

Retirement celebration for Nancy Wagner-Wisotzki

Join colleagues in the Pre-Service Firefighter program and Human Services and Community Safety areas for a retirement celebration at the Barrie Campus honouring long-time faculty member Nancy Wagner-Wisotzki. Light refreshments will be served in The Last Class on Wednesday, Dec. 4, from 3 to 5 p.m. with a formal celebration at 4 p.m. For those interested, please [contact Samantha Southorn](#) at ext. 1612 to sign a card and/or make a monetary donation toward a gift.

Advocating for change in fast food restaurants

As part of their Community Projects Initiative placement experience, third-year Child and Youth Worker students Shayla Allen and Toni D'Alonazo are encouraging youth in the community to make healthier food choices. The two Orillia students have partnered with the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit, in collaboration with the Heart and Stroke Foundation and Barrie YMCA, to [promote the Stick it to Fast Food campaign](#). The campaign is driven by social media and is entirely student-run.

Big Food community kitchen a big success in Owen Sound

Every college student should have the skills required to cook healthily and create cost-effective meals. The Students' Administrative Council, First Year Experience/First Generation teams and the Culinary program in Owen Sound partnered to deliver a student community kitchen titled *Big Food*.

Students socialized, cooked, washed dishes and ate together using Georgian's culinary facilities, all while gaining the skills to be more confident and comfortable in the kitchen. They walked away with six meals they could freeze for the future or share with friends and family. The menu included a tasty mac n' cheese and hearty pasta Bolognese.

Feedback from the event was very positive and students look forward to the next community kitchen, which will be held in early December.

Brandon Lander farewell celebration

After 29 years at Georgian College, the last 21 as Vice President, Administration, and 14 of those as Secretary Treasurer to the Board, Brandon has decided it's time to retire.

On Wednesday, Dec. 11 there will be an opportunity for the college community, governors and partners to come together in the Georgian Dining Room, Barrie Campus, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. to thank Brandon for his amazing contributions. Everyone is invited.

[You may contribute to a gift for Brandon.](#)

If you would like to sign a card for him, see Jan Robinson in Room C326, Barrie Campus.

Base Borden Run raises \$24,000 for Operation Hero Scholarship

The final numbers raised at the 2013 Base Borden Run held on Oct. 20 have been tallied and it is good news for military family members pursuing an education at Georgian College.

"An incredible \$24, 239 was raised this year with over 600 participants lacing up for the race," said Anita Stacy, past president of the Barrie Construction Association, and a co-founder of the run. "Together with the Simcoe County Home Builders' Association, Base Borden, Georgian College, and our incredible sponsors and volunteers, we were able to put on a first rate running experience for a great cause for the fourth year in a row."

The 2013 Base Borden Run raised \$24,239 to support scholarships for military family members who pursue an education at Georgian College. Organizers and dignitaries gathered at Georgian College's Barrie Campus today to mark the donation.

Operation Hero was launched in 2010 by Barrie businessman and CFB Borden Hon. Col. Jamie Massie. More than \$815,000 has been raised for the scholarship from many generous donors across the community and beyond. Over \$100,000 has been raised from the Base Borden Run in the last four years.

Matt Pryce, from the Simcoe County Home Builders Association and the other co-founder of the event, points out another benefit: "The event continues to build community between CFB Borden and its neighbours. It is a privilege to work with Base personnel and to see the run grow."

Canada's largest military training base, CFB Borden trained more than 18,000 students last year, and employs over 3200 permanent military and civilian personnel.

A little prick leads to a lot of knowledge

Canadian Blood Services teamed up with a group of students called the Public Safety and Emergency Services (PSES) Task Force on Nov. 22 to offer a blood typing clinic in the main lobby at the Orillia Campus. More than 60 people were tested for their blood type and 14 students signed up as a group to donate blood. Knowing your blood type is important for a number of reasons. For example, having that

knowledge can prevent the risk of you receiving the wrong blood type at a time of need (during surgery or a blood transfusion).

