



Celebrating



TIME CAPSULE



Message from the President and CEO

Dear students, staff and Georgian supporters,

On behalf of the entire college community, I send a warm hello and best wishes from the past. I hope you are as proud of Georgian when you open this time capsule as we are on our 50th anniversary.

Much has changed at the college over the past five decades – tremendous growth in infrastructure, enrolment, technology, the way we study and teach, and the number and type of programs we offer. I thought I would provide some context to give you a sense of where we have come from and which priorities will guide us into the future.

Georgian began as a modest storefront operation in the Wellington Plaza in downtown Barrie and grew to seven campuses and three centres for career and employment community services. On Oct. 5, 1967, we were home to 101 students enrolled in five programs. In 2017, we welcome 11,000 full-time students – including 1,600 international students from 60 countries. We offer more than 125 programs, everything from apprenticeships and diplomas, to graduate certificates and degrees.

In 1968, we held our first convocation with seven graduates. In 2017, over 4,400 students will have graduated. Altogether, 72,000 Georgian graduates have gone on to successful and rewarding careers. We are very proud!

Thanks to the support of 6,200 employer partners, Georgian has become a recognized leader in co-op education and student work experience. We are number one in graduate employment among all Ontario colleges. And, we are the first college in Canada designated a Changemaker Campus by Ashoka U for our role in leading social innovation and changemaking in higher education.

Over the years, as the needs of our economy, industry and communities have evolved we have evolved too. But the one thing that has never changed – and we hope never will – is our unwavering commitment to students.

As I look to our graduates, I have a keen sense of confidence and promise. They have the skills and mindset to be innovative thinkers, entrepreneurs, researchers and changemakers. They can, and will transform their workplaces, communities and our world.

I can only imagine what the future holds for you and I wish you will find Georgian as I have – the college that truly cares enough about their students to make the tough and right decisions and the best place for work.

Wishing you a bright, promising future,

Dr. MaryLynn West-Moynes
President and CEO



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Georgian's Time Capsule

Members of Georgian College's faculty and staff, along with a student, crafted this unique time capsule using a cherry background. The cover has the words "Book of Knowledge" on it in poplar, walnut and madrone burl. The front of the stand contains an Indigenous land statement. A four directions fabric piece created by MaryAnn Fifield lies at its foundation.



Pictured in the back row, from left to right, are electrical professor Warren Tracz, cabinet making student Kevin Hall, part-time instructor and technician Don Fifield and full-time technician Jarrod Otterman.

In the front row, from left to right, are community liaison officer for Indigenous Services April Jones, cabinet making professor Lynn MacKinlay, and Indigenization coordinator with Indigenous Services Tareyn Johnson.



Georgian Board of Governors

2017-2018

The Georgian College Board of Governors is legally responsible for the college's activities and has the power to govern the college. The Board consists of 12 community members, together with the President and CEO of the college, one student, one faculty member, one support staff member and one administrative staff member. One-third of its membership is appointed through the Public Sector Appointment process and two-thirds is appointed directly by the Georgian College Board of Governors.



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50TH KICKOFF EVENT

The Georgian College community, along with members of federal, provincial and municipal government, celebrated the kickoff to 50th anniversary celebrations at the Barrie Campus on Jan. 27, 2017.



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at the Campus Gallery



Campus Gallery presents: **GEORGIAN AT 50**

A student-created exhibit celebrating 50 years of growth and creativity was on display from Jan. 27 to Feb. 26, 2017.



It gave me the opportunity to share what I've learned in the industry with so many amazing students and faculty.

— Allison Durtnall, faculty

It allowed me to live close to home while having an amazing experience at school. Staff made me feel as though I always made the right choice.

— Amanda Holt, alumna

I loved every day of my 41-year nursing career.

— Karen Wassenk, alumna

I was able to do Georgian's Indigenous education program and study the Anishinaabe language. With my experience I was able to pursue more educational opportunities.

— Verna Tabobandung, alumna

Georgian has lead me in the right direction on a career path I believe I will be successful in. I am taking Early Childhood Education in Orillia and plan on becoming a teacher, to work with children with special needs so they can follow their dreams.

— Carly Buchanan, student

My experience at Georgian taught me about journalism, and launched me into radio/television broadcasting. My experience also created great memories – instructor Edith Weber's famous quote: *I'm trying to turn their mushy brains into peanut brittle!*

— Carol Saarimaki, alumna

The school has made it easy for me to better myself by taking the Personal Support Worker program.

— Jami, student

I graduated from Georgian College, Owen Sound Campus in 1987 in the Nursing Assistant program. Little did I know as a fresh 19-year-old grad what a great foundation I was given. Looking back over the past 30 years of a career I love, I am very grateful for the education I received.

— Leanne Ament (Dunn), alumna

How has **Georgian College** had a **positive impact** on your life?

It has made me more self-reliant. I've had to find answers for myself.

— Denise Trout, student

I was unsure about my future but had dreamed of attending Georgian. And I did it. I was just accepted. I made it where I wanted to be and Georgian is my stepping stone to a successful future.

— Courtney Kroon, student

It gave me a second chance to achieve my dreams.

— Alex Buell, student

It has given me a head start in finding a job in my field of study before the end of the program.

— Brianna Croft, student

Great teachers encourage and help us reach our goals.

— Shauna Mole, student

I was able to turn my life around after I had my daughter, by going to Georgian, becoming a Personal Support Worker and getting a full-time job.

— Nichola Stout, student

I think that it has impacted my life in the best way possible. The teachers are helpful and educated and the best at what they do. They make me feel like what I'm learning can and will be applied to the workforce. I'm super thankful and glad that I made the decision to come here.

— Catherine Kitchen, student

It has given me a chance to expand my education and potentially start my career.

— Shannon Barr, student

How has **Georgian College** had a **positive impact** on your life?

I graduated from the nursing program in 1987. My daughter, Miranda, is now in the paramedic program, keeping medical care/health care in the family.

— Kim Narduzzi, alumna

Georgian College has taught me that I can do anything. It has given me the independence, motivation, and knowledge that I can pass down to my own kids. Georgian College has shaped me into the confident young woman I am today.

— Reiley Domingues, student/staff

Steve Jobs said, "We're here to put a dent in the universe. Otherwise why else even be here?". The first way I hope to do that is through the love I share with my family (including my husband, Jason, and our sons Lucas and Landon) and friends, but I also consider my work at Georgian to be another opportunity. My goal is to inspire my students to find their way to put their own dent in the universe. I am forever grateful to have the opportunity to work at this every day at Georgian. Plus, I have met many incredible colleagues who've become friends, and I know there will be so many more connections made in the years to come. I really won the jackpot when I was hired at Georgian in 2008, and full-time in 2016.

