Sandra, Arlene, Mary, Maureen, Leeanne, the stats and write-on labs and library commons staff and all the other staff, I thank you.

Plan ahead - consider a "living will"

Professor Emeritus **David Mair** suggests that staff who have been following the sad case of Terri Schiavo, the woman who has been in a "persistent vegetative state" since 1990, may wish to find out more about a "living will".

Mair suggests that a good source is within the "public outreach" section of the University of Toronto Joint Centre for Bioethics at www.utoronto.ca/jcb.

After an individual has done the necessary thinking, he/she should consider discussing this with a lawyer.



Spare change

*Early Childhood Education students fundraised last month by contributing their loose change in class, then soliciting donations from the Orillia Campus community for two days. They were excited to present a cheque for \$735 to the Emergency Baby Needs Depot. The students and Orillia Campus community also donated food, shampoo, diapers and hand-knit baby clothes. The Emergency Baby Needs Depot relies on community donations, providing diapers and formula to families in need in Orillia. Pictured along with many first and second-year ECE students are **Deb Irwin**, ECE faculty member, left; and **Karen Brown**, Senior Program Facilitator, Ontario Early Years Centre, Orillia and ECE grad, right. Thank you to students, faculty and staff for your support.*



The winning team

*Nokia Canada recently sponsored its Second Annual Advertising Competition and invited Georgian College Advertising students to research, prepare and submit an integrated marketing campaign (IMC) for a new Nokia product. Three teams of second-year students were chosen to present their campaigns in the Rowntree Theatre, Barrie Campus, to judges from Nokia Canada and representatives of its advertising and media companies. The winning team was selected on the basis of the quality and creativity of their presentation and the content of their IMC plan. Each team member receives the newest Nokia cell phone, Nokia gifts and an invitation to sit in on an upcoming Nokia commercial production. Left to right are **Crystal Baird, Greg Dietrich, Samantha Priestly, Jenna Ujiye, and Jenn Watts.***

IAAP conference is on April 18 at Kempenfelt

Motivational speaker **Marilyn Williamson** will speak at the Kempenfelt Conference Centre, April 18, as a guest of the Barrie and District Chapter of the International Association of Administrative Professionals (IAAP).

Williamson is a very dynamic motivational speaker, with enthusiasm and a great sense of humour. Her website address is www.sayitwithstyle.ca.

Included in the registration is the chance for employers to win a full day meeting package at the Kempenfelt Conference Centre for up to 10 people. This prize is valued at \$350. Other prizes include dinner for two at the Kempenfelt Conference Centre, door prizes and a 50/50 draw.

The cost for networking/social hour, dinner and speaker is \$30, or \$20 for students. To register, call (705) 721-5090, or e-mail pmoreau@clhmidland.on.ca.

Beth Salt is new secretary

Beth Salt has joined the team at Aviation Management, Office Administration and Computer Studies as the new full-time program secretary.

Beth has been with Georgian College for 2½ years. She was a program assistant in Community Studies in Orillia, looking after the Police Foundations and Law and Security Administration programs in the Justice and Public Safety Institute as well as the Fundraising, ECE Resource Teacher and ECE Apprenticeship programs and Orillia's General Education courses. In addition, Beth teaches part-time for the Communications program.

Prior to coming to Georgian, Beth lived and travelled overseas in various countries, including the U.K., Western Europe, Australia, New Zealand, India and the former Yugoslavia.

Beth brings a wealth of knowledge and experience that will complement the department. Her new role began officially on March 21. Beth may be reached at ext. 5129.

Please welcome Beth to her new role at Georgian.

LU Showcase is April 1

The Fourth Annual Laurentian University Showcase will be held at the Barrie Campus on April 1.

In honour of the 50th anniversary of Einstein's death, and the 100th anniversary of his theory of relativity, the students have chosen the following title for the Showcase this year:

LU 2005 SHOWCASE

Learning.... It's all relative

This year's tribute to the students' scholarly work will be a multidisciplinary event, including sociology, political science, psychology and science. Along with the traditional table exhibits, there will be all-day poster sessions, break-out rooms for debates and roundtable discussions. The events will be held in the Student Life Centre (J Building), from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Students will welcome guests and visitors to view their accomplishments and to share in the excitement of their ideas. Please drop in at any time during the day.

The students and staff look forward to celebrating their success with you!