New Campus Principal, Owen Sound

The following message is on behalf of Baldev Pooni, Vice President, Academic and University Programming.

I am pleased to announce that Marion Lougas has accepted the position of Campus Principal at the Owen Sound Campus.

Marion has served as Acting Campus Principal in Owen Sound since January 2013. Previously, she served as the Co-ordinator of the Practical Nursing program. Marion has worked at the college in both a part-time and full-time teaching capacity since 2004.

Marion has had an exemplary pathway in education, spanning health care aid, practical nursing, registered nursing through to masters level study. She brings a wealth of experience working in the Grey-Bruce county area with extensive connections to the local community. Marion is passionate about community development and has taken on an active leadership role with the Owen Sound Economic Development Committee.

Georgian College conducted a national search for this critical position over the past four months. Faculty and staff from Owen Sound participated in providing feedback on a profile of the ideal candidate. A search committee of faculty, support staff and administrators used the profile to identify the qualified candidate. I wish to extend my appreciation to all who generously committed their time and insight to the search process.

Marion attributes her success in her professional life to her husband of more than 32 years. She has four children and a grandson.

Students fuel change through CPI placements

Faculty, students and community partners are creating positive social change through the Community Education Partnership Centre at the Orillia Campus. Specifically, they're working together as part of the Community Projects Initiative (CPI) to create innovative solutions that address the needs of local community agencies.

Here are two great examples of projects from the fall semester.

Third-year Child and Youth Worker students Jesika Varcoe and Kathleen McIntyre developed and facilitated a three-hour internet safety workshop to more than 20 caregivers and staff of Caithkin

Treatment Foster Homes in Wasaga Beach on Nov. 21. Their presentation was interactive, engaging and informative. The pair received positive feedback on their work from both Caithkin and Georgian staff.

Students working at the Orillia Youth Centre spent the term engaging with youth on issues of mental health stigma and raising awareness. At the end of their placement, and together with youth at the centre, the students created a collage of personal stories about mental health. The collage is now being used as a promotional tool for the youth centre. Pictured: Child and Youth Worker students Ashlee Lancaster, Jennifer Guse and Kate Petrossie.

Goal exceeded in peanut butter campaign

More than 375 jars of peanut butter were collected at the Barrie Campus [in support of Barrie and District Christmas Cheer](#) this month.

Thank you to all staff who made a donation, with a special thanks to the School of Business (they collected 120 jars!), the Schools of Engineering Technology and Environmental Studies, the Library Commons, Campus Connections, Registrar's Office, Bear Essentials, Marketing and Communications, Advancement and Community Development, Conference Services and Information Technology.

Christmas Cheer board members visited the Barrie Campus on Nov. 22 to collect the jars and express their personal thanks.

Georgian welcomes new Access and Privacy Consultant

The Information Technology department is pleased to announce that Michelle Tremblay-Carlos is the successful candidate for the position of Access and Privacy Consultant, effective Nov. 20.

Michelle's responsibilities include providing consulting services, guidance and education concerning the management of personal and personal health information in order to ensure compliance with legislative requirements under PHIPA and FIPPA.

Michelle brings with her more than 10 years of experience working with health records as part of her career in the Canadian Armed Forces. In her most recent role in a clinical setting at Base Borden, Michelle served as the privacy advisor responsible for managing electronic health records, documenting and communicating privacy standards, processing requests for information, investigating privacy breaches, conducting audits and providing privacy training to clinical and administrative staff.

Michelle is located in Room C301 at the Barrie Campus and can be reached at ext. 1832 or via the Access and Privacy Line at ext. 5770.

For general inquiries regarding privacy and access to information, [please visit the Access and Privacy pages on the employee intranet](#) or email accessprivacy@georgiancollege.ca.

Jewellery and Metals program: Student sale Dec. 3 to 6

Support students in the Jewellery and Metals program and purchase a one-of-a-kind creation.



