

Celebrating Alumni Success



“Studying at George Brown College changed my life and how I look at the world. Being able to use the knowledge gained in the program, gave me opportunities to be able to work in my community and create space to be able to celebrate Indigenous joy and brilliance.”

— **Denise Booth McLeod**

Sr. Manager, Indigenous Relations Office
Metrolinx

Class of 2006 – Assaulted Women’s and
Children’s Counsellor/Advocate



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Observing that few Black people held senior positions in finance, Ray began working to change that narrative as a quiet 'social justice warrior' and role model. Believing that success should be used to benefit others, he co-founded the Black Opportunities Fund to address systemic inequities in access to capital and support.

— Ray Williams

Chair & Co-Founder
Black Opportunities Fund

Class of 2011 – Culinary Arts



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“While at George Brown College, between the theory and the hands-on work, I fell in love with electrical work very quickly, the connections I got to experience, talking to all these amazing people and networking myself, were really amazing.”

— **Beatrice Paling**

Apprentice Electrician
Haynes Electrical

Class of 2024 – Electrical Techniques



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David is a committed educator and experiential learning advocate, focusing on career development, e-learning, and language coaching. Through his leadership at Orbit 5, he fosters a global community that empowers international students to navigate uncertainty and prioritize mental well-being while pursuing their career objectives.

— **David Mendoza**

Director
Orbit 5

Class of 2017 – Constructivist Counselling



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Don holds the role of Academic Program Co-ordinator and Professor at George Brown College. His dedication to fostering enriching learning environments and promoting diversity serves as an inspiration to students and colleagues alike.

— Dr. Don Togade

Academic Program Co-ordinator & Professor
George Brown College

Class of 2021 – Universal Design Learning



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Danielle launched her first business and gaining invaluable experiences at George Brown College. Today her full-service marketing agency operates in Toronto and New York, serving as an entrepreneurial hub, crafting solutions that connect brands with their audiences for lasting impact. Her work landed her a spot on Forbes' *30 Under 30* list for 2025.

— Danielle Spencer

Founder
some creative agency

Class of 2021 – Business Administration –
Project Management



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Prior to joining the University of Toronto, Louis worked for 16 years at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH) in various clinical, research and educational roles. These included a registered psychotherapist, behaviour analyst, and a community support specialist with the Shkaabe Makwa Centre for First Nations, Inuit, and Métis Wellness.

— Louis Busch

Special Projects Officer, Indigenous Pedagogy
University of Toronto

Class of 2008 – Behavioural Science Technology



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“George Brown College has played a pivotal role in my career. I’ve always loved how sports can bring people together and I hoped that my passion could play a part in my work moving forward. Lucky for me, George Brown was calling.”

In 2023, Hockey Canada named Marin the first Vice-President of Women’s and Girls Hockey of the organization.

— Marin Hickox

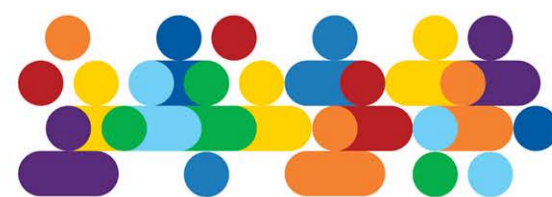
Vice President

Women & Girls Hockey at Hockey Canada

Class of 2002 – Sport and Event Marketing



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“I came to George Brown hoping that I could get the papers that would allow me to work at a high responsibility position. I not only got that; I got great mentors, tutors and friends that I have to this day. It also expanded my perspective of food, wine and baking, to a level, where I knew what I needed to do next, and for that I will eternally be grateful.”

— **Jose Hadad**

Owner

Mad Mexican

Class of 2002 – Culinary Management



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Melonie de Guzman is a pioneer and advocate for equity and inclusion, with a focus on empowering women in the tech industry. She returned to her alma mater as a trainer for alumni mentors, giving back to the college while supporting the development of future leaders. Melonie is also the founder of a personal and professional development company that offers mentorship programs, leadership workshops, book clubs focused on personal growth, and public speaking engagements.

— Melonie de Guzman

Director of Events
Lean in Canada

Founder
Melonie de Guzman Services

Class of 2006 – Sport and Event Marketing



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Ram devoted his time and career to empowering people through education, providing technology training for 4000 plus individuals. His work has garnered recognition by major tech companies, with him serving as Google's Mentor East Canada Region.

— Ram Arun

Director Cloud Operations Product Reliability
Thomson Reuters

Class of 2013 – Information System Business Analysis



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“Studying at GBC equipped me with the education to match my life experience. Since then, my work has taken me to several communities across the Greater Toronto Area and many other cities in eight different countries in four different continents.”

— **Sandra Damota**

Justice of the Peace
Ontario Court of Justice

**Class of 2006 – Assaulted Women
and Children’s Counsellor Advocate**



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“I’ve always believed in the transformative power of technology and design working together to shape the future of architecture. George Brown College is a place that fostered creativity, curiosity, and a drive to innovate. I’m proud to be part of an alumni community that values pushing boundaries and leading change.”

— **Victor Lima**

Director of Digital Practice
Diamond Schmitt

Class of 2017 – Architectural Technology



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“George Brown College didn’t just teach me how to cook—it taught me how to think. The training, mentorship, and friendships I gained laid the foundation for everything I’ve built.”

— **Jackie Dalimonte**

Director, Procurement
Loblaws Companies Limited

Class of 2011 – Culinary Arts – Italian



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