Meet the Orillia SAC team

*Pictured is the 2005/2006 Students' Administrative Council team for the Orillia Campus. The outgoing SAC group wishes them the best and knows that they will provide students with great leadership. Congratulations and good luck. The annual awards celebration will be held at the Orillia Campus on March 31. Approximately 27 academic awards will be presented, along with Students' Administrative Council awards and numerous athletic awards, including female and male athlete of the year. Former president **Troy Burch** commends the outgoing SAC members for all the hard work they have done for students at the Orillia Campus. "The year was a complete success and we will all remember the fond times we had at Georgian College. Thank you to all staff, faculty, and students for making our roles easier and enjoyable," says Burch.*



Lois Houghton - president



Courtney Attwater - VP external



Rob Mansfield - VP internal



Gordon Hurley - athletics



Kristi Carr - social



Tracy Gunby - PR

Chartwells closed Easter weekend

Note that Chartwells food operations will be closed from Friday, March 25 to Sunday, March 27 for Easter weekend. Regular hours will resume Monday, March 28.

Community corner: King of the Basement

The award-winning play, *Danny, King of the Basement*, is coming to Gryphon Theatre on March 29 at 6:30 p.m.

The Simcoe County Alliance to End Homelessness is partnering with Barrie Out of the Cold, the Barrie Community Health Centre, Georgian College and the Ontario Provincial Police in bringing this unique production to Simcoe County.

The award-winning play is a funny, touching story about a boy whose spirit and imagination triumph over the challenges of homelessness and life in a single parent family.

Tickets are \$10, or \$5 for students, and available by calling 726-2301, ext. 22, or at the door.

Georgian College Nursing students volunteer in Dominican Republic

A group of 15 Georgian College Nursing students and four faculty members are heading to the Dominican Republic this spring. The students are from the Barrie and Orillia Campuses and include the Practical Nursing and Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree programs.

They won't be basking on the beach at a posh resort. They are taking their expertise to the town of Bani, an impoverished area of the island, where they will spend a week working in local clinics. The group will be staying with three Canadian Sisters of Charity, Sister Peggy, Sister Catherine and Sister Roberta, who have worked in the area for 30 years.

The students will learn about health care in Third World countries and gain clinical experience assisting individuals who have no access to health care. Their itinerary includes touring local hospitals, working in a malnutrition centre, setting up clinics in sugar cane plantations and visiting a leper hospital.

Faculty members Sylvia van der Weg, Lynn Hoath, Sheila Wojcek and Jane Barnes will accompany the students on this mission of mercy.

According to van der Weg, the students will do assessments, treatments, help those they can, and refer patients to a local Dominican doctor who will be available at the clinic. They will also provide information to parents on proper nutrition and care for their children.

"This is a great experience for the students to see what health care challenges exist in developing countries," said van der Weg. "Last year our students helped more than 750 people in one week."

As well as paying their own way, the students are expected to round up and bring medical supplies, including over-the-counter medicines, vitamins, bandages and dressings, anything they might need to help patients in their clinics. They will spend the next few months soliciting donations from around the community. Although

everything is needed, they cannot accept out-of-date medications or narcotics. Cash donations will be used to purchase needed items, such as parasite medication, beyond those donated.

Two of the student volunteers, Matthew Hamilton and Joanne Mercer, are looking forward to having an opportunity to help the less fortunate.

Hamilton wants to "travel to the loneliest places on the planet to help the poorest of the poor". He wants to "do something to help others".

Mercer says "I hope that this experience will lead me to a lifetime of doing volunteer work in countries that are in need of nursing care".

This year for the first time, a second week is planned for Registered Nurses and Registered Practical Nurses who work in the agencies that provide practicum for Georgian College Nursing students. For a number of years the Georgian team has been asked to provide a nursing experience in a developing country for working nurses, similar to the student experience. This year, it will happen.

On April 28, 16 nurses from local hospitals and community agencies will travel to Bani or St. Jose de Ocoa

in the Dominican Republic and will be actively involved in nursing clinics, home visits, teaching, and learning more about health care in the Caribbean nation.

Jane Armstrong, a Registered Nurse, will be one of the volunteers.

"I've always wanted to do a mission trip like this to help others. I can't tell you how excited I was to hear I was accepted to go. It's going to be a real learning experience, as well as a great opportunity to do some good," said Armstrong.

