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## Message from the President



Welcome to the latest edition of *Fleming Ties*, our dedicated **Fleming College Alumni** publication.

As always we are very pleased to share with you stories of the many achievements of our alumni.

In Canada and in fact, all over the world, our alumni are doing amazing things...this issue we celebrate this year's Premier's Awards nominees, an incredible group of graduates who are excelling in their fields and represent Fleming College with pride. We also highlight **Duane Parnham**, Mineral Engineering Technology '85, who recently made a **\$1M donation** to our Resources Drilling and Blasting Program, the largest such gift by any alumnus to a college in Ontario.

This issue also has a special focus on those alumni working in the technology and skilled trades areas as we embark on an exciting new project at Fleming College... The new Kawartha Trades and Technology Centre to be built at Sutherland campus will help meet the training needs of the construction and manufacturing trade sectors. The 87,000-square-foot facility will provide new space and equipment for Fleming students training in areas such as carpentry, masonry, welding, plumbing and machining. Through partnerships with education and industry, the Centre will also teach and train more students from regional secondary schools and industry. This new project, funded in part by the Ontario Government is scheduled to open in 2013.

These are exciting times at Fleming College. I hope you enjoy this issue of **your alumni magazine!** ❖

G.A. (Tony) Tilly, Ph.D., President



Where in the world is Jeannine O'Reilly's scarf?

## Where in the World is Your Scarf?

After many guesses, no one was able to correctly identify the location of last issue's photo submitted by Brian Paradoski, Fish & Wildlife Technician '71...his photo was actually taken in St. Maarten on the Dutch side of Fort Amsterdam overlooking Great Bay Beach. You stumped us Brian, your prize is on the way!

This issue's photo comes from Jeannine O'Reilly, Expressive Arts '10...where in the world is *her* scarf? Where is this grave located?

Send your answers via email to [alumni@flemingc.on.ca](mailto:alumni@flemingc.on.ca) with the subject line "scarf contest" no later than February 15, 2012 to be entered into the draw to win great Fleming swag!

Want your photo featured? Send us a photo of you wearing your Fleming scarf near a recognizable landmark i.e. the Eiffel Tower, the Water Tower Coffee Pot in Iowa or the Starship Enterprise in Vulcan, Alberta and provide the details. Planning a trip and don't have your scarf yet? Call 1-866-353-6464 ext. 1390. ❖



# A Holistic Approach to **SOUND** Career Decision-Making

It frequently astounds me what little thought seems to go into the career decision-making of many individuals. With all of the resources we have at our disposal, people still seem to base their career choices on what their parents want them to do; or what a friend is taking; or the “latest and greatest”; whatever it happens to be. And they find themselves – like many of us, I suspect – working in a job that might provide money – and, if they’re lucky, benefits and job security – but little in the way of satisfaction, fulfillment or meaning to their lives in general. This is not only unfortunate but, in my opinion, unnecessary.

Since moving to Sutherland from the Cobourg campus (where I spent 15 years as an Employment Counsellor in the Futures and Job Connect programs) I have had cause to interact with a wide variety of students in a wide variety of settings. Often students ask for help with choosing an appropriate career for themselves however, too often, they seem to base their decisions on someone else’s criteria, and not their own. Their passions, interests, skills, abilities, aptitudes, personalities, life circumstances, self-knowledge, knowledge of the work world, and values rarely seem to factor in. Instead, decisions are based on what someone else perceives as “good for them” – this could be a parent, a partner or a friend. Sometimes decisions are made based on when the program starts – “I need to start in January” was identified as of utmost importance to a career decision just yesterday in our Career Services office. A decision as vital and important as “what I’m going to do when I grow up” is based on whether the program begins in January? This is deeply disturbing.

