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NEWSLETTER

Message from the President

Happy New Year, and Best Wishes for 2007. Welcome back! I hope you had many opportunities to spend quality time with family and good friends during the holidays.

As we begin the second half of the 2006-07 academic year, I wanted to reflect back on the inspiring series of conversations we had last November. Thanks to the many staff who participated in the town hall forums at all four campuses. You brought forward a wealth of suggestions on how we can do an even better job of serving students and supporting staff.

To herald the New Year, I want to reiterate one of the key messages that I both heard during the forums and that I personally believe. Mohawk can be proud of having among the best students and staff in the entire Ontario college system. Together, we have an impressive and always growing list of accomplishments. Consider a few examples of what we achieved last fall: we received our third national Yves Landry Award for our innovative partnership with McMaster University, a team of Advertising students won gold at Canada's largest marketing competition and Professor Ted Scott received a Hamilton Spectator Publisher's Award for Educators. Mohawk alumnus Marni Flaherty was chosen to receive a 2006 Premier's Award for College Graduates, and Vice President Rosemary Knechtel was selected to receive ACAATO's 2007 Distinguished Service Award. Dofasco and the family of the late Gerald Marshall made the two largest donations in Mohawk's history, investing in the exciting transformation of our Stoney Creek campus and creating opportunities for more students to achieve gold collar jobs in skilled trades and apprenticeship professions.

Going forward, we need to do a better job of celebrating our strengths and successes. We need to get into the habit of saying "thank you" and "job well done" and to always remember that everyone comes to work at Mohawk wanting to do their absolute best for students and their colleagues.

One of my New Year's resolutions is to seize every opportunity to sing the praises of staff and students both within Mohawk and externally in the communities we serve. Given what our collective talents have accomplished already, I know that I will again have much to talk about in the coming months.

Marilynn

STARRT INVESTING



CELEBRATING a FATHER'S LEGACY: MOHAWK VICE PRESIDENT CHERYL JENSEN AND PRESIDENT MARYLYNN WEST-MOYNES GRATEFULLY ACCEPT THE LARGEST SINGLE DONATION IN MOHAWK'S HISTORY FROM THE MARSHALL FAMILY (LEFT TO RIGHT) LINDA MARSHALL, CINDY BUTLER, WAYNE MARSHALL, JO-ANNE SPADAFORA AND RICK MARSHALL.



OUR STRENGTH IS PEOPLE: DOFASCO PRESIDENT AND CEO JACQUES CHABANIER CALLS THE STEELMAKER'S \$1 MILLION DONATION TO STARRT A DOWNPAYMENT ON CLOSING THE SKILLED TRADES GAP. DOFASCO DRAWS 90 PER CENT OF ITS APPRENTICES FROM MOHAWK.

RECORD-SETTING donations to help STARRT TRANSFORMATION of Stoney Creek campus

Two of the largest donations in Mohawk's history will create opportunities for more students to pursue rewarding careers in skilled trades professions and give Ontario's economy another competitive advantage.

The family of the late Gerald Marshall has made the largest ever private donation to Mohawk while Dofasco has contributed the largest corporate cash donation in support of the transformation of the Stoney Creek campus into the Mohawk Skilled Trades and Apprenticeship Research, Resources and Training (STARRT) Institute.

Skilled trades enrolment at the STARRT Institute will double to 1,020 students and apprenticeship opportunities will grow by 35 per cent, to 3,571 students a year. Mohawk is the largest trainer of skilled trades and apprenticeship students in Ontario, and apprenticeship enrolment has grown 14 per cent at Mohawk in the past five years.

More than 100 family and friends met at the Stoney Creek campus to celebrate the legacy of Gerald Marshall, a leader in the trucking industry. As a lasting tribute to their father, the Marshall family is donating \$1.2 million to Mohawk and has established the Gerald Marshall Fund, with the personal objective of raising an additional \$1.2 million. During the celebration event, Nicholas Brown from Brown Financial and Insurance Services, donated \$50,000 to the Gerald Marshall Fund.

"Our father was a tireless worker who instilled a love of learning in his family," says Wayne Marshall, co-owner of Marshall Truck and Trailer Repair Ltd in Stoney Creek. "In establishing the Gerald Marshall Fund at Mohawk, we are creating opportunities for students to follow in our father's footsteps and achieve their own dreams of building successful careers and companies."