"With the two groups going this year, we have an opportunity to really make a difference to the people in the regions we are visiting. Each person will take two hockey bags full of supplies and medications. Our biggest need this year is vitamins, and we welcome donations of infant, children's and adult vitamins."

"For all the participants, it is a physically and emotionally tough week. The days are long and for some, it's the first time they stare poverty in the face," said van der Weg.

For information on how to donate money or materials for this worthwhile venture, contact Sylvia van der Weg at ext. 1457.

Conference is especially for faculty

Focus on Teaching: Reconnect, Rebuild, Recharge is a free conference for faculty, by faculty. It's planned for April 28 at the Barrie Campus. Deans are generously covering the cost of registration and lunch.

Keynote speaker is Michael Tudor, an experienced and practical facilitator, published writer and educator at OISE/UT in Toronto. He will kick off the day with humorous and entertaining ideas on how we can reconnect, rebuild and recharge.

To register, visit <http://edu.georgianc.on.ca/teaching/CTLshowcase05/registration.htm>

or contact Lee-Anne McNabb (lmcnabb@georgianc.on.ca or ext. 1162)

Notice: Due to technical difficulties the web-based registration form only works from computers on campus. Anyone without access to computers on-campus, please e-mail Lee-Anne McNabb (lmcnabb@georgianc.on.ca) or call (705) 728-1968, ext. 1162 to register.

For more information contact Beccy Rodgers at ext. 1819, brodgers@georgianc.on.ca. Space is limited so register today!

Hospitality and Tourism

"Sharing the art of fine living"

**Cook up a
Saturday reprieve!**

Georgian College's Hospitality and Tourism department presents the *Saturday Cooking Series*

What: Private cooking demonstration, lunch and take-home recipes

When: Saturday, April 2 • 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Where: Georgian College Dining Room, Room E100,
Hospitality and Tourism Building,
Barrie Campus

Cost: \$35 + taxes per person, Italian fare

Call 722-5142 for reservations.

Special introductory price for
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A year-end reminder from Accounting:

All invoices, cheque requisitions, and travel reports up to and including March 31, 2005 must be received in Accounting by April 7, 2005 for the expenses to be reflected in the 04/05 fiscal year.

All invoicing requests for revenue to be recorded in 2004/05 must be received in Accounting by April 7, 2005.

If you need to place an order with Grand & Toy, please do it by March 23, 2005 to ensure the goods will be delivered and the charge will be included on the billing for March 2005.

Everyone's co-operation is necessary in order to ensure the Year End Financial Statements are complete and accurate. If you have any questions regarding the year-end process, please call Karen Rudachyk at ext. 1731.

Tech Café volunteers needed April 28

Volunteers are needed to help with the Tech Café at the inaugural Teaching and Learning Conference planned for April 28 at the Barrie Campus. Volunteers may spend a half day, whole day, or just a few hours - whatever time they can spare. Volunteers' names will be entered into a draw for a gift certificate from Bits and Bytes.

The space, snacks, and lunch are all provided. All volunteers need to do is show up and answer questions from faculty in an informal setting.

Currently, volunteers are needed who can speak meaningfully on the following subject areas:

- Blackboard
- PowerPoint
- Banner
- Word
- Respondus
- GroupWise
- Viewlet Builder
- Photoshop
- Multimedia Classroom/Podiums
- Laptop/XP
- Scanning

Anyone interested, or who needs further information, should contact Lee-Anne McNabb, ext. 1162, lmcnabb@georgianc.on.ca; or Greg Rodrigo, ext. 1775, grodrigo@georgianc.on.ca.

Enjoy a relaxing massage at work

Imagine - a massage at work!

Georgian's new Massage Therapy Lab is now open and ready for business. The lab is open to Georgian staff, students and the public, so getting a great massage has never been easier.

Massage rates are \$15 for students and \$25 for Georgian staff and the public. For more information, or to book an appointment, call ext. 1253.

RAP and PGM students work with top industry experts at golf summit

Ten Georgian College students from the Research Analyst (RAP) and Professional Golf Management (PGM) programs volunteered two days out of their reading week and worked with top golf industry representatives at the National Allied Golf Association Play Golf Summit, Feb. 23-24.

More than 170 golf course owners, club managers, golf directors and industry association leaders gathered for the first annual summit at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto to strategize the business of golf and identify actions to grow the game of golf.