Let’s think back to our days in elementary and high school when the world appeared to be such a vast and open place. How delicious the possibilities seemed. And there were loads of them. In fact, our parents told us, we could be “anything” we wanted. All we had to do was work hard and we’d get there. Did you buy into this? Or did you decide to take a program because you’re best friend was taking it? Or because it was close to home, had lots of job opportunities or started in January? I’m not suggesting that these factors shouldn’t be considered. Of course, job opportunities (and labour market information in general) should be part of the decision-making process. It’s not a good idea to choose, for instance, a job that’s destined to be obsolete by the time you complete your program. And with the leaps and bounds made in technology every day, occupations become obsolete occupations at a staggering pace. Examples: typist, file clerk, milkman (even adding the word “man” to an occupation is obsolete!)

Sound career decision-making happens with a holistic approach; we are the sum of all of our parts and they all need to be considered when choosing a career path. *Be open to the possibilities.* ❖

**NOTE:** Did you know that as an alumnus, you still have access to career services at Fleming College? Whether you are a new graduate looking to land that first job, a displaced worker or just looking for a career change. Our skilled Career Counsellors can assist you with your job search, including resume critiquing, interview skills and access to online job postings.



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# Reconnecting and Supporting Futures

**A**s a young child Duane Parnham loved rocks...so much so that on family trips he would pick up every rock he saw along the way, much to the chagrin of his parents who were forced to dispose of his collection when Duane wasn't paying attention.

"I'd fill one side of the truck with every pretty stone or rock, and having limited space, my father had to sneak them out the other side, hoping I wouldn't notice," Duane remembers fondly.

Raised in Burlington, Ontario, Duane's father, an auto mechanic by trade, would take the family on summer vacations each year to a North American destination meticulously researched after a year of reading National Geographic to spark his children's interest in the natural world around them.

So it was no surprise when Duane made the decision to attend Fleming College's School of Environmental and Natural Resource Sciences after researching his options. Initially he enrolled in Fish & Wildlife and Forestry courses, but quickly determined that the fit was not quite right.

Remembering his love of rocks as a child, Duane enrolled in the Mineral Engineering Technology program.

"The program was excellent. The academics provided me with the skills I needed to succeed and the close knit atmosphere of the Frost campus allowed me to develop social skills that really helped me to develop my entrepreneurial spirit and prepared me to run my own business," says Duane.

Duane also has many fond memories of his leisure time at Fleming including

fishing and snowmobiling, having rented a house on Lake Scugog, initially from the late Mr. Ken Reid.

"There were lots of activities that really fit with my love of the outdoors. Those were good times, I have such great memories."

After completing his studies, Duane went into business for himself and over the past 26 years has had a very successful career as an entrepreneur managing environmental and resources based companies in both Canada and Namibia,



"Fleming College has provided me many of the skills that have made this donation possible." – Duane Parnham

Africa. Most recently he championed the merger of UNX Energy with Brazilian based HRT Oil and Gas and is currently the Executive Chairman of Giyani Gold Corporation as well as a director of IC Potash Corporation.

In February of 2010, Duane had the opportunity to come back to Fleming College during Alumni Appreciation Week celebrations. Visiting the campus for the first time in over 25 years was an extremely positive experience for

Duane that sparked his willingness to give back to the community he was so fond of. His years at Fleming, and the love and unwavering support from his father provided Duane with a solid foundation that has not faded over time.

In August of 2011, Fleming College was the grateful recipient of a historic \$1 million gift from Duane. Historic for two reasons: it is the largest donation by an alumnus in the history of Fleming College, and the largest gift ever by a college alumnus to a community college

in Ontario. Duane's investment will support the Resources Drilling and Blasting Training Centre by funding the purchase of equipment such as a multi-purpose drill, blast hole drill rig with simulator, and a drilling fluid management system. These funds will also allow for upgrades and enhancements to the building. \$200,000 of his gift will also be used to establish an endowed fund that will be matched through the Ontario Trust for Student Support Program and provide financial assistance to students in need at the Frost campus to complete their studies.