Barrie Campus
Tuesday December 3rd
Wednesday December 4th
Thursday December 5th

18th Annual Jewellery & Metals Christmas Sale

Across from the Subway
9 to 3:30 Each Day

Orillia Campus
Friday December 6th



New faculty member, Fitness and Health Promotion program

The School of Hospitality, Tourism and Recreation is pleased to announce that Matthew (Matt) Koller is the successful candidate for a faculty position in the Fitness and Health Promotion diploma program.

Matt holds an honours degree in kinesiology from Lakehead University and a master of science in the area of health and fitness from York University. His passion for the industry began while working as a high school student at a local health club in Markham. Throughout his career, Matt has worked with a range of clients, including professional athletes and clients with various diseases and disabilities. Most recently, Matt was a full-time faculty member and co-ordinator of the Fitness and Health Promotion program at Humber College.

Matt has both a passion for teaching and a dedication to program development. He is deeply committed to ensuring that students are given the best opportunity possible to succeed and believes that a combination of academic rigour and practical experience is what sets good programs apart.

He currently lives in Orillia with his wife and two boys.

Georgian artists pitch in for Movember moustache print auction

One moustache, nine art prints. That's the result of faculty and staff in Georgian College's School of Design and Visual Arts pulling together to [raise funds for Movember](#).

It started with a lithograph of a moustache by faculty member Aaron Rose. The other artists had just one week to add their own touches to the print, and the result is nine very different monoprints. Participating staff and faculty are Amy Bagshaw, Tamara Benoit, Gary Evans, Ted Fullerton, Sadko Hadzihasanovic, Tim Laurin, Stu Oxley, Aaron Rose and Amy Switzer.

The prints are being auctioned online at www.32auctions.com/SDVA today until 11:45 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 30. All money raised will go to the Movember campaign.

New equality association at the Orillia Campus

Child and Youth Worker students and faculty have formed *Everyone for Equality@Georgian Orillia* – an on-campus association for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, transsexual, intersexual, queer, questioning, 2-spirited (LGBTTIQQ2S) community members, allies and anyone not identified by the acronym.

“As an 18-year-old female to male transgender, I immediately started to look for a support group within my new area,” says first-year Child and Youth Worker student Chase Koo. “While there were some, there was no group at the Georgian College campus in Orillia.”

Chase created the association with fellow students Amanda Renaud, Brian Clark and faculty advisor Kathleen Cameron. “I didn’t know how much work it was going to be, or how successful it would become, but I was willing to give it all that I had,” Chase says.

Together, the organizers facilitate weekly support meetings on campus for staff, students and members of the community. Group members help educate one another about different topics and concerns in a safe and welcoming environment.

The association is branched into four subcommittees: Fundraising, marketing, community outreach and education, and social action. The members have also developed an election process and a job description for all major leadership positions.

Weekly meetings are held Tuesdays from 2 to 3 p.m. in Room B107. In December, the group plans to bring in a guest speaker as well as organize a popcorn and movie night for all members. Plans for the new year include a craft and bake sale and a vendor promotion day. Georgian alumnus Dale Boyle will also speak to members in January about the Ally campaign he developed while a student at Georgian.

For more information or to get involved, email e14e-georgianorillia@hotmail.com. You can also join a closed Facebook group. The association is committed to confidentiality.

Did you know? [The college is also home to Pride at Georgian.](#)

Computer Studies Innovation Showcase

You’re invited to help celebrate the success of Georgian’s Computer Studies students and to view their innovative project ideas on Monday, Dec. 2 in K203 at the Barrie Campus.

Drop by any time between 5 and 7 p.m. and be inspired by samples of their applied research projects that delve into 'the Internet of Things' – web and game development – and view ways to transform ordinary devices into extraordinary smart devices using [Arduino technology](#).

[All are welcome. Please RSVP](#) so organizers can ensure there is enough space and refreshments for everyone.

The event is sponsored by the Centre for Applied Research and Innovation.