— Trista Hill, faculty

I have built close, supportive relationships with women who would have otherwise been strangers to me.

— Kiuda West, student

By giving me the opportunity to get an education in a career I want to pursue.

— Justin Maluske, student

It has given me the opportunity to go back to school in a place close to home for future stability.

— Emily Brown, student

I was a student in Georgian's first nursing class, graduating in 1975. I have loved my 25 years of nursing and am now retired. Nursing becomes part of your whole life. Love your patients and do the best for them.

— Susan Harris, alumna

Georgian has completely changed the trajectory of my life for the better, first as a student, then as staff and, hopefully, as a proud parent of a future Georgian graduate. I went from being a grocery store clerk with only a high school diploma to a college graduate who was able to provide a stable and secure future for her daughter. Thank you, Georgian. You have helped to shape who I am today.

— Sheena Eddington, staff

I've met a lot of amazing people who have helped make my Georgian experience great. I really like the environment and everything here — I'm excited for the future!

— Faith Fowler, student

Georgian College has provided me the opportunity to grow as a person by participating in varsity basketball and pre-orientation/transition leader. It has also given me multiple employment opportunities.

— Kennedy Horton, student/staff

It has given me the opportunity to get an education for a better career and the chance to meet new people and make new friends.

— Marianela Mazuera, student

I have been a student at Georgian on and off for the past five years. I have never given up on my educational dreams.

— Nichola Richens, student

How has **Georgian College** had a **positive impact** on your life?

People here are really helpful. I love being here.

— Tania A., student

I had dreamed about studying abroad my whole life. Georgian College helped make that dream come true.

— Daria Muntian, student

Georgian provided an environment for me to meet some of the greatest people I've ever known. Not just fellow students, but staff as well. It feels like home.

— Natalie Buck, alumna

Georgian's open and caring teachers have made me feel confident and safe in my education.

— Rachel Staron, student

FAB 50 CHALLENGE

1967
2017



Human resources staff collected 50 cans of spaghetti sauce and 50 packages of pasta to donate to the Georgian Food Locker.



Staff in marketing and communications collected more than 50 toonies to attach to handwritten Valentine's notes to hand out to students.

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Colleagues at the Orillia and Barrie campuses donated 50 recycling and garbage bins to The Lighthouse Soup Kitchen and Shelter in Orillia.



The external relations team donated 80 items of clothing to Dress for Success Orillia and Barrie, which assists women at critical life transitions of employment or re-employment.



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1967
2017



Staff member Heather Boyd collected 425 used books for Better World Books.



Early Childhood Education students hosted a fundraising book fair at the Orillia Campus and handed out 100 children's books at their placements and to local pre-school and elementary schools.

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Members of the Georgian College Board of Governors and senior leadership team collected \$1,700 in cash and gift cards in October to support the Georgian Food Locker.

In celebration of Georgian's 50th anniversary, the Segal International Centre at the Barrie Campus hosted an International Showcase, profiling 50 students.



Staff members Kristin Taylor and Kristy Atkinson raised \$1,420 through a Fab 50 raffle by gathering 50 prizes worth a minimum of \$50. They also collected bags of non-perishables, all for the Georgian Food Locker.

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External relations staff wrote 50 notes for 50 seniors at Roberta Place Long Term Care in Barrie that were distributed to residents who may not receive many visitors.

Inspired by their love of pets, staff members Jenna Peters and Kathryn Peet collected 100 dog toys for the Barrie SPCA.



Staff member Jasmine Hanratty asked colleagues to fill 50 baby bottles with loose change in support of the Barrie Pregnancy Resource Centre.

Georgian is very diverse; I enjoy international students.

— Farida Luhar, staff

20 wonderful years of employment.

— Connie Gillanders, retiree

Georgian College embraces diversity and multiculturalism, not only with staff and students, but with its courses and programming as well. It's keeping up with current trends and moving forward to the future.

— Matt Leno, alumnus

Georgian has inspired me and my family. Proud moments include watching my daughter Sarah Grainger, cross the stage twice at the same college where I started my postsecondary education and reminiscing about teachers my daughter and I shared.

— Rebecca Palmer, alumna

Great faculty, innovation and creativity.

— Anonymous, retiree

The reputation of its grads!

— Bette McCracken, retiree

What about **Georgian College** makes you proud?

Strong Indigenous programs.

— Maisie Ross, alumna

Support and encouragement and a large population of international students — which is great. I am proud to be a student of Georgian College.

— Shaminder Kaur, student

I took a program at the Barrie Campus and enjoyed it so much I took another course in Orillia.

— Gail Edwards, student

Small town flavour, big city appetite.

— Cheryl Lawson, alumna

Everything! Teachers, Automotive Business School of Canada, the Georgian College Auto Show, being the best.

— Biway Batra, student

The amount of healthy, smart people who enter the job force after attending.

— Holly Thompson, alumna

The welcoming atmosphere creates a warm and happy school.

— Christopher Hersom, student

Proud of what a caring and inclusive place we are!

— Steve McDonald, student

Georgian College offers such a friendly atmosphere. The faculty bring kind and positive energy that makes you feel more welcomed and makes your college experience better.

— Jazmine Engel, student

I like how the South Georgian Bay Campus is small and intimate. It made for a relaxing two years.

— Brianna Croft, student

The commitment and energy our faculty and staff pour into every activity to ensure our students receive exceptional education. From co-op placement and work-integrated learning to college-wide events marking milestones and celebrating success, Georgian is hard to beat. We also have the #1 graduate employment rate in Ontario.

— Lisa Banks, staff

I started my first semester last fall. I feel welcomed like a member of the family at Georgian.

— Gregory Lucas, student

It is a nice looking school.

— Charlene Bernier, student

I graduated from the nursing program 24 years ago, and it has been amazing how many people congratulate me on passing my RN program and how Georgian is a great school. It makes me proud also to know my daughter chose Georgian, too!

— Susan Placko, Alumna

The support systems that Georgian College offers have had a great impact on my education.

— Nihola Bichens, student

The “family-like” community we have developed as a school.

— Kennedy Robertson, student

The overwhelming feeling of inclusiveness. I love the positive energy. Bottle it. It’s amazing.

— Angele Kirton, staff and student

What about Georgian College makes you proud?

Georgian College faculty and staff are so helpful. They helped me through my application process and eased all of my concerns. My first day was a breeze thanks to them.

