

Staff News highlights – April 8 to 12

Preview numbers are in – strong attendance across all campuses

Almost **5,000 potential students, friends and family filled all seven Georgian College campuses** for the annual Preview sessions on Saturday, April 6. Accepted students and guests were invited to the Barrie and Orillia campuses, while an open house format was offered at the Midland, Muskoka, Orangeville, Owen Sound and South Georgian Bay campuses.

Everyone involved agrees that sessions at every campus provided a great opportunity for future students to learn more about Georgian College and – hopefully – to confirm their attendance here in coming months. General assemblies, academic area breakout sessions and comprehensive campus tours all helped make the events successful.

Attendance by campus:

- Barrie – 3,105
- Orillia – 903
- Owen Sound – 450
- Midland – 150
- Muskoka – 45
- Orangeville – 54
- South Georgian Bay – 46

The Barrie Campus was buzzing with excitement on April 6 for Preview – [click here to view the YouTube video](#).

Board of Governors' Awards of Distinction announced

Recipients of the **2013 Board of Governors' Awards of Distinction** have been announced. The recipients will be presented with their awards on Monday, April 29 at 11 a.m. in the Georgian College Theatre as part of Georgian's first Employee Innovation and Professional Development Week. All employees are invited to attend and recognize their colleagues. Congratulations to all!

Award of Excellence

- Carol McNabb, Co-ordinator, Technical Services, Library Commons (Support Staff)
- Dr. Cassandra Thompson, Dean, School of Health and Wellness (Administration)
- Brad Doey, Co-ordinator, Golf programs (Faculty)

Innovation Award

- Mary O'Farrell-Bowers, Dean, School of Child Studies, School of Human Services, School of Public Safety and Emergency Services
- Cynthia Riley, Faculty, School of Business and Pre-Health Sciences

Team Award

- Registrar's Office and Information Technology (modernization of the Ontario Student Assistance Program): Ashlee Feener, Jennifer Feggi, Cindy Mutchler, Susan Hosein and Dan Murphy
- Renewal of Bachelor of Applied Human Studies:
 - Advanced Studies Macro-Curriculum Committee: Anita Arvast
 - Public Safety and Emergency Service: Mike Winacott, Melanie Marchand, Joshua Barath, Simon Bradford, Karol Brown and Mary O'Farrell-Bowers
 - University Partnership Centre: Mary Whittaker and Nancy Noldy-MacLean
 - Registrar's Office: Cynthia Mutchler, Lynne Wood and Sue Jackson
 - Organizational Planning and Development: Amanda Duncan
 - Library Services: Joy Martin and Amy Matthews
 - Student Services (Orillia): Cathy Campbell

Staff Emeritus/Emerita

- Brian Tamblyn, President Emeritus

Professional Development Award

- Geoffrey Booth, Professor, School of Public Safety and Emergency Services

Distinguished Alumni Award

- Rich Vander Wal, Owner, Neuro Care

Board of Governors' Award

- Mark Henderson, Executive Vice President and COO, PowerStream
- Dianne Martin, Chair, Alumni Association and Executive Director, Registered Practical Nurses Association of Ontario

Distinguished Partnership Award

- Barrie Construction Association and Simcoe County Home Builders' Association
- Hobart Food Equipment Group Canada

VPs will face off in Rotary Fun Run on May 29

Participating for the first time on Team Georgian in the Rotary Fun Run, VP Lisa Banks wants to win! Not only does she want the college to win Rotary's corporate challenge, but she also wants to win a foot race against her good friend and fellow VP Catherine Drea.

Catherine is up for the challenge and isn't taking it lightly. You may see her power walk training around flag circle.

Come cheer on Lisa and Catherine at the Fun Run on Wednesday, May 29, at Barrie's South Shore Centre. Better yet, join them! Lisa and Catherine encourage staff to lace up to support this Rotary fundraiser that benefits Georgian College students through the club's \$250,000 donation to the Sadlon Centre for Health and Wellness.

If you are issuing a challenge, [send an email](#) so you can be part of our Staff News race updates.

