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Confederation College
Launches Careers for Many
at Hogarth Riverview Manor
– And Opens Doors to New
Learning Opportunities

For many healthcare providers at St. Joseph's Care Group's Hogarth Riverview Manor (HRM), Confederation College was the springboard to their healthcare career.

But it's not a job that should be taken lightly, said Shane Hintikka, a Personal Support Worker (PSW) there. "You need to come into the PSW program for the right reasons, and that's to provide compassion, empathy, and genuine concern for the residents," he said.

Shane was in the mining industry for years after graduating high school. When the mine closed down, he decided to go into the healthcare field. Confederation College helped him transition to his new career.

"Never in my wildest dreams would I picture myself at 43 going back to school," Shane said.

"I've always had a passion for helping senior citizens, so I wanted the opportunity to let them know they're still valued."

Meaghan Carroll also came to healthcare later in her life. She was managing in retail when a friend encouraged her to switch careers and take the Food Service Worker program at Confederation College. She worked while she went to the College so that she got hands-on learning at the same time as her classroom learning.

Now, four years later, Meaghan said she would highly recommend the program. She loves working at HRM thanks to the great atmosphere, and finds working with the elderly rewarding. "They make my day, that's for sure," Meaghan said. "I should have done this 25 years ago."

Nikita Cava, a Therapeutic Recreationist, chose SJCG for the same reasons. "I did my internship at the LPH, and the culture here was very welcoming," she said.

Nikita has a psychology degree, but couldn't find a job in her field. She enrolled in the Recreational Therapy program and started working at HRM almost immediately after graduation.

"That just shows you how quickly I could find a job after graduating from Confederation College," Nikita said. She said it has also opened the doors to future learning opportunities.

Robin Harvey is another who was interested in expanding her skills. She was drawn to the PSW program because she wanted to help the older people in our community. Robin has a hand disability, but found it no problem to adapt to the needs of the job.

"Coming from a family of medical professionals, I knew that the medical field was something I had a passion for. I had a calling, if you want to call it that, to work with the older people in our community," Robin said.



Robin Harvey

Since graduating 10 years ago, she has worked in many different settings before moving to HRM. Robin credits Confederation College with preparing her for her career. "I had an excellent instructor – it wouldn't have been as good if I'd gone somewhere else."

Confederation College has helped many grads realize their goals and provides opportunities for them to expand their skills and job prospects in healthcare.

**Career
& Job Fair**
February 1, 2017

Join us for our Career & Job Fair to meet our students and job seekers, talk careers and showcase your organization.

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Shuniah Building, Confederation College

Take your participation one step further by highlighting the alumni you already work with!

To book a space visit:

<https://careerandjobfair.eventbrite.ca>

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@confederationcollege.ca

Damian Joseph



Broadcasting – Television Production, 2014

2015 Canadian Association of Journalist Award
– Daily Excellence Category (co-nomination)

Confederation College President's Award Winner, 2016

2016 Premier's Award Nominee

Damian Joseph is a storyteller. Originally from Naotkamegwaning First Nation near Kenora, Ontario, Damian enrolled in the Broadcasting – Television Production program because he wanted to learn the craft of visual storytelling.

After graduation, Damian joined Aboriginal People's Television Network (APTN) in 2014 as an editor and camera operator. One early story hit him hard when he was asked to edit video of a homeless man who had been found murdered in an alley. Although traumatic for him, it also reinforced in him the importance of making sure the story is told.

"I think about that story all the time," he said. "But this is why I got into it in the first place. I want people to know what is happening here."

During a massive blaze in Lac La Ronge Indian Band in July 2015, Damian's dramatic shots brought to life the glowing forest across the water from one community and along the road out from another as the fire threatened these communities. His images of the exhausted fire crews trying to protect their homes from the advancing flames, and the beleaguered Chief who stayed behind after a general evacuation, show the desperation and commitment these people had to saving their communities.

Damian and reporter Jorge Barrera captured the poignancy of the natural disaster for APTN so well that the pair was nominated for a Canadian Association of Journalists Award in the "Daily Excellence" category for their coverage of the 2015 fire. Damian said that he just wanted to help bring national attention to the story from an Indigenous perspective.

"I don't do this for awards. I do it for my people. It's the only reason I'm here."



FIFTY YEARS | 1967~2017

Celebrate with us!

Join us in 2017 as Confederation College celebrates 50 years of success.

Host a Reunion, attend an event, donate memorabilia or volunteer.

For more information, contact:

50@confederationcollege.ca or visit:
confederation50.com

Upcoming Events



Premier's Awards Gala

Monday, November 21, 2016 at the Sheraton Centre, Toronto

Career & Job Fair

Wednesday, February 1, 2017 in the Shuniah Building, Confederation College.

For more information call: (807) 475-6509

Get Involved! Volunteer at an event or become a member of our Alumni Community Group. Interested in learning more? Contact alumni@confederationcollege.ca

Alumni Benefits

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

- Alumni Wearables
Go to confederationcollege.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: confederationcollege.ca/alumni/benefits for more information.



On Thursday, September 22nd, more than 200 business leaders, community partners and supporters attended the 21st annual Community Partners' Evening. Guests were able to travel the world in just one night as they sampled dishes from various countries across the globe. Special guest Chef Steven Khor guided our 2nd-year Culinary Management students and faculty in preparing tantalizing samplers such as Peking Duck Crepes, Smoked Bison Tenderloin, and Chicken Chimichangas, among many other delicious treats. The evening ended with more than \$24,000 being raised for student awards. Thank you to everyone who helped make this memorable evening a success!



Chef Steven Khor with students and faculty from the Confederation College Culinary Management Program.

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