— Alexes Lohman, student

THROWBACK THURSDAY

This photo from the mid-70s shows students in the first-ever typing class at Georgian's Muskoka Campus. Other programming included introductory bookkeeping and Forkner shorthand.



Throughout the year, Throwback Thursday photos were featured. Students, staff, faculty, alumni, community and business partners and donors were invited to submit their vintage snapshots from the past five decades.



Georgian started with a modest storefront operation at a plaza on Wellington Street in Barrie prior to the move to the current location on Duckworth Street in the east end of the city.



This photo from the October 1968 edition of the Georgian College newsletter shows the Barrie Campus "cafeteria." The food offerings were sparse by today's standards, but the high quality and excellent service is said to have satisfied the palate of both students and staff.



Every year, Georgian students, staff and community members celebrate Indigenous culture and tradition with a Pow Wow. The day features talented dancers, drum groups and handcrafted wares.

This photo from the late 1960s shows the Barrie Campus in its infancy, at its permanent location on Georgian Drive. The largest of the college's seven campuses, it now boasts 12 buildings totalling one million square feet on a 110-acre site. Facilities include a 9,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art athletic and fitness centre and a 525-bed student residence.



Every year, staff, students and alumni raise funds for awards and scholarships through dance, music and comedy at the Georgian's Got Talent...or Not! Benefit Concert. Pictured is Fine Arts student Nic Rodrigo freestyling at a past show.



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At an Open House in the early 1970s, Civil Technologist Gord Harris did demonstrations for prospective students with the latest technology equipment.



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In 1980, Georgian College opened the Memorial Drive location of its Orillia Campus. Then Premier William G. Davis was the guest of honour.

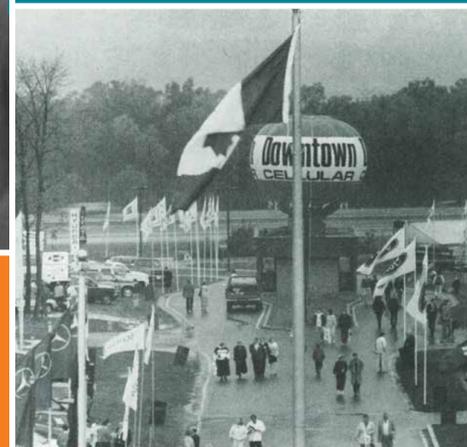


The first College Queen was elected in May 1968. Elaine Burton of Bradford (centre) was crowned at the Debutante Ball at the Continental Inn. Rondi Lamb and Carol Ann Cameron were named princesses. All three students were in the Medical Secretarial program.



Nursing programs are among Georgian's most popular. This picture is of one of our first graduating classes from the Registered Nurse Assistant program in 1974.

Georgian College operations began in the City of Owen Sound in 1967 with manpower training. It was in 1969 that the first campus was established in an old manse owned by Westside United Church. Staff celebrate the grand opening in this picture. The present-day campus on 8th Street was opened in 1971 and now serves 1,000 full-time students, with signature programs in marine and power engineering studies.



Our students hosted the first Georgian College Auto Show in 1986, the year after the Automotive Business School of Canada opened (then Canadian Automotive Institute).



50

YEARS AGO IN

1967

50

YEARS LATER IN

2017

Georgian College opened its doors and...

Georgian College continues to grow and...

COST OF LIVING

19¢ FOR 5LBS OF MARGARINE \$1 FOR 5 LOAVES OF SLICED BREAD 79¢ FOR HALF A GALLON OF ICE CREAM



TOP TUNES

HELLO GOODBYE THE BEATLES
RESPECT ARETHA FRANKLIN
I'M A BELIEVER THE MONKEES
LIGHT MY FIRE THE DOORS
HAPPY TOGETHER TURTLES

101



STUDENTS REGISTERED in the fall of 1967



POPULAR SHOWS ON TELEVISION

BEVERLY HILLBILLIES BEWITCHED
BONANZA GENTLE BEN
GUNSMOKE THE FLYING NUN



WHEELS

FORD MUSTANG
PLYMOUTH SIGNET
PONTIAC GTO
VW BEETLE

60s FADS

WIDE BELTS
TWISTER MINISKIRTS
PLATFORM SHOES
JAMES BOND JELLO

FIRST GEORGIAN PROGRAMS

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
ELECTRONIC TECHNICIAN
ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY
GENERAL BUSINESS
MEDICAL SECRETARIAL



TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS
WIN
THE STANLEY CUP



AVERAGE AGE OF STUDENTS

18

In 1967, the average age of a student entering postsecondary education was 18

COST OF LIVING

\$5.24 FOR 2 KG OF MARGARINE \$3.29 FOR 1 LOAF OF SLICED WHITE BREAD \$3.49 FOR 2 L OF ICE CREAM



TOP TUNES

SHAPE OF YOU ED SHEERAN
DESPACITO LUIS FONSI/DADDY YANKEE/ JUSTIN BIEBER
ROCKSTAR POST MALONE FEATURING 21 SAVAGE
THUNDER IMAGINE DRAGONS



11,000

STUDENTS REGISTERED in the fall of 2017

2017 FADS

ONLINE SHOPPING INSTAGRAM
SNAPCHAT LEGGINGS SELFIES
CELL PHONES

10 NEW GEORGIAN PROGRAMS IN 2017

BAKING AND PASTRY ART BIOTECHNOLOGY - HEALTH COMMUNICATIONS AND PROFESSIONAL WRITING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL INNOVATION FOOD AND NUTRITION MANAGEMENT MECHANICAL TECHNIQUES - INDUSTRIAL MAINTENANCE PUBLIC RELATIONS AND CORPORATE COMMUNICATION SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN THE NON-PROFIT SECTOR



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AVERAGE AGE OF STUDENTS

22

In 2017, the average age of a student entering postsecondary education was 22

They make you feel welcomed and look out for you no matter where you commute from.

— Kali Reid, student

The faculty members are very supportive and approachable.

— Sarah Guy, staff, alumna, student

Collaborates with communities and other universities and agencies to make education at all levels accessible to everyone. Amazing!

— Gina Frederick, community business partner

Helps students succeed. Staff and faculty certainly ensure students get the services they need to do well. Keep encouraging students.

— Allison Papenhuysen, staff

Being a friendly place.

— Jessica Igunbor, student

Helps graduates get jobs.

— Pauline Caleling, student

In your opinion, what does **Georgian College do best?**

Connect with people.

— Gary Cerantola, staff

Small class sizes and personal attention. Great programs.

