

## Students win big at Tech in the City

Technology in the City 2005 was a huge success especially for the students from Lakeshore Collegiate Institute who cleaned up in the competition portion of the event.

For the first time, the school with the most awards under its belt was recognized as being the winner of Tech in the City, which was held on April 5, 2005 at George Brown's Casa Loma campus.

Every year, the college welcomes elementary and secondary school students, teachers, guidance counsellors, college applicants and parents to tour the campus and explore the opportunities in technology and the skilled trades.

The most popular part of the day are the competitions where high school students and their teachers go head-to-head against teams from other schools in the GTA. Competition scopes range from masonry to plumbing, sheet metal to mathematics and web site creation to carpentry.

The winning team of each competition receives first-year tuition scholarships that can be put towards any technology program at George Brown.

Because of its large offering of technology programs, Lakeshore Collegiate has enthusiastically participated in the last three Tech in City events, accumulating close to 20 student scholarships, said Aiman Flahat, curriculum leader for



*The Lakeshore Collegiate sheet metal team with their medals and other goodies. From left to right are Jim Loftus, competition judge; students Brendan Watling (bronze winner), Catherine Seldkamp (gold winner) and Joshua Dias (silver winner); and Chris Vickers, George Brown professor.*

mathematics, business and technology.

"A lot of our graduated students have been going to George Brown to make use of those scholarships," he says. "Tech in the City is a great opportunity for them to get exposure to the college."

This year, more than 40 Lakeshore Collegiate students participated and Flahat expects that the numbers will just keep growing. What's more important is that the

girls, who typically shy away from technology and the skilled trades, are intrigued especially when they see other girls getting involved and winning, Flahat says.

Catherine Seldkamp, a Grade 10 student, won the Sheet Metal competition, beating out students in Grades 11 and 12. Seldkamp, who plans on using her scholarship to attend George Brown and study to be an electrician, decided to compete because it was a chance for her to experience a different type of trade.

The competitions are challenging but the participants are trained and prepped by George Brown faculty weeks before the event. This gives students a great opportunity to get their feet wet in different areas, says Flahat.

Many of his students know they want to explore the trades and technology but they don't know exactly what they'll be good at or what will interest them.

"George Brown has really taken a leadership role with Tech in the City. No one has been able to offer this kind of opportunity to students — and it's a big thing for them," Flahat says.

### **City College Chat! goes on vacation**

**This issue of City College Chat! is the last one for the 2004-05 school year.**

**We sincerely hope that you have enjoyed reading the newsletter and that we have provided interesting and informative articles to you and your students.**

**Chat! will be returning to your school again in the fall. In the meantime, if you have any questions, comments or story ideas to share with us, please do not hesitate to contact Chat! editor Carolyn Wong at (416) 415-5000, ext. 4476 or [cwong@gbrownc.on.ca](mailto:cwong@gbrownc.on.ca).**

**We wish you and your students a safe and happy summer and look forward to working with you again in September!**

# New programs join the George Brown roster

We are proud to announce two new programs for your students to check out:

## **Bachelor of Construction Science and Management**

This four-year degree program is the only one of its kind in Canada. It was established, with the help of the construction industry, to meet the need for professionals in the sector as it continues to grow and the bulk of its current employees approaches the age of retirement in the next 10 years. In fact, support for a program like this is so strong, the Industrial, Commercial and Institutional (ICI) construction sector has agreed to pay half the tuition for 50 first-year students starting in September 2005! The program will provide students with a solid education in building science as well as practical business and managerial training, including strong negotiating, organizational and interpersonal

skills. Courses include construction technology, communications, economics, quality assurance, labour relations and human resources management, leadership development, and risk management.

## **Integrated Culinary Management**

This program is ideal for students who might have some experience in the kitchen but definitely know that they want to work in the field of culinary arts. While students will be taught basic and advanced skills at the college as well as on-line, more than half their time will be spent in some of the best kitchens in and around Toronto like the Four Seasons, Sen5es and the Park Hyatt. This two-year diploma program was established upon recommendation by the Chef School's industry advisors who felt students needed more realistic, hands-on training so that they can hit the ground running once

they land their first job. The curriculum puts an interesting twist on some old standbys like history. Instead of learning about the roots and traditions of food through textbooks and lectures, they will learn by doing in the historic kitchen of Montgomery's Inn, a City of Toronto museum where cooking in the mid-1800s has been brought back to life. And instead of just reading restaurant reviews, the students get to be the critics as they dine in various restaurants to observe and evaluate the entire process from the time they are seated to the moment they get their bill. And as an added bonus to this program, students' work hours and course credits count towards their accreditation as professional cooks!