"Fleming College has provided me many of the skills that have made this donation possible," says Duane, "I am very pleased to support an educational institution focused on providing world class technical skills to the next generation of mining professionals. I am also thrilled that in 2012 we will be establishing the Parnham Foundation, which will focus on health and education in the Fleming College community and beyond." ❖

# WHAT EXACTLY IS RESOURCES DRILLING & BLASTING?



Fleming College has been producing well rounded and innovative drillers for over 20 years. With a unique combination of technical training and hands-on experience, the Resources Drilling and Blasting program is the only program of its kind in Canada, with employers from across North America seeking out our highly trained and competent graduates. But what is it exactly that they do?

For some the idea conjures images of oil wells and construction workers blasting rock to make way for new roads. But it is far more than that. Our faculty, students and graduates are truly making a positive difference in the lives of people here in our own province and all over the world.

Out of the tragedy of Walkerton came a large number of recommendations to protect Ontario's drinking water. With funding from the Ministry of the Environment, Fleming College led the development of two, Best Management Practices manuals for the well construction industry in Ontario. Faculty, along with Fleming's Department of Continuing Education, consulted in depth with the Provincial government, industry professionals and associations as well as other stakeholders to develop the manuals and to ensure understanding and compliance that assists Ontario's licensed

contractors and well technicians in their role to protect Ontario's groundwater.

For the past four years, Canadian Forces personnel have been coming to Frost campus, training alongside our students, in a one-week course in well drilling and construction. The participants take what they learn back to Afghanistan to help with the reconstruction efforts. They use their training to dig new wells and canals to improve the water supply and irrigation in and around Kandahar.

Last year, faculty from the program provided practical training in drilling and blasting techniques to aboriginal students interested in pursuing employment in the mining, construction, energy, resource and infrastructure sectors through the Det'on Training and Conference Centre in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories. In partnership with Fleming College, they now offer a new accredited course for Drilling and Blasting. This is a unique partnership between Yellowknife's Dene First Nation and Fleming College. In its first year the program received over 100 applications for only 14 spots.

This partnership is empowering the Dene community – giving them the expertise and knowledge to develop and manage their natural resources. The goal of the Det'on Centre is to eliminate the need to hire trades people from the south and to keep the focus on training locally and building specialized knowledge within their own community.

This is why at Fleming College we are so proud of our Resources Drilling and Blasting program and its graduates, and are thrilled that Mr. Duane Parnham (page 4), will be investing his generous gift not only in the infrastructure of the program by providing necessary upgrades and equipment for the facility but also to assist students in financial need at our Frost campus through the Ontario Trust for Student Support Program. ❖



## GREAT NEWS FOR FLEMING ENTREPRENEURS!

In partnership with the Greater Peterborough Area Economic Development Corporation's Business Advisory Centre, the Fleming College Advancement & Alumni Relations office is proud to be offering professional business consultations at no charge for Fleming entrepreneurs. Whether you are thinking about starting a business, or have an existing business, professional consultants can guide you towards effective business planning and operations.

Book your 45-minute appointment today on the second Tuesday of every month from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. by contacting the Alumni Relations Office 705-749-5509 or by email at [alumni@flemingc.on.ca](mailto:alumni@flemingc.on.ca).

In addition, Fleming College alumni are entitled to discounted access to seminars and events run by the Business Advisory Centre throughout the year! Please visit [www.businessadvisorycentre.ca](http://www.businessadvisorycentre.ca) for details on upcoming events. To register, please contact the Alumni Relations office for your free or discounted admission. ❖







# Royal Encounters

**R**oyal encounters are starting to become a habit with Fleming College alumni. Most recently, 2011 Ecosystem Management Technician graduate, Jeff Howard was chosen to represent the Canadian Wildlife Federation at "Our Smart and Caring Nation," a Barbeque at Rideau Hall in honour of the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge (front centre) on their recent trip to Canada.