— Jaqueline Mielczarek, student

Georgian hires excellent professors who make a point of connecting with their students.

— Carrie Webb, alumna

Meaningful co-op placements that often lead to employment post-graduation.

— Leah Walker, staff

They make you feel welcome!

— Faith Ducker, student

The staff keep students interested in their studies and there are many sports to choose from.

— Marry Lees, alumna

Georgian has always been a student-centered institution and we celebrate our students and their accomplishments whenever we can.

— Sheena Eddington, staff

I see that teachers and staff are here to help you progress. They treat you like family and are very professionally oriented. At the age of 62, I feel comfortable being here. Learning is fun!

— Terry G Braun, student

Creates a very welcoming environment.

— Shaunce D'Amours, student

Trades and health care.

— Samantha Niels, student

Georgian is great at welcoming new students and making them feel safe and secure in their schooling.

— Ayla Robson, student

The college does the best at welcoming new students.

— Ashton Greenhalgh, student

Help me reach my career goals in nursing.

— Joy Canning, student

Georgian College staff help make everyone feel included and are willing to work hard to make students feel comfortable with their programs.

— Justin Maluske, student

Georgian College has a great way of bringing all the students together and making new students feel welcomed.

— Samantha, student

Co-operative employment opportunities.

— Bob McCutcheon, alumnus

Positive and fun environment with so many friendly staff and students.

— Shannan Francis, student

In your opinion, what does **Georgian College** do best?

Georgian College educates students in excellent ways. Students are our future.

— Catherine Ladouceur, staff

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at the Orangeville Campus June 15, 2017



The Orangeville Campus offers high-quality education in an intimate setting. Really get to know your peers and instructors as you gain the skills you need for your career.



The campus and Employment Community Services joined with Dufferin County's Community Development department to raise \$500 in their Wear Your Jeans to Work fundraiser for the Fab 50 Challenge. Home Hardware, Orangeville donated 50 tape measures to mark Georgian's 50th anniversary for Habitat for Humanity, Wellington, Dufferin, Guelph.



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at the Orillia Campus Sept. 5, 2017



The Orillia Campus offers a variety of programs, all the amenities of a larger campus, as well as a friendly environment.

The Orillia Campus met the Fab 50 Challenge by donating 50 bags of food to the Georgian Food Locker.



Campus dean Stephanie Dimech receives a congratulatory certificate from Orillia Councillor Ted Emond.





ORILLIA CAMPUS

Sept. 5, 2017



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at the John Di Poce South Georgian Bay Campus Sept. 7, 2017



The John Di Poce South Georgian Bay Campus offers state-of-the-art facilities easily accessed by local transit, and lots of one-on-one time with faculty and staff.

K-cup coffee machine sales generated \$250 in donations which went to Home Horizons/Barbara Weider House for the Fab 50 Challenge.





**JOHN DI POCE SOUTH
GEORGIAN BAY CAMPUS**
Sept. 7, 2017



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at the **Robbert Hartog Midland Campus** Sept. 12, 2017



The Robbert Hartog Midland Campus is known for offering exceptional apprenticeship and skilled trades training – providing industry with a vital, highly qualified workforce.



For its Fab 50 Challenge, the campus collected 50 emergency heat blankets from Canadian Tire, 50 warm socks from Giant Tiger and 50 Georgian Grizzlies water bottles. Another \$250 was raised for the Guest House Shelter.





**ROBERT HARTOG
MIDLAND CAMPUS**
Sept. 12, 2017



Celebrating



at the Muskoka Campus Sept. 14, 2017



The Muskoka Campus offers a personalized educational experience while meeting local demand for health care, skilled trades, business, and service sector employment training.



The Georgian College Muskoka Campus donated 50 tape measures to Habitat for Humanity Ontario Gateway North as part of the Fab 50 Challenge.



MUSKOKA CAMPUS

Sept. 14, 2017



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at the Owen Sound Campus Oct. 5, 2017



The Owen Sound Campus prides itself on being just the right size. It offers a wide variety of programs in great facilities, including Canada's most advanced marine simulation and research centre.

The Georgian College Students' Association purchased, collected and showcased 50 common Canadian foods that newcomers might like for the Georgian Food Locker as part of the Fab 50 Challenge.



In another Fab 50 Challenge, staff collected supplies of vitamins and knitted dish cloths for the annual Dominican Republic medical mission trip for faculty and staff.



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at the **Barrie Campus**
Oct. 5, 2017



Georgian's big birthday bash was filled with activities including a keynote address by Rick Hansen, a Paralympian and activist for people with disabilities, a performance by JDM, a band comprised of staff and alumni, and 1,400 cupcakes made into a giant birthday cake.





BARRIE CAMPUS
Oct. 5, 2017



Flag raising ceremonies

County of Simcoe Warden Gerry Marshall and Georgian College President and CEO MaryLynn West-Moynes together celebrated 50 years since the launch of Georgian College through a flag-raising ceremony at the County of Simcoe Administrative Centre with local politicians and students from the Pre-Service Firefighter Education and Training program.



Staff and faculty from the South Georgian Bay Campus, along with Collingwood Mayor Sandra Cooper and Collingwood councillors, were in attendance when the Georgian 50 flag was raised Sept. 8, 2017 at the Collingwood library.

Flag raising at Barrie City Hall, Oct. 5, 2017, with Mayor Jeff Lehman.



Students, staff and community partners raised Georgian's 50th anniversary flag at the Owen Sound Campus Oct. 5, 2017.

Assistive technology.

— Jay Bragan, student

Development and experience.

— Karandeep Singh, student

Online education.

— Joanne Greenway, retiree

Blackboard learning management system. Where would we be today if we couldn't communicate outside the classroom with classmates, professors or other students? Having access to everything you need whether you are on campus or off, Blackboard allows you to do it all.

— Shelby McClelland, alumna

Hands-on education in many respects, such as training at work stations for everyone and the personable interaction with faculty and college staff.

— Anette Northridge, alumna

The number of courses you can take online or at night. None of these were available 40 years ago.

— Heather Traves, alumna

In your opinion, what has been the **greatest invention** in the past 50 years **related to postsecondary education?**

Scholarships.

— Annastasia M, student

PowerPoint.

— Christine Pryce, staff

Computers!

— Jan Watters, alumna

The greatest invention, has to be the fact that anyone can be a college student. Courses are available in many forms: in the classroom, through distance learning and online. There was a time when only young, new high school grads were college students. Now it's common to have 17-year-olds and retirees listed on class rosters. That is amazing in itself. I don't see this slowing down in the future.