To find out more about these two new programs, go to [www.georgebrown.ca](http://www.georgebrown.ca).

## The latest from Admissions

So far, the Admission Office at George Brown College has sent out almost 18,000 acceptance letters to secondary school applicants.

Sharon Kinasz, Associate Registrar of Admissions, says the college is expecting 6,000 new students to walk through its doors this fall, which will bring the total full-time student population to 12,000.

GBC will continue to accept applications for diploma, degree and post-graduate programs until September. Space is limited so students should apply as soon as possible through OCAS.

Due to high demand, the following programs are closed to further applications:

- Baking and Pastry Arts
- Clinical Methods in Orthotics/Prosthetics (Post-diploma)
- Culinary Management
- Dance – Performance Foundation
- Dental Assistant – Level I and II
- Dental Hygiene
- Dental Technology
- Denturism
- Fitness and Lifestyle Management
- Health Information Management
- Orthotic/Prosthetic Technician
- Practical Nursing
- Social Service Worker
- Special Events for Destination Tourism

Applicants will be placed on a waitlist for the following programs:

- Architectural Technician
- Architectural Technology
- Behavioural Science Technology
- Building Renovation Technician
- Business Accounting
- Business Administration – Accounting
- Business Administration – Marketing
- Business Administration – Human Resources
- Business Administration – Management Studies
- Child and Youth Worker
- Construction Engineering Technician – Management
- Construction Engineering Technology
- Dental Office Administration
- Early Childhood Education
- Early Childhood Assistant
- Early Childhood Education Collaborative Degree Program
- Heating Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Technician
- Hearing Instrument Specialist
- Hospitality Services
- Hotel Management
- Human Resources Management
- Nursing: Bachelor of Science
- Railway Conductor

For a full list of programs and availability, please direct your students to:  
[www.georgebrown.ca](http://www.georgebrown.ca) — click on Potential Students — then choose Full-time Programs **2005/2006** (Availability & Status).

To contact the Admissions Office, please call (416) 415-5000, ext. 4805.

# Students show and tell

In many programs at George Brown, the final exam is not a bunch of questions on a stack of papers; it's the creation of a dress, a piece of jewellery or a theatrical performance. It's a chance for students to use what they've learned, along with their natural talents, to create something that they can show off to mom and dad.



*Signatures 2005 is the popular year-end fashion show featuring the work of students in Fashion Studies.*



*Quench 2005, held at Bounty Contemporary Canadian Craft Shop at the Harbourfront, showcases the work of graduating Jewellery Arts students.*



*The Paperbag Princess was one of several productions presented by the George Brown Theatre School this year. From left: Jennifer Harding, Bridget Norris, Laura O'Connor, Denise Pinnock, Kristan Hendriks and Lara Neumann.*

## Is school really out for summer?

What happens if a student does not pass a course that is needed to graduate and get into college? What then happens to his or her offer of acceptance? And what can be done to rectify this situation?

Even though graduating students may have already been accepted into a post-secondary program, they should keep these things in mind right up until the very end of the school year.

Sharon Kinasz, Associate Registrar of Admissions at George Brown College, said when they receive final high school grades

from OCAS in early July, they will go through the list and contact students who did not meet the conditions of their offer.

However, it is in the student's best interest to contact the college as soon as he or she knows a course has not been completed, Kinasz advised.

Making up the course in summer school is an option but doesn't always solve the entire problem.

For example, a student could lose his or her spot in a program that has a waitlist, Kinasz explained. In order to avoid this,

students should consult the admissions office to see if a summer school extension can be granted.

If a student is required to complete community hours over the summer to fulfill the community service requirement, the college will have to be notified that the requirement has been met.

And just to be on the safe side, Kinasz advises students who might be in danger of not completing a course to work on getting into summer school so they can at least say that they are already enrolled.