The Gerald Marshall Fund will enhance Mohawk's Truck and Coach Apprenticeship program and train graduates to work throughout the trucking and transportation industry as truck and coach technicians, mechanics and mechanical repairers, automotive mechanical installers and servicers.

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"We would like to express our deepest appreciation to the Marshall family for establishing this fund in their father's memory," says Mohawk President MaryLynn West-Moynes. "Gerald Marshall was a leader in his industry and with this remarkable and inspiring memorial gift, Mohawk will have state-of-the-art facilities in which to train more apprentices in support of a trucking and transportation industry that is absolutely essential to economic growth and prosperity."

During another event at the Stoney Creek campus, Dofasco President and CEO Jacques Chabanier called his company's \$1 million investment in the STARRT Institute a downpayment on closing the skilled trades gap. "This donation today is not only an investment in Mohawk's future, but an investment in our own future."

Dofasco has the largest apprenticeship program in Ontario and draws 90 per cent of its apprentices from Mohawk. "We believe the availability of skilled tradespeople in this region is critical to our business and to Hamilton's economy," said Mr. Chabanier. "Our contribution is an investment in Hamilton's success and the competitiveness of Hamilton as a place to do business."

Among the early supporters of the Mohawk STARRT Institute are the Ontario government with a \$2.15 million investment and Hamilton City Council with approval of a \$1.5 million Hamilton Future Fund grant.



THANKS A MILLION DOFASCO FROM THE STUDENTS AND STAFF AT MOHAWK COLLEGE.

MOHAWK LEADER RECEIVES PROVINCIAL HONOURS



MOHAWK'S VICE PRESIDENT, ACADEMIC ROSEMARY KNECHTEL WILL RECEIVE THE 2007 ACAATO DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD NEXT MONTH IN TORONTO.

The award recognizes exceptional and visionary leaders who promote excellence and motivate others through a spirit of collaboration and cooperation.

Rosemary will be honoured for her contributions to establishing the Mohawk-McMaster Institute for Applied Health Sciences, the development of joint collaborative programs, her work on provincial and national committees and her volunteer work in the community.

"When I told Rosemary she was receiving the Distinguished Service award, she was quick to give credit to everyone she has had the good fortune to work with," says Mohawk President MaryLynn West-Moynes. "Her reaction says a lot about why Rosemary has accomplished so much during her 34-year career with Mohawk and why she's being honoured with the Distinguished Service award."

CELEBRATING A REWARDING PARTNERSHIP IN EDUCATION.

ACCEPTING THE NATIONAL YVES LANDRY FOUNDATION'S 2006 INNOVATIVE MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM AWARD UNIVERSITY LEVEL ARE M.A. ELBESTAWI, DEAN OF ENGINEERING, MCMASTER UNIVERSITY, AND CHERYL JENSEN, VICE PRESIDENT, TECHNOLOGY, APPRENTICESHIP AND CORPORATE TRAINING, MOHAWK COLLEGE.

National award for Mohawk-McMaster partnership

THE MOHAWK AND MCMASTER UNIVERSITY BACHELOR OF TECHNOLOGY PARTNERSHIP IS THE 2006 RECIPIENT OF THE INNOVATIVE MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM AWARD: UNIVERSITY LEVEL FROM THE YVES LANDRY FOUNDATION.



Presented at the Foundation's STARS Gala Oct. 26, the national award recognizes the development of an innovative manufacturing program that matches skills development with industry requirements and measures student success and achievement.

This is the third award Mohawk has received from The Yves Landry Foundation. Awards were presented to Mohawk's Modern Foundry Technologies Institute in 2001 and Integrated Technician Apprenticeship Program in 2004.

Mohawk and McMaster initiated a partnership in 1997 by offering a Bachelor of Technology degree in Manufacturing Engineering Technology. The program was reviewed and redesigned in 2005 to offer students an expanded set of advanced technology degree programs which include the development of management skills.

MOHAWK PROFESSOR and RESEARCHER RECOGNIZED as EXCEPTIONAL EDUCATOR by INDUSTRY EDUCATION COUNCIL

MOHAWK PROFESSOR TED SCOTT HAS BEEN HONOURED WITH A HAMILTON SPECTATOR PUBLISHER'S AWARD FOR EDUCATORS.



Ted, a professor in the Medical Radiation Sciences Program at the Mohawk-McMaster Institute for Applied Health Sciences, was honoured for his commitment to teaching and research during the 12th annual Partners in Education Breakfast presented by the Industry Education Council of Hamilton.