Projects include:

- Smart Phone-controlled Bluetooth RC car
- Twitter-powered cooking machine

- Tweeting pet food dish
 - Hardware Twitter client device
 - Solar panel tracking system
 - Guitar tuner
 - RFID locking system
 - Java-based RPG and side scrolling games
 - Interactive clothing
 - Programmable time-lapse camera system
 - Tractor trailer jackknife prevention system
 - And more!
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Massage students help RVH staff and patients

Fourth semester Massage Therapy students, accompanied by Georgian faculty, have been putting their skills to work at the RVH's Wellness Centre every month.

On Nov. 25, 11 students massaged more than 75 RVH staff members. Seven students had the opportunity to work in the Palliative Care unit, where they helped 11 patients with comfort and pain management through massage.

Students also used the opportunity to educate fellow health professionals about massage therapists' scope of practice, which includes patients with neurological disorders, fibromyalgia and chronic pain.

Craft and bake sale in support of women with breast cancer

Amy Goruk, who works in the Centre for Teaching, Learning and Staff Development at the Barrie Campus, will participate in the [Kelly Shires Breast Cancer Snow Run](#) in February.

To raise funds for the cause, Amy will host a craft and bake sale on Saturday, Dec. 7 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Hampton Inn, 74 Bryne Drive, Barrie.

Cash sales only. Peameal bacon on a bun and pop and water will also be for sale.

Funds raised through the Kelly Shires Breast Cancer Snow Run help financially assist women with breast cancer, providing items or services that are not covered by OHIP or private medical plans (e.g. wigs, prosthesis, prescriptions, transportation to treatment).

For more information, [visit Amy's Facebook event page](#) or contact her at ext. 1075.

Great results from Flex program in Midland

The success of the Flex School Within a College program in Midland is translating into student enrolment. Three students who finished the secondary program last year are now full-time Georgian College students, with another starting classes in January. As well, two other students are part of the Academic Upgrading (ACE) program, advancing their skills in order to come to college.

The Flex School Within a College or SWAC program is an alternative secondary classroom operating at four of Georgian's campuses. It gives high school students the opportunity to learn in a new environment, taking their secondary courses and a college credit. In Midland, students are also exposed to the trades through hands-on workshops.

And it looks like the good news will continue. Of the 18 students in the Midland section of Flex, seven have already applied to college for next September.

Flex is funded through the School College Work Initiative.

Program to help youth new to Canada integrate into the workplace

Youth Employment Specialist Jen Palmer will visit the Barrie Campus on Monday, Dec. 2, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. to promote an employment service directed at youth who are new to Canada. Employment Connections is aimed at students looking for part-time work and is offered at the [Centre for Career and Employment Services](#) in downtown Barrie (48 Collier St.).

Students help students with \$500 donation

The Georgian Advertising Association (GAA) recently held a bake sale as well as a "Hockey Night at Georgian" pub to raise money to help send the Georgian College team to the 2013 Ontario Colleges' Marketing Competition (OCMC) in Windsor. The GAA is a group of volunteer students from the Advertising and Marketing Communications program who plan and execute fundraising projects to assist charitable and non-profit organizations in Barrie and its surrounding area.

Movember silent auction raises more than \$1,200

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Movember silent auction at the Barrie Campus, either by supplying a basket or bidding on a basket.

More than \$1,200 was raised for men's health.

Congratulations to the School of Engineering Technology for submitting a basket that received the highest bid and winning an after-work social hosted in The Last Class.

Students raise \$623 in support of Operation Smile

For the past three years, students from the Communicative Disorders Assistant (CDA) program have fundraised for Operation Smile, an international non-profit organization that provides free cleft lip and/or palate surgeries to infants and children in developing countries.

On Nov. 26, students held their first fundraising event of the year at Boston Pizza in Barrie, raising \$623.

Each year, 200,000 children are born around the world with a cleft lip and/or palate and are at high-risk of facing severe implications in the areas of speech, language, feeding, swallowing, voice and self-image. Unfortunately, one in 10 of these children will not live to have a first birthday. These individuals can easily be treated. The surgeries Operation Smile provides only cost \$240 and take only 45 minutes to complete.

The students are grateful for faculty members and their families, Bruce Dibble and Bob Stainton of Harmonize for Speech, and Boston Pizza for their generous donations.