Also in attendance were Prime Minister Stephen Harper and his wife Laureen (behind the royal couple), as well as Governor General David Johnston and his wife Sharon (to the left of the prince). Jeff had the opportunity not only to chat

with Prince William one-on-one about his education and conservation experiences but also to Governor General Johnston, his wife and Mrs. Harper extensively about the Canadian Wildlife Federation as they are all members.

"Prince William was easy to talk to, down to earth and really personable. There wasn't the formality that you would expect having a conversation with a member of the Royal family. He has a key interest in conservation; it was a really good chat," said Jeff.

The event was pulled together quickly with only two days notice for Jeff to get from Beausoleil Island, where he was working for Parks Canada planting

trees, to Ottawa to attend the dinner that brought together 120 Canadian youth who are dedicated to service both at home and abroad and who, through their actions, are building a smarter and more caring nation and planet.

"I didn't have any trouble getting the day off," Jeff laughed.

Jeff is continuing his studies at Fleming this year finishing his Technologist designation. He was recently honoured by the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority with the Ernie Crossland Young Conservationists Award, awarded to youth that have been committed to the environment from a young age. Congratulations Jeff! ❖

## CARING FOR THE CAREGIVER

On Saturday February 11, 2012, join us for a day-long event for women caring for aging parents. Hosted by alumnae Kerri Davies, Executive Director of Canterbury Gardens in Peterborough. Learn about your options from our expert panel and enjoy an afternoon of pampering including mini-massages and manicures and laugh away your stress with Linda Kash, Canada's own Cream Cheese Angel! For more information contact Arla Whalen, 705-749-5530 ext. 1664.

## ALUMNI APPRECIATION WEEK 2012

is fast approaching! February 13 to 17, 2012. The week will include kick-off events in both Peterborough and Lindsay, Fleming Night at the Petes on February 16, blood donor clinics, job fairs and an aboriginal awareness event. Please check out [www.flemingc.on.ca/](http://www.flemingc.on.ca/) alumni for detailed information in the new year!

## AN EVENING WITH "THE CITIOTS"

Join us Saturday March 3, 2012, at the Peterborough Sport and Wellness Centre in support of Athletic Scholarships. Enjoy dinner, silent and live auctions filled with amazing sports memorabilia and sporting goods, as well as a performance by the renowned Citiots Improv group. Special thanks to the Sporting Goods Business students at Fleming College. \$30 per person. For more information or to book your seat call 705-749-5530 ext. 1390.