"Ted Scott personifies Mohawk's vision of 'Inspiring Learning, Leadership and Citizenship'," says Mohawk President MaryLynn West-Moynes. "Ted is a gifted professor and an accomplished researcher who makes an invaluable contribution to students and the entire college."

Ted completed his sonography training at Mohawk and earned his Master's Degree in Applied Science (medical ultrasound) from Charles Sturt University in Australia. This fall, Ted received the SDMS Graduate Research Award and the Bracco Diagnostics Research Award at the Society of Diagnostic Medical Sonographers annual conference. Last year, the society awarded Ted one of three 2005 Kenneth R. Gottesfeld awards for outstanding papers published in the Journal of Diagnostic Medical Sonography. In 2004, Ted was the second place winner in the Canadian Society of Diagnostic Medical Sonographers Excellence in Ultrasound Award.

Ted, who is one of six Mohawk professors at the IAHS currently working towards their PhD, is conducting research related to imaging of fetal heart defects.

Charting our future in Brantford

FEEDBACK FROM THE COMMUNITY AND LOCAL EMPLOYERS IS HELPING TO GUIDE THE DEVELOPMENT OF MOHAWK COLLEGE'S FIVE-YEAR STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN FOR THE BRANTFORD CAMPUS.

Forums and one-on-one interviews were held last November and December to identify how Mohawk College can best meet future educational and training needs of residents and employers in Brantford and Brant County. Staff were also invited to weigh in with their opinions and insights. The sessions were facilitated by KJ Business Solutions on behalf of Mohawk College.

"Engaging the community in conversation about continuing to build on our legacy of contributions to economic growth and social wellbeing is an important step in charting the future of Mohawk College's Brantford campus," says Carolyn Gray, Vice President Lifelong Learning and Brantford. The five-year strategic business plan is expected in early 2007.

Opened in 1970, the Brantford campus currently serves more than 1,000 full-time students, 200 apprenticeship students, 2,000 adult learners and 1,500 Continuing Education registrants. Mohawk College also has an articulation agreement with Wilfrid Laurier University to expand educational opportunities for students.



OUTSTANDING **STAFF** receive 2006 **PRESIDENT'S AWARD**

President's Award for Excellence

Anna Gris

MOHAWK STUDENTS WHO SPEAK ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE HAVE A TIRELESS ADVOCATE AND PASSIONATE CHAMPION IN ANNA GRIS.



S Supporting the success of international and immigrant students has been one of Anna's top priorities and passions for the past 27 years. She has developed many courses from scratch and created innovative bridging programs to help ESL students realize their full potential at Mohawk. Throughout her distinguished career at Mohawk, Anna has been a catalyst for improving both what, and how, students are taught. No issue has been too big or too small for this recipient to address with an unflagging spirit.

Anna has built and nurtured partnerships not only across Mohawk but throughout the province and country and collaborated on developing curriculum, presented at national conferences and helped investigate the needs of ESL students at Ontario colleges.

Anna is also a valued and respected member of the OPSEU Local 240. She has consistently demonstrated an ability to resolve issues with win-win solutions that will prove to be among her many great contributions and lasting legacies at Mohawk.

Outside of Mohawk, Anna is an active and dedicated member of the Ancaster Community Food Drive Committee. Last year, the committee collected 75,000 pounds of food in just one day, which is just another example of how this recipient exceeds all expectations with a remarkable level of performance, teamwork and leadership.

President's Award for Excellence

Peggy Kirby

PEGGY KIRBY IS THE CALM IN A STORM OF CONSTANT QUESTIONS AND REQUESTS FROM STAFF AND STUDENTS.



W Working on the frontlines of an incredibly busy department for the past 22 years, Peggy is always willing to go above and beyond normal routines to get the job done. And she does her job with a tremendous sense of humour and always with a smile. In short, Peggy sets the standard for exceptional customer service.

Colleagues wonder how Peggy manages to get so much done, given her willingness to drop whatever task is at hand to help the students, prospective students and staff who show up at her

desk looking for help. In their many letters of support, colleagues wrote that Peggy bolsters their spirits, provides the structure to keep things from falling apart amidst chaos, cheers them on and keeps everyone supplied with the tools they need to stay at peak performance.

