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*J.P. Remillard is joined by two of his three daughters, Emilie (left) and Karina, who are part of the soccer team he leads as a volunteer coach.*

## Giving Back

Alumni Pay It Forward

Upon graduation, our alumni have the world at their fingertips. As they pursue their careers or continue their education, it is very gratifying and rewarding to see them succeed. It is even more fulfilling when alumni take it one step further and pay it forward.

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89%

OF STUDENTS  
FOUND EMPLOYMENT  
WITHIN SIX MONTHS  
OF GRADUATION<sup>1</sup>

1. Survey of 2013/14 graduates six months after graduation

# Alumni Give Back

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## **J.P. Remillard and Brenda Chambers-Ivey are both doing what they can to give back to their communities and their alma mater.**

J.P. Remillard graduated from the Aerospace Manufacturing Engineering Technology program in 1989. Before even earning his diploma, he had landed a job with Arnprior Aerospace, Inc. in Arnprior, Ontario and after several promotions is now the Director of Operations.

Grateful for his time at Confederation, J.P. has always found ways to give back. He has sat on the Aerospace Manufacturing Program Advisory Committee for more than 15 years, has been involved in advertising campaigns and continues to hire alumni. Along with the rest of his graduating class, he helped to establish a bursary in memory of a fellow classmate who passed away in 2014. He also facilitates raw materials being donated to Confederation through his employer.

"It's so important that I give back to the College because it's given so much to me. I always got the help I needed and found that even after graduating, my relationships stayed intact, and the support I received from faculty and my fellow students continued."

Beyond his work with the College, J.P. extends his generosity and time both personally and professionally to help support a variety of charities and sports organizations. To his fellow alumni, J.P. says "I think as a Confederation College graduate we have an advantage over a lot of people and it is our responsibility to lead the way in our communities and wave the Confederation flag."

Brenda Chambers-Ivey is such a fan of Confederation, that she now waves the flag as both an alumna and an employee. She works at the Lake of the Woods Campus in Kenora, Ontario as an Academic Services Assistant. Critical to her life experience is having Cystic Fibrosis (CF) and at the age of 38, receiving a double lung transplant which changed her world. Brenda's Confederation journey began after a lengthy recovery from her surgery, in an effort to upgrade her skills and education to assist her with re-entry into the workforce. She has graduated from multiple Confederation programs, most recently earning her Aboriginal Canadian Relations Certificate (2015) and her Business-Human Resources diploma (2007). She believes in paying forward the kindness that she received throughout her journey, and encourages her fellow alumni to do the same.

"Giving your time, talents and experience to your community is something that everyone should consider. My community and Confederation College are part of what makes me who I am today. Looking back, the College helped me to work towards my dreams and pushed me to be a better version of myself. Being a part of the College

community as a donor and as an employee, now helping others to achieve their dreams, is truly gratifying."



*Brenda stands beside an ad she was featured in as part of a campaign for Transplant Manitoba*

In addition to giving back at Confederation, Brenda has put in many years of service with the Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Transplant Manitoba and the Lake of the Woods and Regional Community Foundation. She has earned several awards for her volunteerism including the Creon Achiever's Award for Leadership in the CF community in 2004.

These stories really only scratch the surface of what these community-minded alumni do for those in need. We hope they have inspired you to start or keep making a difference in your community.

**If in your philanthropic endeavours you are interested in getting involved with Confederation College, either to make a donation or to volunteer, please contact us today.**

**Telephone: (807) 475-6460**  
**Toll-Free: 1 800 465-5493 (in ON and MB)**  
**Email [alumni@confederationc.on.ca](mailto:alumni@confederationc.on.ca)**

*\*Read the extended (full) version of this article online at [confederationc.on.ca/alumni](http://confederationc.on.ca/alumni) to learn more about the great work J.P. and Brenda are doing in their communities.*

# 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@confederationc.on.ca](mailto:alumni@confederationc.on.ca)

## Glenn Schiiler



2001 Alumnus

Television Broadcasting

Host, *That's Hockey 2Nite*, TSN

Awards & Certificates

2015 President's Award Winner

2015 Premier's Award Nominee

"Literally within a year of graduating I was sitting behind the anchor desk, telling the news to the city I grew up in," marvelled Glenn about his first job at Thunder Bay Television (TBT). His mentor Lorne Saxberg happened to be visiting Thunder Bay, and was watching. "He was impressed and told my professor, 'Watch this kid – he's going to go places.' That was really cool for me – it really helped my confidence."