— Beverley MacNeil, staff

The best invention regarding postsecondary education is the partnership between colleges and universities. Through this collaboration, I did not have to move while completing my degree!

— Michelle Rouleau, staff

In your opinion, what has been the **greatest invention** in the past 50 years **related to postsecondary education**?

I am enjoying the software the college uses to communicate with students and to present course material.

— Michelle Devarenne, student

Computer programming courses.

— R. Burta, student

Desktop PCs and Internet.

— Alf Bloomfield, retiree

Computers and online courses give students a chance to learn at home.

— Emma Vandernof, student

To be honest I don't know what to expect. Everything that is being taught now will become the basics because technology will become so advanced. More discoveries will be made to enhance our learning.

— Shauna Mole, student

Q&A with BOB KENNEDY

Shortly after Georgian College's current President and CEO Dr. MaryLynn West-Moynes was installed, she commissioned a book focused on the years Bruce Hill and Brian Tamblin were presidents. Georgian's former Vice President of External Relations Bob Kennedy took on this task and gifted the college community with his 22 years of experience in postsecondary education.

In this Q&A Bob Kennedy talks about the three-year process which led to *Pathways to Dreams* – a retrospective of Georgian between 1992 and 2012.

Q. What were the challenges in condensing 20 years of Georgian history into one book?

A. The task of encapsulating Georgian's history wasn't as daunting as it could have been, thanks to Dr. Don McKillican's book on Georgian (Education in the Marketplace: A History of the Georgian College of Applied Arts and Technology, 1967 to 1992). Still, I knew from Day One that my greatest challenge would be deciding on what content would, and what wouldn't, be covered. There were so many triumphs, disappointments, historical events, and, most importantly, people who all in their inimitable way had a hand in Georgian's most formidable period of growth and expansion to consider. The book ended up being longer than I anticipated, but even if it was twice as long, it would not have held all the Georgian great stories. I remember having breakfast with Bruce Hill one morning when I was one-third of the way through the book and I remarked to him at the time that my biggest fear once the book was complete was that I would have made more enemies than friends; that I would

ultimately be judged, not on the stories that were told, but the ones that didn't make the final version.

Q. What's your favourite story from Pathways to Dreams?

A. That's a difficult question to answer because all the stories are different and yet say a lot about the indelible impact Georgian had on so many people. I feel that's part of the beauty and triumph of the college. Georgian's success never comes down to any one story or person; rather, it's defined by the rich tapestry of human achievement, and the role the college played in providing renewed hope in people's lives – many, who years later, still see their experiences at Georgian as life-altering.

Q. Were there any surprises while writing the book?

A. Writing *Pathways to Dreams* was a lot like mining for gold – you knew the precious stones were in there, but it was a question of being able to find them. In spite of the 22 years I spent at Georgian connecting with students across the college spectrum, I didn't fully appreciate the full impact the college

had on people's lives until I started tracking down stories for the book. The human and emotional quota that people – in all their diversity – place in Georgian makes for very compelling and heartwarming stories. Some will make you cry and some will make you laugh. Together, the stories spin a tale of a very special place that had an extraordinary impact on individuals that will endure for the rest of their lives.

Q. What was the writing process like?

A. Some of the writing process was tedious, but the opportunity really inspired me as a writer. I went into the project with a clear objective of telling the Georgian story through the experiences and voices of a myriad of stakeholders – staff, students, alumni, donors, corporate partners, community leaders and Georgian's rich corps of volunteers. I was merely the conduit for the human narrative at the cornerstone of the college.

Q. Were there any stories that made you cry, feel pride (or another emotion)?

A. I experienced all of those emotions while writing the book. I hope that one

of the strong messages that comes out of the book includes the immense pride that I and the college have for Georgian alumni.

Q. Did you get writer's block penning any chapter in the book?

A. Writer's block is an inevitable part of writing any book as you weigh through a vast amount of research and information. I estimate that before I sat down to write the book, I had pulled together roughly 1,200 pages of raw research after combing through stacks and stacks of Georgian documents and from interviewing and re-interviewing people.

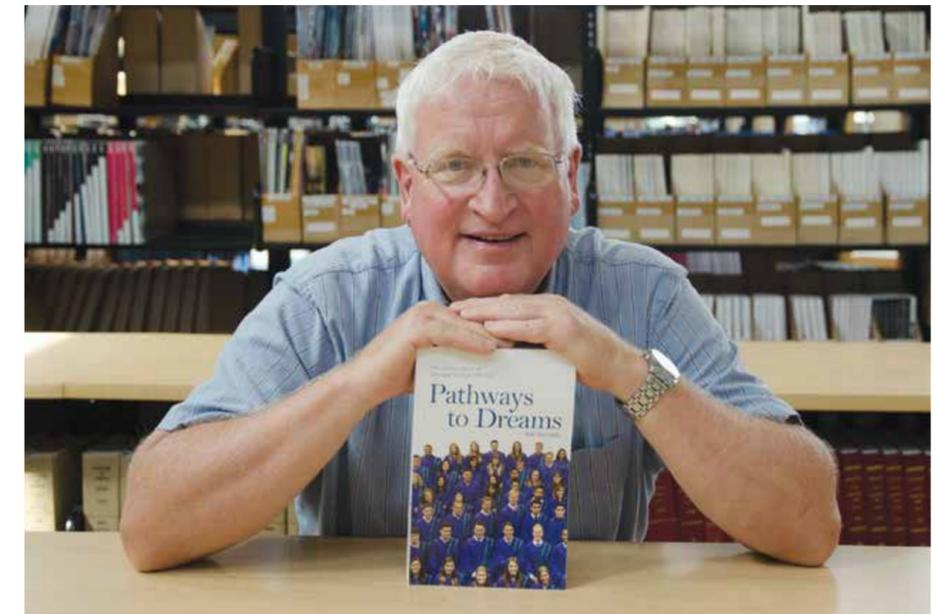
Q. How long did the book take to write from concept to completion?

A. I took on the project in January 2013 and sifted through 20 years of documents, organized all the raw data chronologically, arranged and conducted interviews, merged the data with research, information and content gleaned through the interviews, and then finally sat down to write (and re-write) the 34 chapters until I was satisfied. The manuscript was handed over to President West-Moynes in the spring of 2016 and before going to press was reviewed by an outside editor. *Pathways to Dreams* was unveiled as part of the college's 50th anniversary launch in January 2017.