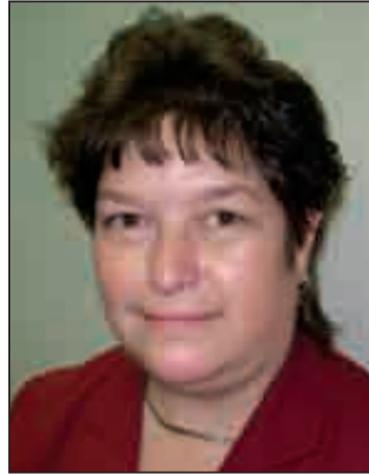
Peggy put her collaborative and problem-solving skills to the test in developing schedules for students in the department. After many hours of mental gymnastics, she created the schedules using the timetabling system, policies and procedures of one Mohawk's educational partners. Her quick thinking saved many faculty from having to completely rework their course delivery plans at the last minute.

At a True Colours workshop a few years ago, Peggy was chosen to lead her team. At the end of the day, the workshop facilitator asked the audience of support staff who best exemplified the qualities of leadership, reliability, integrity and consideration for others. The group of 30 staff was near unanimous in their decision of choosing Peggy.

President's Award for Excellence

Marianne Wilson

MARIANNE WILSON IS A PROVEN PROBLEM-SOLVER, SELF-STARTER AND CONSUMMATE DEAL MAKER.



M Marianne plays a pivotal role in grabbing the attention and piquing the interest of prospective students. It's an incredibly important responsibility that comes with constant, often competing and always aggressive deadlines. Without fail, her work is done on time and to the highest possible standards. And this recipient does a remarkable job at securing the absolute best value and best price for Mohawk in her negotiations with many suppliers.

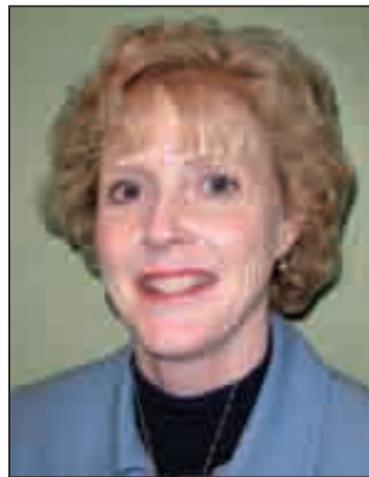
Over the past year, Marianne represented Mohawk as a valued member of the Bay Area Leadership Program. She brought with her the professionalism and enthusiasm she exhibits daily at Mohawk. A teammate from the program calls Marianne very creative and innovative, with a positive attitude, excellent organizational abilities and good problem solving skills.

Perhaps most impressive is the support and encouragement Marianne gives to students. A student who is currently doing a work-study placement with this recipient wrote "I couldn't have asked for a better staff member to assist me at Mohawk. She continues to amaze me. She is very approachable and is always willing to teach me or anyone else something new and as a result, I have gained invaluable experience."

President's Award for Excellence

Jill Leedham

JILL LEEDHAM BRINGS TO LIFE IN THE CLASSROOM MOHAWK'S MISSION OF PUTTING STUDENTS AND LEARNING AT THE HEART OF ALL WE DO.



S Students consistently give Jill high marks for subject knowledge, her availability outside of the classroom and her teaching style. Jill was among the first in her department to integrate online learning into her teaching and she is constantly upgrading her teaching skills.

After researching the needs of employers, Jill launched a new Post-Graduate Human Resources Management Program. Jill forged a relationship with the industry's provincial association to ensure the curriculum reflected best practices and gave students a competitive advantage in the job market. And Jill found field placements for the entire first class of students in the program and then visited each and every student at their workplace. The visits were a chance to support students while at the same time enhancing the program's profile and reputation with regional employers.

On her own initiative and on her own time, Jill has completed the requirements for earning professional designation in the industry. She completed the course work and wrote a comprehensive final exam while maintaining a full-time teaching schedule and supporting department initiatives.

In 2002, Jill was presented with the Business Instructor Appreciation Award from the Mohawk Students' Association. Students presented this recipient with a plaque that reads "Mentor, Teacher, Friend." One of the many students who submitted letters of support on Jill's behalf wrote "she is a very caring teacher and she is very interested in everyone one of her students. She definitely goes the extra mile for us, making sure we are satisfied with the way the program is being run and making sure that we achieve the highest of our abilities."



Congratulations Marni Flaherty Ontario Premier's Award Winner

Mohawk College is proud to recognize Marni Flaherty as the 2006 Premier's Award winner in the category of Community Services.