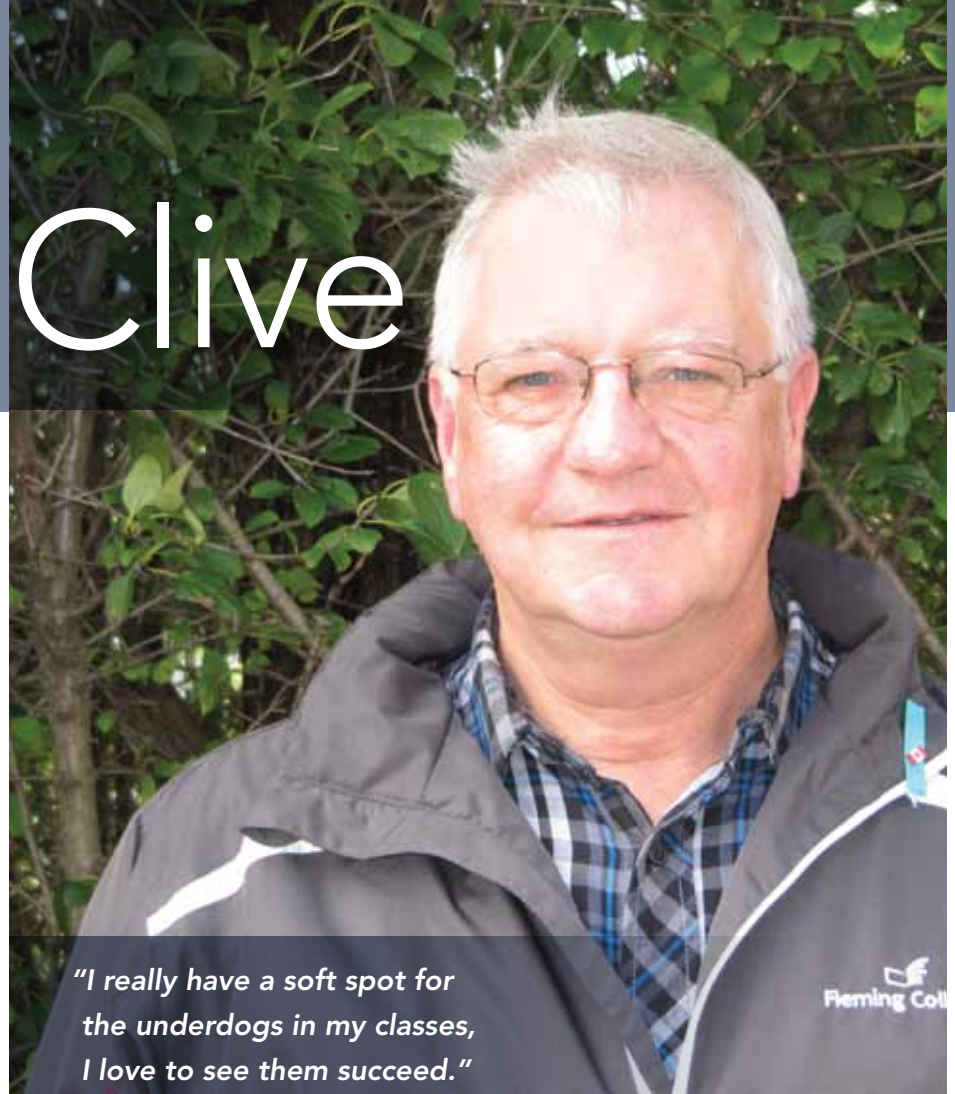
# Lloyd Clive

If you've ever had a reason to be on the 6th floor of the Sutherland Campus in the last three decades, you've probably bumped into Lloyd Clive. And if you've taken one of his classes, you certainly haven't forgotten him and more than likely, he hasn't forgotten you.

"I don't know anyone who is willing to do more for students, before, during and well after their time at Fleming. His memory for names and details is remarkable, often being able to recall students from many years past and not just the top and bottom 10% like so many of us, but any student. Lloyd's classes all seem to come with a life-time guarantee," says colleague and friend, Dale Northey.

And when it comes to his students and alumni, Lloyd is passionate and will do almost anything: even if it requires donning a lab coat and funny goggles to have his picture taken with a DeLorean for a class of 1985 reunion, or wearing a pair of angel wings and posing with the Philadelphia Cream Cheese Angel to help raise funds for student bursaries. Lloyd will always go the extra mile.

After graduating from the University of Windsor in 1974 with a degree in Industrial Engineering, Lloyd headed to Toronto to work in Motive Power for CP Rail, he then moved on to 3M in London doing a variety of tasks including lift truck operation, packaging and design. He then came to Peterborough and worked for Ethicon Sutures as the Maintenance Supervisor and then was promoted to the Materials Manager where he implemented their ERP system. Then in 1982, Lloyd came across an ad in a trade magazine for a teaching position at Fleming College. The closing date had passed, so dressed in suit and tie, he headed to the Human Resources department where they agreed to interview him. He was hired



## Lloyd Clive, Coordinator – Materials Management & Distribution

and began teaching ERP, Purchasing and Operations Management, and when Tony Arnold retired in 1986, he became the coordinator of the Materials Management & Distribution program.

Lloyd has been a passionate advocate for his students ever since, however, he is honest and makes no apologies for who he is.

