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Career & Job Fair

**HIRE
EDUCATION**

Confederation College Alumni Services, the Student Union and Northwest Employment Works (NEW) recently joined forces to help connect employers to students and alumni by bringing a Career and Job Fair to campus.

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**EMPLOYER
SATISFACTION⁴**

91 %

89 %

**OF STUDENTS
FOUND EMPLOYMENT WITHIN SIX
MONTHS OF GRADUATION¹**

1. Survey of 2012/13 graduates six months after graduation 4. Survey of employers who have hired 2012/13 graduates.

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On February 4, the Hire Education Career & Job Fair featured over 40 employers who were looking to hire and offered customized resume advice from employment advisors at NEW.

Career and Job Fair visitors learn about job opportunities with Eileen Dias of Thunder Bay Hydro.

Investors Group was one of the exhibitors and Donna Yocom, Regional Director of Thunder Bay-Superior East, noted that they have hired many Confederation alumni across the region from multiple programs over the years.

“Confederation College graduates are more hands-on and understand the challenges and benefits of living in the north which gives them valuable insight into what the citizens of our region want. Graduates are committed to having a successful career and are committed to giving back to their communities. Those are the kind of people we want working for our team.”

Beyond the booths, visitors had the opportunity to get the inside track on what employers are looking for by attending a panel discussion featuring college alumni, now Human Resource professionals, from OPTIONS northwest, Tbaytel and Thunder Bay Hydro.

Anita Storesshaw, Human Resources Coordinator for OPTIONS northwest, participated because she sees the value of a Confederation College education from both sides; as an alumna and as an employer.

“I credit Confederation College with having helped to launch my career. Confederation’s graduates do a lot of job-specific training within their programs which saves time during employee orientation. We’ve hired many alumni over the years. Today, at least half of our staff come from the College.”

As an employer, Anita appreciates that Confederation graduates have the experience and the knowledge needed to care for the people they support at the level expected by OPTIONS.

Exposing students and alumni to the keys to success for getting noticed while job searching was keynote speaker, Lauren Friese of TalentEgg.ca. TalentEgg is Canada’s most popular online career resource for students and recent graduates.

“When you graduate, you are one of thousands of clones on paper – that’s what you look like to an employer. The best way to set yourself apart is to be resourceful, be creative and to hustle. Doing those things will be the difference between letting your career happen to you and being in control of your own career.”

One student ready to take control of her career is Danielle Mauro, who is finishing her last semester in the Business – Marketing program at Confederation and looking to land her first job.

“I feel well prepared for the ‘real world’ through my experience at the College, but today really helped me get specific insights into what local employers are looking for and what I can do to increase my chances of getting a job.”

Thank you to all of our employers, speakers, students and alumni who took part in the Hire Education Career & Job Fair. We are happy to report that it was a huge success with high attendance and plenty of learning, networking and job hunting taking place.

We look forward to seeing you all again next year! If you are interested in participating in next year’s Fair, contact alumni@confederationc.on.ca

96% OF CONFEDERATION ALUMNI TRUST THE QUALITY OF EDUCATION THEY RECEIVED²

84% GRADUATE SATISFACTION¹

1. Survey of 2012/13 graduates six months after graduation
2. Ipsos Reid Public Perception Survey 2013.

Where Are They Now?

“Where Are They Now” is a regular feature of our alumni newsletter that highlights the success of our Alumni members. If you would like to recommend an alumnus for this feature please contact us at alumni@confederationnc.on.ca

Alumnus Robert Kucheran



International Business 1994

General Vice President,
International Union of Painters and
Allied Trades (IUPAT) & Chairman
of the Executive Board, Canada's
Building Trades Union

Awards & Certificates

2014 President's Award Winner –
Confederation College

2014 Premier's Award Nominee –
Business

Robert Kucheran has made a career out of making great people even better. In the early 80s, as centre for the Oshawa Generals in the Ontario Hockey League, he assisted in setting up various goal scorers of the time. Today, holding one of the highest union positions in Canada, he remains the classic setup man, ensuring every worker he represents reaches their own goals.

After finishing his hockey career, Robert enrolled in General Arts at York University on an OHL scholarship. Illness forced him to withdraw, and he returned home to Thunder Bay. Robert enrolled in Confederation College's International Business program, planning an import/export career. Instead, his business diploma, and timing, allowed him to become the Business Manager for IUPAT Local 1671.

It was supposed to be a temporary position, filling in until the next election, but Robert impressed the membership so much that he ended up getting elected himself. A few years later, he was offered a position in Hamilton as an organizer where he made an immediate impact. Within a year of moving, Robert was appointed IUPAT's General President's Representative, and then General Vice President – the highest position in the union in Canada.

Perhaps most impressively, Robert was elected as the Chairman of the Executive Board for Canada's Building Trades Union, representing over half a million Canadian construction workers in 14 international unions who work in more than 60 different trades and generating 14 percent of Canada's GDP.

“When I looked at either finishing my degree or pursuing a more tangible career, the college route stuck out for me as the best option,” Robert said. “I was looking for the more practical, hands-on experience that the college offered. My college education allowed me to get to where I am. Not only did it give me the skills, but it showed others in the organization that I was serious about moving forward in this career.”

Welcome to our New Alumni!

In June we will be celebrating convocation for the 2015 graduating class and the alumni couldn't be more excited to celebrate this great accomplishment with you.

GIFTS FOR GRADS Are you a graduate?

Show your college pride by purchasing some alumni swag at www.confederationnc.on.ca/wearables. Products will also be for sale at convocation – watch your email for more information as we get closer to the big day.

Already an Alumni?

Volunteers are needed to assist with the convocation celebration taking place on Friday, June 5th. If you are interested in helping out, please contact us at alumni@confederationnc.on.ca.

Events



Chief Georjann Morriseau
2014 Premiers Award Recipient

Congratulations to our Premier's Award nominees – Lori Hygaard, Robert Kucheran and Trent Opaloch – on their achievements and their vital contributions. A special congratulations to Chief Georjann Morriseau who was the recipient of the Premier's Award in the recent graduate category. Chief Morriseau credits her college education with giving her the tools and confidence she needed to become a more effective advocate.

Thank you to everyone who attended our Get Together in Toronto on November 25, 2014. Those in attendance enjoyed networking, sharing successes and reminiscing.

2015 AWARDS RECOGNITION RECEPTION

On Wednesday, February 18, 2015, 429 awards totaling \$183,560 will be presented to deserving students. Many of these awards are generously supported by our alumni. To find out how you can help support students, contact advancement@confederationc.on.ca

Masthead featured photo - left to right:

Anita Streshaw, Human Resources Management Program - Graduate Certificate, 2005 | **Kathleen Shimkoff**, Business Administration - Human Resources - Advanced Diploma, anticipated to graduate 2015 | **Chris Wiseman**, Social Service Worker - Diploma, 1996
Jennifer Kukkee, Developmental Service Worker - Diploma, 1994 and General Arts and Sciences - Diploma, 1993
Melanie Dorfman, Office Administration - General Program - Certificate, 2013



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THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2015



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COLLEGE

TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL
SCHOLARSHIP
GOLF TOURNAMENT

WHITEWATER GOLF CLUB

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