Q. What kind of research did you do for the book?

A. I sourced everything from presidents to staff newsletters, correspondence and memos, to strategic plans, reports and newspaper clippings. When I encountered information voids, I relied on interviews to fill the gaps. The first seven to eight years of the book covered a period when there was no internet, or at least not to the extent it pervades Georgian today. In all, I was able to yield up to 80 pages of raw research for any given year or chapter.

Q. The book was a wonderful piece of nostalgia. Was writing the book nostalgic for you? Was there any



particular experience or challenge you forgot about or have that you were reminded of while writing the book?

A. Absolutely! I don't know if it was from good fortune or good design, but the fact that I happened to write the book on the college that coincided with my time at the college was very fortuitous. In some ways, writing the book chronicled my own life over those years because the college was such a big part of it. Having said that, I was very careful throughout the exercise not to impose myself on the story.

Q. What was the hardest story in the book to write?

A. Without a doubt, the most heart-wrenching part of the book to write was chapter 29: Heroes Among US.

Q. What's more important – the people (characters) in the story, or the story itself (e.g., capital expenditures, change in the executive team)?

A. The capital expansion during the Bruce Hill and Brian Tamblin eras was dizzying. Within one 12-month period alone, Georgian opened a new residence, academic building AND

student centre. It's not a strong focus of the book because without the people, what good are bricks and mortar? The capital investment was never meant to be an "end"; rather, it was a "means" to an end that saw an incredible proliferation in academic programs and along with it, enrolment growth. This capital growth allowed Georgian to chart a course to unprecedented domestic and international student success that included skills training as well as diploma and degree studies. The moment a student selects Georgian as their postsecondary institution of choice, they're entrusting the college to set them on a path to their own dreams – hence, the title of the book. There are many marvelous stories in the book of the ways Georgian forged those very pathways. But Georgian staff are the makers of these dreams by the way they continually embrace students and instill in them the strong conviction that they can succeed.

And that's exactly how both Bruce Hill and Brian Tamblin would like their years to be remembered. It's for this reason that *Pathways to Dreams* is dedicated to Georgian staff – past, present and future.



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AVERY KONDA
Barrie Campus president

Q. Highlight so far from your Georgian College experience.
A. Georgian College gave me the opportunity to innovate, create positive impact, and practice change-making for a unique and advantageous postsecondary experience. The relationship that Georgian College has with its students is one of a kind, where we are able to have a strong voice, presence, and opportunities on campus unlike any other institution that I have seen before. I wouldn't be the entrepreneur that I am today without Georgian College.

Q. Any advice you might have for students attending Georgian College in 2042?
A. Get involved. Four years ago, when I joined the Georgian College Students' Association (GCSA) my life changed forever. I have been able to travel internationally to create partnerships, represent 11,000 students both locally and globally, develop my interpersonal skills and professionalism, and become a part of enacting positive impact for my fellow students. Georgian offers these opportunities, you just have to want to take it and work hard to make the most out of it. Postsecondary is NOT solely academics, and you will benefit with a surplus of job opportunities, networking, and friendships if you get involved on campus.

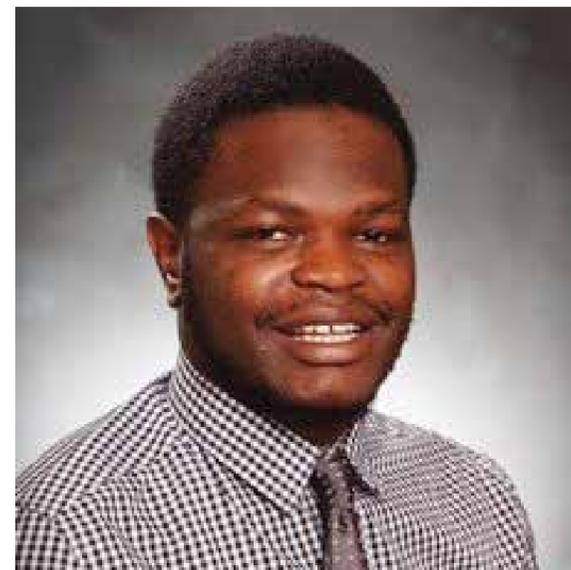
SCOTT MASON
Orillia Campus president



Q. Highlight so far from your Georgian College experience.
A. The highlight of my Georgian College experience was being in an environment with so many positive people. With the many friendships I have made, it not only has formed me into a better version of myself, but I know these are people who are going to not only be long-time friends but also colleagues in the future.

Q. Any advice you might have for students attending Georgian College in 2042?
A. Advice for future Georgian students is that Georgian College is a place where the more you put into your studies, the more you are going to take away from this life experience. Throughout the time that you are at Georgian College, strive to be the best you can be because with effort comes success.

MARVIN NYENDE
Owen Sound Campus president



Q. Highlight so far from your Georgian College experience.
A. I joined Georgian in the fall of 2015 taking Pre-Health Sciences to obtain scientific knowledge. I gained admission into the Practical Nursing program the next academic year at the Owen Sound Campus. I ran for and was acclaimed as president of the student government. Getting the campus involved has been the highlight of my experience in college.

Q. Any advice you might have for students attending Georgian College in 2042?
A. Fellow students, college is a wonderful thing to do when you set goals and focus on what you want to be in life. Set goals that are achievable and don't let anyone tell you it's not doable because it is. I believe that anything you set your mind to, you can do. I did it and so can you!

Q&A with DON GORRIE

Don Gorrie remembers fondly the early days of teaching at Georgian College, which began in a modest storefront operation in the Wellington Street Plaza in 1967.

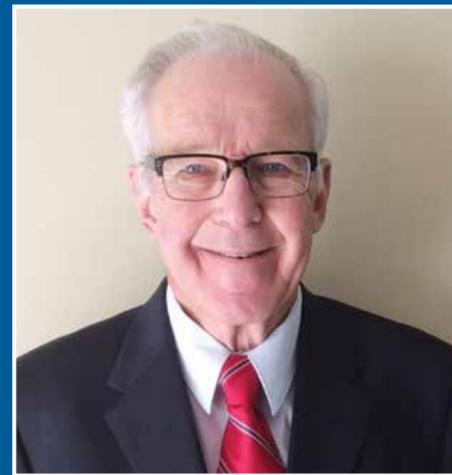
Don, who retired in 1998 and is now living in Kelowna, B.C., recalls those days in his answers to our time capsule questions.

What does Georgian College do best?

Georgian College gives students a chance to succeed. It gives them an applied education. They enter the workforce more job ready than university students as they have an applied approach to problem solving. I could not meet the entrance requirements for university as I could not master a second language, required for university admittance at the time. I worked for three years in the business world and joined Georgian College on Sept. 15, 1967. This was the first year of the college. I subsequently went back to university on a part-time basis and earned an undergraduate degree in economics and a post-graduate degree in business.