"I really have a soft spot for the underdogs in my classes, I love to see them succeed. I love to see all of my students succeed."

And see them succeed he does! Last year Lloyd attended a ceremony honouring one of his graduates. She was awarded a prestigious Premier's Award for Business. "It was a proud moment." The alumna made a point of thanking Lloyd in her speech.

Lloyd has also travelled extensively presenting papers he has published on inventory, quality and forecasting. In

1988, through a CIDA program, Lloyd had the opportunity to teach engineering, economics and entrepreneurship for a year at the College of Arts and Technology in Kingston, Jamaica. His wife and two young children were able to join him. He learned a lot from how they did business there. Here it was lowest quote for most merchandise, in Jamaica, people did business with their friends in a "just in time" model that has since been adopted by western business culture.

He was awarded the prestigious Charles Pascal Award for Teaching Excellence in 1993, co-wrote a textbook and has been asked to speak at international conferences. But his favourite thing is to be in the classroom to see his students learn and move from the "expected" to the "exciting."

"Plus, I get to tell the same joke, every year for over 20 years and it never gets old...life is good." ❖





## KAWARTHA TRADES AND TECHNOLOGY CENTRE



# An Investment

In June 2010, the Ontario government announced its commitment to invest \$29.3 million in the construction of the new Kawartha Trades and Technology Centre (KTTC) that will be located at the Sutherland Campus of Fleming College. The 87,000-square-foot facility will provide new space and equipment for students training in areas such as carpentry, masonry, welding, plumbing and machining to name a few. KTTC will be a state-of-the-art building with sustainable shop facilities, smart-wired classrooms, and labs located right on the Sutherland campus property allowing our trades and technology students access to all the benefits of campus life including our athletics facility, student support services and recreational activities. Through partnerships with education and industry, the centre will also teach and train more students from regional secondary schools and industry. The addition of KTTC to the Sutherland campus will give Fleming College the capacity to train an additional 1,000 full-time students each year as well as to address the need for skills re-training in the manufacturing and skilled trades industries.

The project will have an immediate and long-term economic impact on the area, creating over 650 jobs. The centre will be built to LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Silver specifications. Sustainable building techniques and new technologies will be used in construction and embedded within teaching curriculum. Making the building itself a valuable teaching tool for our students. But what does that really mean? What kind of jobs are these students going to be doing after graduation? Where will they find employment? Over the next four issues of *Fleming Ties*, we will profile a variety of alumni

who are working in the skilled trades and technology industries. This issue's focus – Computer Engineering and Programming graduates who are doing amazing things right here in Peterborough with employers who see the value of a Fleming education.

**BRYSTON LTD.** is Canada's largest independent manufacturer of high-end, state-of-the-art audio electronics for consumer and professional markets. Their most recent product, the Bryston Digital Player, also known as BDP-1 has garnered rave reviews and a Best New Product nomination at the at the 2011 International Consumer Electronics Show. The digital player not only processes high resolution digital music files at a high-tech level, it also reproduces music with accuracy. To achieve the highest quality audio performance, Bryston needed to optimize the Linux operating system. To do this they hired Fleming College alumnus, Chris Rice, (Computer Security & Investigations '08). With an exceptional ability in interface design, Chris was recommended by faculty to Bryston to create the user interface for the BDP-1. They were so thrilled with his performance that they have kept Chris in their employ to continue to work on improvements on the product. Chris also teaches Technical Programming part time at the College. Chris feels that working at Bryston alongside other engineering technology professionals



CHRIS RICE '08





# in the Future

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*– Chris Cupit '07*

provided him with an exceptional learning experience. He enjoys having the opportunity to work on a new consumer product and to apply feedback from the customers to make improvements. Teaching in the Computer Engineering Technician program also allows Chris to keep his skills current and to learn from his students.