He left TBT for Ottawa, working at first as a videographer/reporter for the news. He was asked to anchor the sports desk on what turned out to be one of the most important trades in Senators' history. Glenn's reporting that night caught the eye of the national media outlets, and soon he was working at *The Score*, doing his own featured segments including exclusives on Sidney Crosby. Then it was the anchor desk again at the NHL Network, and finally at his current job hosting *That's Hockey 2Nite* on TSN.

Glenn is convinced he would not have risen as quickly through the ranks as he has without his Confederation College education. His college coursework gave him a broad range of hands-on experience and knowledge – including in front of the camera, which he may not have done otherwise. It also gave him the technical skills to craft segments - writing, directing, presenting, sometimes shooting, and helping edit.

"Having all those skills at my fingertips was invaluable," Glenn said. "Years later I'd be on shoots with camera guys, and I was showing them little tricks with the camera that worked for me. They'd look at me funny, and I'd tell them, 'Well, I lugged around a camera for five years.'"

**20<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL**  
**Confederation College**  
**Community Partners' Evening**  
Presented by **tbaytel**

# JOIN US

Join us Thursday, September 24th for our 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Partners' Evening and help change a student's life through learning. This premier networking event will have gourmet food stations arranged throughout Ryan Hall, giving the opportunity to mix, mingle and network.

**Special guest Chef Michael Smith\* will be serving delectable eats at his own food station, interacting with guests and before the evening closes, will be autographing cookbooks.** His newest cookbook, *Make Ahead Meals* (to be released just before our event), will be available for purchase.

All funds from the event will be directed to entrance scholarships to support students who wish to attend Confederation College.

**Tickets on Sale Now!**

**Don't Miss Out on Our Early Bird Prizes!**

Purchase your tickets early for a chance to win one of three amazing prizes including an up close and personal, private meet-and-greet with Chef Michael Smith before the event begins. To purchase tickets go to: [www.partnersevening.eventbrite.ca](http://www.partnersevening.eventbrite.ca)

\*Presented by *sodexo*



## Welcome to our New Alumni!



Congratulations to the 2015 graduating class on all your accomplishments! As alumni, you now have a huge network of people like you to access for making new friends and reuniting with old ones. Find them by joining our LinkedIn and Facebook Confederation College Alumni groups – just search for “Confederation College Alumni”

### Did you miss getting a great gift at graduation to remember Confederation?

Contact us at (807) 475-6460 if you are interested in purchasing one of these great gifts: teddy bear, photo frame, ball cap, key chain, pen, window decal.

### Upcoming Events



#### Premier's Award Gala

Monday, November 16, 2015 at the Sheraton Centre, Toronto

### Masthead featured photo - left to right:

**Jonathan Wilson** (Broadcasting Television Production 1993), **Mike Albanese** (Broadcasting Television Production 2013) **Ryan Bonazzo** (Broadcasting Television Production 2009) **Cora Cambly** (Business – Marketing 1997), **Madeleine Penko** (Business – Admin. Marketing 2015)

### Past Events



The 23rd Annual Confederation College Scholarship Golf Tournament was held on Thursday, June 18th at Whitewater Golf Course. All funds raised support entrance scholarships and we thank all of our participants, sponsors, and volunteers in helping us to raise over \$25,000. To see photos of the event, visit [www.confederationc.on.ca/alumni/golf](http://www.confederationc.on.ca/alumni/golf) To learn how you can support entrance scholarships for future Confederation College students, visit: [www.confederationc.on.ca/advancement](http://www.confederationc.on.ca/advancement)

### Alumni Benefits

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

- Alumni Wearables  
Go to [www.confederationc.on.ca/wearables](http://www.confederationc.on.ca/wearables)
- 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

Visit: [www.confederationc.on.ca/alumni/benefits](http://www.confederationc.on.ca/alumni/benefits)

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