Don Gorrie, 1976



Don Gorrie, 2017

What about Georgian College makes you proud?

I see the impact that Georgian has on its students, faculty, staff and the community at large. Georgian is a major source of employment in the Georgian Bay area. It has a major impact on the area economy. Georgian has provided applied training for students which leads them to employment opportunities in their chosen field. Georgian is a leader in co-operative education. This provides an opportunity for students to learn and earn at the same time. It reinforces what they have learned in the classroom and see it applied. It also may lead to future employment opportunities.

In your opinion, what has been the greatest invention in the past 50 years related to postsecondary education?

The computer has revolutionized education and administration at the college. Its success is dependent on how its use is implemented and utilized. It is all a matter of innovation. I joined the college in the days before the computer and the electronic calculator. I taught business machines to medical secretarial students in 1967 with mechanical calculators. In teaching finance, we used tables and calculated the solutions with pencil and paper. Now calculators and computers are used. Regardless, if you don't appreciate the principles behind the solution, you are at a disadvantage. Number sense and good language skills are imperative for success. Computers can support mastery learning and allow students to progress at their own speed. The computer would free the teacher up to teach, identifying where the student had problems. The first computer in the central services building was a main frame installation that had its own room on the first floor across from the theatre. How times have changed!

What do you predict will change about Georgian College in the next 50 years?

Think outside the box. This is how innovation takes place. It encourages creativity in teaching and learning. Always be curious. I applied this in teaching a visually impaired student. I had been teaching about 20 years at the time. I accepted the challenge of having a blind student visualize course content in microeconomics which relies extensively on the interpretation of graphs. I had no access to support material, but the local school board loaned me a braille press. I learned braille and about tactile material. I put my lecture notes on tape. I had a full teaching assignment and there was a limited budget. I used a glue gun to trace graphs and labelled them in braille. The student and I would meet outside of class and go over the material. Well into the course the Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB) provided additional material. The student had adapted to my material and preferred it over the CNIB material. He finished the course with good marks and the following year was a student tutor in microeconomics.

How has Georgian College had a positive impact on your life?

Georgian allowed me to meet all kinds of people — students, faculty and staff. In my 31 years on faculty, I taught more than 10,000 students. I learned from fellow faculty members and students. In course preparation and presentation my learning continued. My mission was to present the course material in an applied way that was understandable.

More programs.

— Ashley Gois, student

I believe Georgian will continue to inspire confidence in all members of the community. Self-direction in education with mentorship from graduates is what will count.

— Louise Macdonald, alumna

The South Georgian Bay Campus will expand. The number of students will continue to increase as more programs and success stories occur over the years.

— Nichole Richens, student

We will be bigger and better. Cyber classrooms.

— Denyse, student

It will get larger.

— Angela Cartier, student

There will be more campuses around Ontario.

— Jennifer Jowett, student

Development.

— Simranjit Singh, student

The Early Childhood Education program will become an applied degree offering.

— Heather Hill, faculty

What do you predict will change about Georgian College in the next 50 years?

Bigger and better health programs for advancing the profession.

— Ashley, alumna

Georgian will be the hub of Ontario.

— Sylvia Lauterbach, staff

I think that Georgian College will grow and develop into a university. The advancement of technology is blossoming at the school.

— Stephanie Hamann, student



Georgian Board of Governors'

Awards of Distinction

The heart of Georgian College is its staff. The Board of Governors' Awards of Distinction recognizes those who have made an outstanding contribution to the college and who demonstrate an ongoing commitment to excellence. Here's a snapshot of staff members honoured in 2017:



The engineering and environmental technology team has played a pivotal role in helping to expand experiential learning and co-curricular opportunities and continues to develop innovative ways to engage students and provide hands-on experience. (In photo: from left to right: Jarrod Otterman, Ed Leach, Brent Belford, Board Chair Tom McBride, David Minielly, President and CEO MaryLynn West-Moynes, Doug Shirriff)



BORIS POREDOS

As manager of physical resources Boris Poredos has improved energy efficiency, lowered operating costs, extended the life of college facilities, reduced strain on landfills, saved money and has improved the learning experience. He also played an integral role in the success of major capital projects.



SANDY MADORIN

Through her student-centred approach to education, Sandy Madorin incorporates strategic priorities into her work as program co-ordinator for Practical Nursing. Indigenous culture and traditions are now incorporated in the Practical Nursing curriculum and she proactively engages stakeholders.



BECCA ALLAN

As advisor for Student Leadership And Transition Services, Becca Allan helped ensure the successful launch of Georgian's new holistic advising model. She spearheaded the co-curricular record project, helped to advance Georgian's mental health and wellness agenda and is committed to excellence in all that she does.



MEGAN FENTON

As manager of co-operative education and career success Megan Fenton helped strengthen Georgian's reputation as Ontario's #1 co-op college and for being a trailblazer in entrepreneurship education. She also developed an eCo-op program at the Barrie Campus to formalize a student work-integrated learning opportunity.



The student portal team, with the help of a \$7.2-million pledge by the Georgian College Students' Association, is transforming the student experience by adapting, updating and evolving the student portal. (In photo: from left Krista Parker, Sara Triskle, Board Chair Tom McBride, Monika Bernolak, Linda Middleton, President and CEO MaryLynn West-Moynes)



NURSING REUNION

May 6, 2017





POW WOW

March 11, 2017



GEORGIAN COLLEGE AUTO SHOW

June 2, 3, 4, 2017





2017 Grand Openings

Student Services Centre

Georgian College celebrated the opening of the new Student Services Centre on Oct. 5, 2017. The student focused space was developed with the help of a \$7.2-million pledge by the Georgian College Students' Association.



Members of the Georgian College Students' Association join Georgian College President and CEO MaryLynn West-Moynes, Carol Anne McLay of Georgian's first graduating class, Barrie Mayor Jeff Lehman, Maureen Naylor, Jane Jackson, Jill Dunlop representing MPP Patrick Brown and Georgian Board of Governors Vice Chair Don Gordon at the grand opening.

Arch and Helen Brown Design and Digital Arts Centre Students, staff and community supporters celebrated the opening of the Arch and Helen Brown Design and Digital Arts Centre in Barrie's downtown core on Sept. 6, 2017.