In July 2014, CDA students will hold their third annual "Smiles for Hope" dinner gala which will take place in the Georgian College Dining Room. All are welcome. Stay tuned for details! Last year, the students raised more than \$3,000 at the event.

For more information, contact Brent Cotton, Co-ordinator of the Communicative Disorders Assistant program, at ext. 1454.

Golf students network with industry leaders at career forum

The Bachelor of Business (Golf Management) program hosted its annual Career Forum on Nov. 7. The event brought together students and leaders in the Ontario golf industry.

Attendees use the opportunity to network and to discuss potential co-op and future job opportunities. They also brought with them approximately \$1,000 worth of food to donate to the Georgian College Food Locker.

“Thank you to John Daggett for organizing the day and to Mark Thompson for facilitating the morning networking event,” says program co-ordinator Tim Zado. “A further big thank you to all industry professionals for attending.”

Bake sale in support of typhoon relief efforts a success

Congratulations to the First Year Experience/First Generation team at the Barrie Campus for their fundraising efforts earlier this week. They held a bake sale on Nov. 25 and 26 in the First Year Experience Office, raising \$167 in support of the Canadian Red Cross Society. The funds will support victim relief efforts in the aftermath of Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines.

The Canadian government will match the donation dollar for dollar to increase the total raised to \$334.

Student butters up to Rick Mercer at agricultural fair

Rick Mercer catches Fine Arts student and butter sculpture Aylan Couchie at the Royal Agriculture Winter Fair in Toronto.

Watch a Youtube video of the pair interacting. Aylan’s segment is at 1:37 minutes in:

m.youtube.com/watch?v=VhYujoB5a54&feature=youtu.be&desktop_uri=%2Fwatch%3Fv%3DVhYujoB5a54%26feature%3Dyoutu.be

Register for a three-part drum making workshop

The Aboriginal Resource Centre at the Orillia Campus is partnering with the Diversity Week planning committee and the outreach group About Faith to host a three-part hand drum making workshop with facilitator Luanna Harper-Shirt of the Cree Nation of Saddle Lake Alberta. Luanna is the daughter of renowned Elders Pauline Harper-Shirt and Vern Harper. She currently resides in Orillia.

- Making the hand drum: Wednesday, Jan. 15 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Storytelling and painting the hand drum: Saturday, Feb. 8 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Unveiling the drum/Drum Awakening Ceremony: March, during the Diversity Art Exhibition held in the cafeteria

To learn more or register, email Dawn Ireland-Noganosh, Aboriginal Student Advisor, or stop by the Aboriginal Resource Centre in Room B201.

Those signing up are encouraged to follow through with all three sessions. Only 15 drums will be made and there are only a few spots left.

Can't make the workshop? Come out to these three upcoming events:

- Medicine Pouch n' Beading class, Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. until Dec. 11
- Three Sister Teachings and Corn Husk Doll Making, Thursday, Dec. 5, 9 to 11 a.m.
- Solstice Feast, Wednesday, Dec. 11, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Ninth annual combat challenge a huge success

In addition to raising more than \$22,400 this year, Pre-Service Firefighter students in Ontario have helped to raise more \$100,000 over the past nine years in support of Camp BUCKO – a camp for children who are burn victims.

Georgian hosted the annual combat event this month, bringing together students from colleges across the province in an exciting skills competition.

Thank you to Paramedic and Massage Therapy students for their assistance as well as to faculty members Brian Dormer and Rob Theriault for their supervision.

In addition to raising funds, Georgian students won bragging rights in the following categories:

- First place, Women's Team – Victoria Myddelton, Erika Friedrich and Alesha Dunn
- First place, Women Individual – Victoria Myddelton
- First place, Men's Team – Ryan Legacy, Ray Auld and Alex Beland
- Third place, Men's Team – Mitch Gourley, Mitch DeCruz and Brandon Doucette
- First place, Men's Individual – Ryan Legacy

What an outstanding achievement for all involved!