## A new year and a new face

With the 2005 recruitment season just around the corner, we have a new face to introduce you to.

**Liz Henriques** (above left) comes to us from the college's School of Business and the Centre for Financial Services where she was responsible for organizing student events like orientation and award ceremonies and for facilitating student services. In joining the Liaison team, Liz is changing her focus from serving current students to serving prospective students. "I've had the opportunity to interact with students for the past five years and it was the best part of my job, so I am really excited to get out and meet them on a full-time basis," Liz says. She studied in George Brown's Human Resources program and has been a college employee since 1999, working in various program areas like the School of Design, the Chef School and Hospitality and Tourism. You can contact Liz at (416) 415-5000, ext. 2929 or at [ehenriqu@gbrownc.on.ca](mailto:ehenriqu@gbrownc.on.ca).

Liz's partner in crime is **Cynthia McDonagh**, (above right) who is beginning her second season as a Liaison officer. Cynthia has worked at George Brown since 1979 in various departments but has always had her sights set on recruitment. "My first year was everything I ever dreamed it would be and more," she said. "I am eager to get back on the road, as I'm sure this season is going to be even better." To contact Cynthia, call (416) 415-5000, ext. 2267 or e-mail her at [cmcdonag@gbrownc.on.ca](mailto:cmcdonag@gbrownc.on.ca).

We are sad to announce the departure of Cindy Fong who has been an integral part of the Liaison team for the past five years, particularly during the last recruitment season. She is still working in the college system to promote the benefits and rewards of choosing college to high school students across Ontario.

Liz and Cynthia are looking forward to working with you and visiting your school in the fall. If you have not yet booked a George Brown College Liaison presentation, please contact either one of them and they will be more than happy to pencil you in!



## Mark your calendars

### **June 20; July 4, 18; August 8, 22; and September 12, 2005:**

Want to know more about the **Career and Work Counsellor** program at George Brown College? Attend this information session! To register, call (416) 415-5000, ext. 2185 or online at [www.georgebrown.ca/orientation/C109\\_info.html](http://www.georgebrown.ca/orientation/C109_info.html).

### **June 21; July 6, 11; August 10, 16, and 25, 2005:**

Students interested in learning more about the **Personal Support Worker** program can register for this information session by contacting Fabian Chung at (416) 415-5000, ext. 2367 or going online at [www.georgebrown.ca/orientation/C112\\_info.html](http://www.georgebrown.ca/orientation/C112_info.html).

### **June 22, July 20, August 17 and September 21, 2005:**

Get information on the degree and undergraduate programs offered by the **Centre for Financial Services Education** and the **School of Business**. To register, contact Candice Todd at (416) 415-5000, ext. 2888 or online at [www.georgebrown.ca/News/neweconomy\\_register.html](http://www.georgebrown.ca/News/neweconomy_register.html).

### **June 23, 2005:**

If you're interested in the programs offered by the **Centre for Advanced Engineering Technologies** and the **Centre for Advanced Building Technologies**, register for this important information session. Contact Krisztina Koczkas at (416) 415-5000, ext. 4598 or register online at [www.georgebrown.ca/orientation/tours\\_technology.html](http://www.georgebrown.ca/orientation/tours_technology.html).

### **June 15, 2005:**

Earliest date that the colleges will expect payment of tuition fees.

### **July 4, 2005:**

Tuition fees at George Brown College are due.

### **July 9, 2005:**

Fourth high school data transmission due at OCAS.

### **July 14 and August 11, 2005:**

This information session is exclusively for the **Bachelor of Applied Business: Hospitality Operations Management** program. Contact Ron Rouben at (416) 415-5000, ext. 3213 to register or go online at [www.georgebrown.ca/orientation/tours\\_hospitality\\_degree.html](http://www.georgebrown.ca/orientation/tours_hospitality_degree.html).

### **July 16, August 17 and September 30, 2005:**

It's Discovery Day for the **Chef School** and **Hospitality & Tourism Management**. Students get a complete tour of the facilities, demonstrations by chefs and instructors and information about programs and student life. To register, call Danny Stone at (416) 415-5000, ext. 2791 or online at [http://www.georgebrown.ca/orientation/tours\\_hospitality.html](http://www.georgebrown.ca/orientation/tours_hospitality.html).

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