

# Confederation ALUMNI

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## Welcome Alumni

Welcome to your quarterly alumni newsletter, one of our many new initiatives designed to engage and inform our over 32,000 members. In this issue you will have the opportunity to read about the benefits of membership, view information on upcoming events, and take in a feature on an award winning alumnus. 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!

### What Does Being a Confederation Alumnus Mean to You?

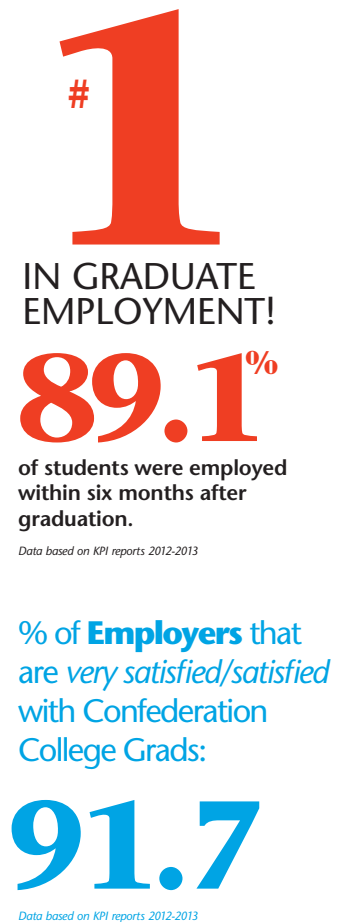
Cheryl-Lyn Lamers | Alumni Relations & Special Events Officer



The other day I was walking up the front steps to Confederation College. There were other students walking up too and I tried to imagine their first day here, climbing the steps for the first time. I felt the sense of excitement and anticipation – the wonder – just thinking about it.

Do you remember your first day at Confederation College? Many alumni I've talked to over the years tell me that it's actually their most cherished memory, even beating out graduation.

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## What Does Being a Confederation Alumnus Mean to You - Continued



Your first day, you feel like you're connecting to your new school for the first time. The last day is bittersweet, because it feels more like you're breaking that connection, like you're walking down those steps.

But it doesn't have to be that way. In fact the whole Alumni Program is designed to make our graduates always feel connected and welcome at Confederation College, even after their student days are over. Events are one way – the 22nd Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament coming up on Thursday, June 19, 2014 has become one of the perennial alumni social events of the year. Other events are in the works and you can read about them in future editions of this new quarterly newsletter.

Another way is by wearing an Alumni Pin. During the past year, we've been giving them to alumni at the President's Breakfast, company coffee break events, and other alumni gatherings. The card attached says it all – we hope you wear this pin with pride and stay connected to Confederation College.

That sums up what "alumni" means to me: the pride and the awareness of belonging to something bigger. The Alumni Pin is a nice reminder of that. If you haven't gotten yours already, contact me and I'll update your information and send you out your own personal Alumni Pin.


Keep walking up those steps!

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**96%** of Confederation  
Alumni trust the quality of  
education they received.

Ipsos Reid Public Perception Survey  
November, 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 Cheryl-Lyn Lamers, Alumni Relations Officer.

## Alumnus Ramesh Ferris

Social Service Worker | 2001

2013 Premier’s Awards Winner | 2013 President’s Award Winner



Ramesh has been compared by many to Terry Fox and Rick Hansen for his dedication to eradicating polio worldwide by 2018.

After graduating from Confederation College, Ramesh reunited with his birth mother in India where he saw the ravages of polio and vowed to fight the disease. He organized the Cycle-to-Walk fundraising campaign and meets national and local leaders around the world, raising awareness about vaccination. He successfully lobbied Prime Minister Harper to commit \$250 million to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI).

“ It was my time at Confederation College and the work that I did with the Student Union that truly allowed me to develop the leadership skills to be an effective agent of change for polio eradication. Dr. Jonas Salk has a quote that says ‘Hope lies in dreams, in imagination and in the courage of those who dare to make dreams a reality.’ I implore all of you to continue to be the inspirational role models in your communities to inspire others to make their dreams a reality. ”



## Events

Participate in these exciting upcoming events:



- 22nd Annual Confederation College Scholarship Golf Tournament  
June 19, 2014  
**Visit:** [www.confederationc.on.ca/alumni/golf](http://www.confederationc.on.ca/alumni/golf)
- 19th Annual Community Partners' Evening  
September 25, 2014



### Other College Events:

- Thunder Bay Convocation  
June 6, 2014  
**Visit:** [www.confederationc.on.ca/alumni/convocation](http://www.confederationc.on.ca/alumni/convocation)
- Regional Convocations  
June 10 - 24, 2014  
**Visit:** [www.confederationc.on.ca/convocation/dates](http://www.confederationc.on.ca/convocation/dates)

### Alumni Benefits

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

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

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

### Masthead featured photo - left to right:

James Morriveau  
Student  
Tourism - Travel and Eco-Adventure

Kaitlyn Karasiewicz  
Graduate | 2012

Michael Borg  
Graduate | 2013

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