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Greetings Alumni

Please enjoy the newest edition of your quarterly newsletter, one of our many new initiatives designed to engage and inform our over 32,000 members. Learn about the benefits of membership, information on upcoming events and your fellow alumni members. You can also participate by visiting our website, updating your information, sharing with friends and contributing your thoughts, comments or story. This is your alumni...stay connected!



Staying Connected

Making the Most of Your Alumni Membership!
Over 1,350 new alumni were welcomed into the membership with convocation taking place across all of our campuses in June. For new and existing members alike, your journey doesn't have to end with graduation. Here is how you can best stay connected with your alma mater and fellow alumni... - Continued on page 2

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Get to know your fellow alumni

There is a huge network of people like you that you can access, to make new friends and reunite with old ones. An easy way to find them is to join our new LinkedIn and Facebook Confederation College Alumni groups. Search "Confederation College Alumni" on LinkedIn and Facebook.



Attend our events

There are many college events that you can attend including our upcoming 19th Annual Community Partners' Evening on September 25, 2014. You can also play a role in planning or hosting events by becoming a volunteer. Visit: www.confederationnc.on.ca/partners



Continue your education

Learning doesn't have to stop at graduation. Consider taking courses in new subjects or enrolling in another program at the college to keep your brain on top of its game. Visit: www.confederationnc.on.ca/ce



Tell us what you think

Do you have ideas of your own about what you would like to see Alumni Services bring to the membership? We would love to hear from you!

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*Alumnus Gary Prokosh (Left)
President Jim Madder (Right)*

Alumnus Gary Prokosh knows the value of a continuing relationship with Confederation College. Earning his Advanced Diploma in Business Marketing this year, Gary has been a part of the college since 1989, in the early days of his career at Tbaytel. Moving from the technical side to sales and finally management as he upgraded his skills, Gary now oversees the Customer Engineering Department.

Throughout the years, Gary has worked closely with the college in his professional capacity and has kept in touch with many of his fellow students from his time at the college, including several he has seen join the Tbaytel team. Also a graduate of the Business Administration – Marketing program (2012), Gary was proud to share this year's convocation ceremony with his daughter Hailey who graduated from Culinary Management and isn't wasting any time taking advantage of her new alumna status. Together, both Gary and Hailey plan to continue their education at Confederation College and beyond.

"I really believe in a lifelong learning experience and I'm happy to see that my daughter believes it too," said Gary. "Confederation College has been good to me personally and professionally and I don't want to lose my connection with it or the people I've met. It's nice that there's an avenue like Alumni Services to stay in touch."



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 Cheryl-Lyn Lamers, Alumni Relations Officer.

Alumnus Georjann Morriseau

Aboriginal Law and Advocacy | 2009 Chief of Fort William First Nation

Awards and Certificates

- 2013 Presidents Award Winner – Confederation College
- 2013 and 2014 Premiers Award Nominee – Outstanding Recent Graduate
- 2014 Northern Ontario Business – Influential Woman Award
- 2014 NOVA Award Nominee



Georjann Morriseau is currently serving as the elected Chief of Fort William First Nation. Elected at 28 years old, she took office on April 15, 2013 and is the youngest female Chief in Canada. As a young woman and leader she is faced with the challenge of an ever changing community as she leads her First Nation towards self-sustainability.

Georjann graduated from the Aboriginal Law and Advocacy program and received an Aboriginal Relations Certificate in addition to her diploma from Confederation College in 2009. She has represented First Nations at the community, regional and national level in

Chief Morriseau credits her college education with giving her the tools and the confidence she needed to become a more effective advocate.

various roles and strives to maintain a dialogue with organizations, municipalities and communities throughout Canada. She has volunteered for various organizations and sectors including the Ontario Trillium Board of Directors, Shelter House Thunder Bay, Confederation College and St. Anne's Parish in her home community.

With a background in Governance, her passion is focused around assisting communities with achieving their potential and long term goals towards long term sustainability. Georjann has brought a new approach to her First Nation to help work towards implementing a more cultural approach to leadership.

Georjann is humbled and grateful for the support she has been surrounded by throughout her life and credits her family, Animikii Wajiw Ikwewag, past leaders and community for standing by, and motivating her to overcome challenges and obstacles to pursue her dreams and goals. She is constantly learning, growing and looking to improve herself as a leader, a mother and a woman.

Events



The 22nd Annual Confederation College Scholarship Golf Tournament was held on Thursday, June 19th at Whitewater Golf Course. With 39 teams, 36 volunteers and a number of sponsors, this event raised over \$27,000 towards entrance awards and scholarships.

Thank you to everyone who golfed, supported or volunteered at this event. Because of you, more students will be successful at Confederation. To see photos of the event, visit: www.confederationc.on.ca/alumni/golf



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Masthead featured photo - left to right:

Drew Sainsbury, Police Foundations, 1st Year | Jordan Vezeau, Business Human Resources, 1st Year | Enzo Giorgio, Giorgio Construction, Graduate, 2002

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19TH ANNUAL
Community Partners' Evening

PRESENTED BY **tbaytel**

Thursday | September 25 | 2014

Confederation College, Ryan Hall
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Alumni Benefits

As a member of Confederation's Alumni, you are eligible for a number of benefits and services.

- **NEW!** Preferred CAA membership rates
- Manulife Financial - life, health and dental insurance
- TD Insurance Meloche Monnex - group rates on home & auto insurance
- Career & Employment Services
- Fitness Centre
- Paterson Library
- Special Events

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