The students were deeply involved in the Summit. First, they designed and analyzed the responses from delegates to the web survey prior to the summit. Delegates were asked to envision golf in the year 2020 and describe the three most important issues that need to be addressed to reach this vision.

Important issues worth noting included growing the game by attracting new players (women, youth), addressing the price to play, the time it takes to play a round, making golf fun, and co-operation of associations. The survey results were presented at the opening of the two-day summit by RAP co-ordinator Robert Wong, with assistance of RAP and PGM students.

Under the guidance of Brad Doey, PGM Program

Manager; John Daggett, PGM co-op officer; and Shawn Robertson, PGM faculty member, the technology savvy students worked along side conference facilitators to capture the ideas at round table discussions efficiently on their Palm computers or laptops.

The Summit provided a great learning experience for both groups of students. RAP students had practice with live research and meeting tight deadlines, while PGM students were able to network and learn more about their industry. It was positive exposure for the college.

But hard work deserves



Reading week activity

Students enjoyed attending the National Allied Golf Association Play Golf Summit.

some play. The Georgian team enjoyed a wonderful stay at Fairmount Royal York Hotel, including the culinary delights and a comedy show.

Congratulations to Michele Burrows, Adina

Croituru, Charlene Harrison, Jill Hickman, and Katie Ryan from RAP; and Mark Cornelissen, Paul Laughlin, Greg Lecky, Edwin MacDonald, and Cody MacDonald from PGM. They were in full swing!

Rishabh Bhandari wins Algonquin Automotive Award

April, 2003 saw Georgian College and Algonquin Automotive partner on a new award to recognize like minded students in the Mechanical Engineering Technology programs of Automotive Products Design and Automotive Manufacturing

There is a set criteria the student must meet in order to receive the award, such as living the Algonquin core values - respect everyone, take risks, foster and link team member talents, build trust and be an unselfish leader.

The reward is made up of an initial \$1,500 towards tuition, a guaranteed co-op placement at Algonquin (or a four-month contract after graduation), plus an additional \$1,500 towards tuition following the successful completion of a

co-op term at Algonquin Automotive. The first recipient was Mavis Lau from the Automotive Manufacturing program, who did a great job on her co-op with the company and continues to strive to accomplish her best in current studies.

In late 2004, interviews were arranged and in early 2005 Rishabh Bhandari, a second-year student in Automotive Manufacturing, was the successful applicant for this generous award. Rishabh is looking forward to an upcoming co-op term with the team at Algonquin. This company admires the calibre of Georgian's graduates and has hired several to date.

Algonquin Automotive designs, supplies, engineers and assembles

accessories for the automotive industry. They have manufacturing facilities in Huntsville, Bracebridge and Gravenhurst.

This outstanding company's diligent work ethic and commitment has recently earned them three prestigious awards: Company of the Year (31+ employees) Award in the Huntsville/Lake of Bays Chamber of Commerce Business Excellence Awards program, Toyota Motor Sales 2004 Excellence Award and Mopar's 2004 Outstanding Performance Award.

Georgian College is very proud to partner with such an outstanding industry leader, that has a strong commitment to providing excellence.

March 31 is deadline for nominations

Consider nominating one of your retired colleagues for the Professor Emeritus designation.

The deadline for nominations is March 31. The more supporting letters and documentation you have to submit with your nomination, the better chance your candidate has of being selected.

As stated in the HR Policy and Procedures online manual (# 4-137), the purpose of designating a Professor Emeritus status on a retired faculty member is “to build on Georgian College’s reputation for delivering quality learning experiences for students by recognizing the academic leadership and outstanding contributions of retired faculty members. The honorary designation of Professor Emeritus may be granted to retired members of the faculty who have demonstrated exemplary service to the College and its communities – as recognized by the President and the Board of Governors.”

Previous recipients include Don Stuart from Design Art, David Mair and Michael Wolfe from Business, and Judith Thomson from Owen Sound.

For further information, may access the HR procedures online as stated above, or phone **Arlene Stone**, ext. 1261.

Capsule calendar

April 1: Journalist George Stroumbouloupoulos, Georgian College Theatre, 10 a.m., \$15, ext. 1774.

April 1: Laurentian Showcase, Student Life Centre, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

April 18: IAAP conference, Kempenfelt Conference Centre. \$30. (705) 721-5090 to register.

April 28: Free conference for faculty, Barrie Campus. Becky Rodgers, ext. 1819.



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