The registration fee is \$30. You can choose to walk 5K or run 5K or 10K. Race kit pick-up begins at 4 p.m. and the run starts at 6:30 p.m. We will do a special Georgian warm-up and photo around 6 p.m. Details will be emailed to participants closer to the date.

To register:

1. Go to the [Rotary Fun Run website](#), click Register Now and create a Race Roster account. All Georgian staff, students, alumni, volunteers and their families can register for Team Georgian.
2. After filling in your information, under Teams choose Join Team, select Corporate Challenge under team type and team name Georgian College.
3. [RSVP here](#) so we can do a head count and provide you with a free Georgian t-shirt

Georgian College grad saves a life

Robert Wiggins uses the skills he learned as a Georgian College student on the job every day. But those skills also helped him save a life while he was off-duty watching a Barrie Colts game last week.

Read all about how this Georgian alumnus, a 28-year-old paramedic employed by the County of Simcoe, was able to jump into action at the Barrie Molson Centre in [this recent Barrie Examiner article](#).

Team Georgian lights up Trivia Night

Following a very successful Preview, a team of trivia buffs from the Owen Sound Campus captured second place in the annual Festival of Northern Lights Trivia Night fundraiser sponsored by Georgian College. The team donated their \$160 winnings back to the cause.

“We did well in almost all eight categories, but struggled with the Oscars” said Kailey Thompson, one of the team members.

“But with two sailors on the team we really aced the ‘at sea’ category,” added Carol Record.

Proceeds from the fundraiser go toward the award-winning annual display of lights that illuminates more than 25 kilometres along the harbour, the Sydenham riverbanks, the downtown core and Harrison Park every night from late November until early January each year.

Pow Wow helps fill Georgian Food Locker

The Georgian Food Locker, the food bank for Georgian students, is a lot fuller this month, thanks to organizers and guests of the Eighth Annual Pow Wow held at the Barrie Campus March 9.

The Pow Wow, a colourful and popular community event, is a student-driven endeavour that showcases Aboriginal values and culture. Each year, the Pow Wow supports the Georgian College Food Locker by collecting food donations in lieu of an admission charge. This year, the Pow Wow collected a huge amount of non-perishable food, together with cash donations.

Some of the Pow Wow student organizers gathered in the Aboriginal Centre to present a donation of \$921.50 to Brian Muscat, General Manager, Department of Housing and Student Life, representing the Food Locker.

Operated by SAC, the Food Locker confidentially provides needy Georgian students with one week’s worth of food each month. Students apply online and, if approved, get a return email message containing the number of a locker – and a lock combination – somewhere on their campus. Each recipient has 48 hours to visit the locker and pick up the food. The locker program is supported by SAC and donations from students, staff and the community.

Georgian Spa and Massage clinics open all summer

Summer is around the corner and this year, the Massage and Spa clinics will remain open to keep you relaxed and your toes in shape for sandal season.

Stay tuned for summer hours notification as well as a full list of services available and monthly spa specials.

Be sure to spread the word to your family friends – all clinics are open to the public.

For more information, [visit the Health and Wellness clinic page](#).

Student winner in National Paramedic Competition

Advanced Care Paramedic student Steve Prophet represented Georgian College at the National Paramedic Competition held on April 6, coming in first place in the academic category. He competed with approximately 80 paramedics from across Canada and the Netherlands in patient simulations and various academic challenges. Congratulations Steve!

Celebrating internal education achievements

Congratulations to Debbie Roberts, faculty member with the School of Business, who successfully defended her PhD thesis "A Kantian Defense of Regulatory Law and Penalty: Consumer Protection in the Canadian Automotive Industry" through York University.

Debbie has worked closely with the Canadian automotive industry, sitting on the OMVIC Discipline and Appeals Committee and currently on the OMVIC Stakeholders Committee. Her research for OMVIC and the Ministry of Consumer Services led to recommendations incorporated into the revised Motor Vehicle Dealers Act, 2010.

Debbie spent many years as a co-ordinator and most recently as Acting Associate Dean with the Automotive Business School/School of Business and was involved in a number of Georgian College degree submissions to the Postsecondary Education Quality Assessment Board.