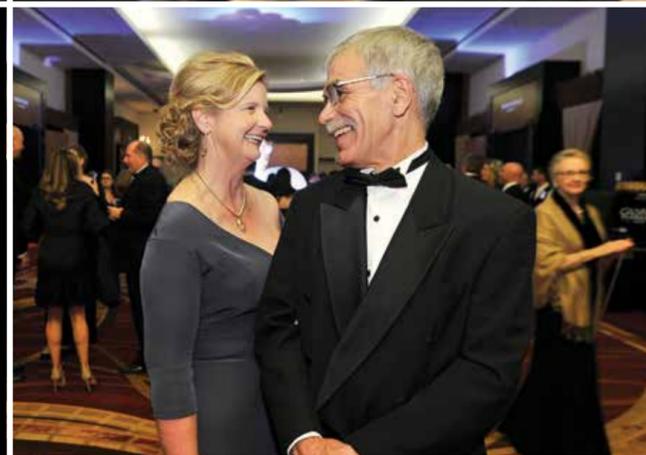
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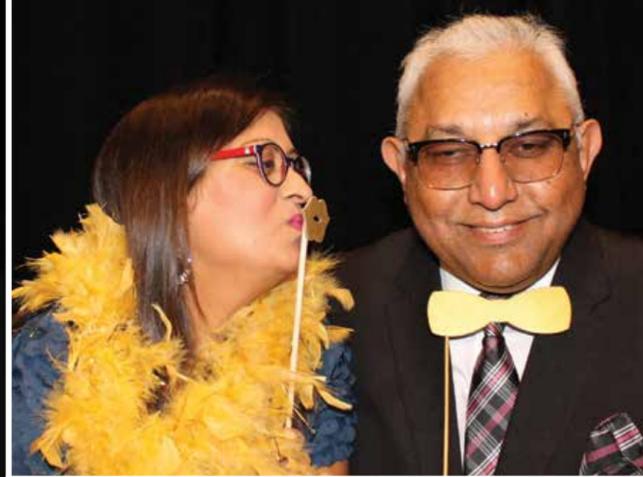
Jamie Massie and Marilyn Booth, joined by members of the extended family, gathered for a ribbon cutting at the sports field named in honour of their father on Sept. 22, 2017. The Massie family donated \$500,000 to complete phase two of the sports field development.



Golden GALA

Nov. 10, 2017





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As a nurse of 27 years, I say treat everyone equally and with respect. Never stop caring.

— Kathy Tickell, alumna

College doesn't define you. In this moment, you may think it does but it actually doesn't. College is the chance to explore life and your interests while also finding yourself. Explore what life has to offer.

— Jessie Burk, student

As an international student my advice is to always follow your dreams. The road may get bumpy and hard, but never give up. There will always be a reward at the end of the road.

— Marichuy Lira, student

Work hard, stick with it and never give up. You are the future.

— Shauna Mole, student

Be happy! It's a great college to be part of. Always be helpful.

— Janki Patel, student

If you had to give **one piece of advice** to **future staff** and **students** of Georgian College what would it be?

Just believe in Georgian, it's one of the best life experiences. Trust me – Georgian life rocks!

— Archie Bhatt, student

Always involve yourself in extracurricular activities such as student leadership – it will give you an opportunity to lead, and to develop and strengthen your inner passions.

— Avery Konda, student

People always need to come first – a smile can brighten anyone's day. Don't get so caught up in what you're doing that you forget about the people who helped you get to where you are. Always be true to yourself.

— Andrew Mighton, student

Never give up! The journey to greatness is long and challenging, but with family, friends, and motivation you can accomplish anything!

— Allison Bolton, student

Students, study hard but always remember to take some “me time!” Good luck.

— Victoria Ridgwell, student

Don't worry. Be Happy.

— Sonia Picand, student

Take risks, try new things/ courses now. It's your time to experiment and to find your path in life.

— Brad Munro, student

Keep motivating your students. Even if they don't seem focused, one day they will get it.

— Nichole Richens, student

Make it fun. College is what we, as members, make it. Get involved, be bold and have a blast. Georgian staff and students are friendly and inviting, just reach out.

— Cassandra Bilton-Peirce, student

If you had to give **one piece of advice** to **future staff** and **students** of Georgian College what would it be?

Understand your limitations. When you have that awareness, it's easier to seek out the help you need.

— Amanda Hutchinson, student

Respect is earned, not given.

— Sandra Melnychuk, student

You can do this.
Good luck.

— Gigi, student

Students should take their academics seriously by doing their best. Staff should continue to support students to succeed academically.

— Rachel Joseph-Nwala, student

Great work succeeds.
Hard work succeeds.

— Mandeep Sandhu, student

Embrace your experience and get engaged in your school life. Love every minute!

— Nancy Wagner Wisotzki, retiree

Visit your advisor.

— Randy Ugolini, faculty

Always respect each other.

— Candy Owusu-Ansah, student

If you had to give **one piece of advice** to **future staff** and **students** of Georgian College what would it be?

Respect one another and support each other.

— Aselefech, student

Be open to every instructor as they are very helpful.

— Navreet Kaur, student

Nothing is impossible, your limits exist only in your head.

— Madeleine Halpert, student

Never stop learning. Be prepared for lifelong learning. Don't always compete with others – help others.

— Jean Cornett, retiree

Good luck!

— Namrata Singh, student

Continue treating us, the students, well and support the students.

— Samuella Kusi, student

Never, ever give up. You can do it.

— Tammy Demarski-Cantrator, alumna

Keep an open mind, expand your horizons, make friends, have fun.

— Judy Toupin, student

Soak up all the knowledge!

— Dustin Bell, student

Follow your dreams, don't wait until it is too late.

— Kailey Kwan, student

Don't stress so much. Everything will be okay. Try your hardest, do your part, and it will all pay off.

— Ashley Gies, student

Do not be afraid to ask for help if you need it. We have lots of services available to help you.

— Gayle Little, staff

Get involved.

— Cindy Bergey, staff

Try it all. Don't let an opportunity pass you by — make lots of friends, meet different people, go to events and enjoy your time here. There is nothing like it.

— Madison Merk, student

If you had to give **one piece of advice** to **future staff** and **students** of Georgian College what would it be?

I would say keep doing what you're doing to help makes students comfortable.

— Deanne Thompson, student

Enjoy every moment! Yes, education is stressful. Embrace the stress; the end result will make it all worthwhile. So, enjoy every moment!

— Tracy Mitchell-Ashley, faculty

Don't party your life away, go to class — actually, do party, party hard, being at school is a blast so have a blast. Try everything once or twice. Work hard.

— Dave MacFadyen, student

For the most beneficial college experience, remember that respect and understanding is essential.

— Stephanie Hayes, student



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