

Staff News highlights – June 17 to June 21

Former instructor left mark on the college and community

Bob Paterson made a big impact on Georgian and the community at large. Sadly, he passed away on March 19 at the age of 76. [Read a Barrie Examiner article](#) on Bob's contributions and details of his memorial taking place June 23.

National Aboriginal Day June 21

The Aboriginal Resource Centre will host a celebration of National Aboriginal Day at the Barrie Campus in Room M137 on June 21 from noon to 3 p.m.

This year's event will include a presentation of the 2013 Ontario Arts Council Aboriginal Arts Award to Elder, writer and scholar Basil Johnston. The award presentation will take place at noon.

Created in 2012, the Ontario Arts Council Aboriginal Arts Award celebrates the work of Aboriginal arts leaders who have made significant contributions to the arts in Ontario. The award also honours the next generation – each recipient is invited to nominate an emerging Aboriginal artist. Basil has selected musician Greg Ritchie as this year's emerging Aboriginal artist.

The celebration will feature storytelling from Basil, great music performed by Greg Ritchie as well as some traditional snacks and refreshments. Please feel free to drop by and show your support.

For more information visit the [National Aboriginal Day website](#). To learn more about Basil Johnston visit the [Ontario Arts Council website](#).

Simon Whitfield drops in to Barrie Campus

Canadian Olympian Simon Whitfield delighted people at the Barrie Campus on Friday, June 14, when he dropped by for a tour of the Athletic Centre and the Health and Wellness Building. The two-time Olympic triathlon medal-winner was in Barrie to take part in the inaugural Endurance Games at the Barrie waterfront on the weekend.

Whitfield visited the gym for an impromptu workout with young athletes who are taking part in Basketball Canada's training camp, then headed upstairs to the fitness centre where he took a spin on a stationary bike beside faculty members Anne Green and Martha MacEachern. After that, it was off for a lightning-fast tour of selected clinics at the Sadlon Centre for Health and Wellness, led by faculty member Sean Madorin.

Whitfield won a gold medal in the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney, Australia, and a silver in the 2008 Beijing Games. He even brought along his medals for Georgian staff and students to admire.

Summer construction update

Physical Resources has a number of projects taking place at the Barrie Campus over the summer months. Please note the following:

- The Advancement and Community Development office (formerly ODAR) has now been relocated from C259 to E200 along with Conference and Event Services.
- Work will begin on the new Subway this week with the removal of the old Bear Essentials store in C Building on Thursday evening. Continuing through the weekend, ceiling demolition will take place in the second floor foyer in C Building. During this time there will be no access through this area. The second floor foyer will be open again on Monday morning but work continues in that area over the next month while the flooring and ceiling is replaced. Intermittent shutdowns of this area will take place on an as-required basis. Barricades will be put in place to ensure everyone's safety.
- The elevator in C Building will be shut down for replacement starting early July through to mid-August.
- The flooring in the hallway on the second floor of B Building will be replaced with ceramic tile. This work will commence Friday, June 21, after 4 p.m., and will be completed no later than June 29. During this time many of the hallway doors will be removed temporarily and cut down in order to accommodate the new floor height. You may continue to access your office area/classroom/washrooms during this flooring project, however, please remain outside of the areas under construction, and note that you may not have a door for a short period of time. This will not be a breach in security.
- There will be parking lot and road remediation work over Reading Week (June 24 to 28) to complete deficiencies from last year's roads project. There may be some disruptions as the contractor may need to close areas at different times.
- Roof work will continue on the C Building and should be completed by mid-July.

Thank you for your co-operation. For more information, [email Heather Steeves](#), or call ext. 5219.

Retirees honoured at Last Class breakfast

Georgian employees who are retiring this year were honoured at a breakfast gathering at The Last Class at the Barrie Campus on Monday, June 17. Of those invited to the event, about 40 were able to attend.

President and CEO MaryLynn West-Moynes and other members of the senior leadership team took part in thanking them for their years of service and in wishing them well in the future. Many took the opportunity to reminisce about their favourite Georgian moments and talk about what has made Georgian such a wonderful place – for themselves, their colleagues and for students.

Caroline Bowman retiring

Caroline Bowman will be retiring after 24 years with Georgian. Please drop by her office in B121 to say farewell and wish her the best.

Retirement potluck celebration June 20

Please join us for a potluck lunch group retirement celebration for John Magill, John Miller, Keith Morris, Jack Playne and Monika Trickett on June 20 from noon to 2 p.m. in A254.

Bid farewell to retiring business and automotive faculty June 25

A potluck lunch will be held on June 25 from noon to 2 p.m. in the Automotive student lounge (H127) to honour retiring Business and Automotive faculty members. Everyone is welcome to drop by. If you plan to bring a dish to the potluck, please [email Veronique Delaunois](#).

Linda Lee Couse retirement gathering June 27

After 28 years with Georgian College, Linda Lee Couse is retiring. Please join us in the Aboriginal Resource Centre (Room M137) on Thursday, June 27, between 1:30 and 3:30 p.m. for a celebration in her honour.

Mission complete for Owen Sound Campus retirees

The Owen Sound Campus celebrated its six retirees on Friday, June 14, with a “Mission Impossible” themed party. Thank you to Rachel Taylor, Culinary Techniques instructor, who created and donated the amazing cake.