The Premier's Awards for Graduates of Ontario Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology honour the important social and economic contribution that college graduates make to Ontario and throughout the world.

Marni Flaherty – Chief Executive Officer of Today's Family - Caring for Your Child Graduate '82 – Early Childhood Education



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A night to celebrate Mohawk's distinguished Alumni



Mindy Tweedle Laforet
RECENT GRADUATE



Ward Dilse
BUSINESS



Mike Farrell
CREATIVE ARTS AND DESIGN



John Lafferty
HEALTH SCIENCES



Michael Desnoyers
TECHNOLOGY

Thursday, January 25, 2007

Michelangelo Banquet and Convention Centre
Reception 5:30 p.m. | Dinner 6:30 p.m.
Tickets: \$65.00 | Table: \$500.00

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Proceeds raised will support student bursaries

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HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE for KIDZ

MOHAWK ADVERTISING PROGRAM COORDINATOR WAYNE AUBERT AND THIRD-YEAR STUDENTS MEG BUTTON AND CASSANDRA WITHEY WERE AMONG THE STUDENTS AND STAFF WHO ORGANIZED A HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE FOR CITY KIDZ. WAYNE HAD SET A GOAL OF 250 TOYS OR ONE TOY FOR EVERY STUDENT IN THE ADVERTISING PROGRAM. STUDENTS AND STAFF WOUND UP DONATING JUST OVER 300 TOYS FOR THE NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT SUPPORTS DISADVANTAGED INNER-CITY KIDS. ALSO GETTING INTO THE SPIRIT OF THE SEASON WERE C101.5 FM AND THE MOHAWK STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION WITH A MISSION SERVICES TOY DRIVE, STUDENT LIFE WITH THE HOLIDAY HAMPERS OF HOPE PROGRAM AND THE MOHAWK COLLEGE ASSOCIATION OF CONTINUING EDUCATION STUDENTS WHICH ADOPTED A NORTH HAMILTON FAMILY FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

MAKING a DIFFERENCE...

STAFF LOOKING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE COMMUNITY CAN SPEND SOME QUALITY TIME WITH ROBERT LAND IN 2007.

The Robert Land Community Centre is looking for volunteers to help run a growing slate of recreational and educational programs for children, youth, adults and seniors, with a special emphasis on music, dance and art classes.

Mohawk has been involved in a number of initiatives since September to help transform the former inner city school into a much needed community centre and to inspire learning, leadership and citizenship in the North Hamilton's Keith Neighbourhood.

To find out how you can help make the Keith Neighbourhood a better place to raise a child by sharing your time and talents, please call Community Worker Robyn Andrews at 905-526-1558 or email to robyn_andrews@ymca.ca

CELEBRATING MOHAWK'S ANNIVERSARY

WE'LL BE SINGING AND SEARCHING TO HELP CELEBRATE MOHAWK'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY.

The Mohawk School Song, penned by David Leishman and Ron Slavik and performed for the first time at Mohawk's inaugural graduation ceremony in 1967 is making a comeback. Staff, students, alumni and any aspiring musician can help create a 2007 remix of the classic hit. For more, please contact Jay Robb in Media Relations. And the search continues for 40 outstanding Mohawk alumni. We're looking for graduates who've made their mark and made a difference. To nominate someone for Mohawk's Incredible 40 at 40, please contact Wendy Makey in Alumni Relations.

MOHAWK Students the **BEST** in the **BUSINESS**

A TEAM OF MOHAWK STUDENTS SUPPORTED BY ADVERTISING PROFESSOR CATHARINE OZOLS WON GOLD AT THE 2006 CANADIAN MARKETING ASSOCIATION (CMA) AWARDS.

Third-year Advertising students Adam McClare, Cassandra Withey, and Lisa Labreche won gold in the Student Award: Marketing category. The award was presented at the association's annual gala and in front of 2,000 industry leaders and professionals from across Canada. The trio of Mohawk students have been offered guaranteed field placements at Toronto advertising agencies.

Working from a case study, the Mohawk team had three weeks in which to create a direct marketing campaign for a fictional digital music download company. Also winning gold at the CMA Awards was a team from the Schulich School of Business. Teams from colleges and universities from across Canada entered the competition. "Mohawk is proud to have three of Canada's best Advertising students at our college," says President MaryLynn West-Moynes. "I also want to thank Catharine for helping this remarkable team of students win gold on a national stage."

Since 1998, Mohawk Advertising students have won eight CMA awards.



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