At **MERIT PRECISION MOULDING**, the IT department consists of one man, Chris Cupit, (Computer Engineering Technology '07). Chris is the IT Manager at the 50,000-square-

foot facility that provides full thermo plastic injection moulding services to various industries including; automotive, electronics, packaging, construction, and consumer products. Chris maintains all servers, databases and computers, develops new programs and maintains existing ones and everything IT related in between. It is a challenging position with

something new every day. He enjoys the opportunity to work on a variety of projects and believes that his experience at Fleming College helped him to develop not only his technical skills but just as importantly his soft skills.

"Because my position is so broad, I interact with a lot of different people at various levels including managers and owners. I was able to hone these personal skills alongside my technical training to be a well rounded IT professional," says Chris. "Fleming also gave me the skills to think critically and learn on my own, new skills to stay current."



**CHRIS CUPIT '07**

**SAFRAN ELECTRONICS CANADA** designs, manufactures and repairs electronic control units for landing gears, small and medium gas turbine engines, FADEC and data collection units and de-icing controls for business jets and military airplanes. They have several Fleming College graduates in their employ in a variety of areas in the company. One such alumnus is Daniel Jonkers, (Computer Programmer Analyst '04). Daniel is an Intermediate Software V&V Designer with Safran. A local boy, Daniel was always very interested in computers. So he did not hesitate to enrol at Fleming College where he knew he could acquire the skills he needed to succeed in his chosen field right in his own home town. After graduation, Daniel worked outside of the Peterborough community for a while, but jumped at the chance to return to the area and work for Safran.

"The teachers at Fleming College were exceptional! They were all well experienced and were always willing to take extra time to help you out when you needed it," remembers Daniel. "The skills I gained at Fleming, not just technical, but also organizing, prioritizing and in-depth analysis of tasks has helped me to manage my daily work more efficiently at Safran."

Here at Fleming College we are very proud of our alumni and are excited to be able to offer the next generation of trades and technology students the opportunity to attend a state-of-the-art learning facility. The Kawartha Trades and Technology Centre is slated to open in 2013. ❖

## Updates

### Farrow, Dan – Geological Technician – Minerals '82 & Mineral Engineering Technology '83

I have been fortunate to have worked in geology since graduation from Fleming (taking time off for a B.Sc at Acadia and a graduate diploma at McGill). After about 15 years of consulting, I became a government geologist with real paid vacations and health care benefits! I am currently working in the position of District Geologist in Sudbury, Ontario, famous the world over for its geological treasures.

### Tilley, Leila – Personal Support Worker '04

I cannot think of a greater job, than assisting clients in the personal care field. I enjoy meeting new people daily, and miss my clients when they are discharged from service.

### Therrien (nee Adamson), Teresa – Business Administration – Information Systems '95

I was lucky enough to meet my husband while attending college in 1994. He was chatting online while I was completing an assignment about, "how to chat." Fortunate for me, he was the first person I chatted with and 17 1/2 years later we're still

chatting. We were married in 2004 and now have 2 young girls: Caitlin (now 5) and Emily (born in Nov. 2010). Thank you to Fleming College for the opportunity to complete my diploma and meet my soulmate at the same time.

### Reive, Dan – Fish and Wildlife Technician '74

I retired in August, 2009 after a 35-year career with Parks Canada. I started out after graduation as a term park warden in Point Pelee National Park. I subsequently worked in Georgian Bay Islands, Gros Morne, and Kejimikujik National Parks before returning to Point Pelee as Chief Park Warden (Manager, Resource Conservation). I am presently living in Leamington, ON.

### Chick, Grace – Cartographic Technician '92, Cartographic Technology & GIS – Applications Specialist '94

I have been married for 6 years. In 2010, my book *Season's Blessings for You: A Collection of Christmas Stories* was published. The book is available at Amazon, [www.chapters-indigo.ca](http://www.chapters-indigo.ca) & [www.barnesandnoble.com](http://www.barnesandnoble.com).

### Kallaste, Tiina – Tourism & Transportation – Travel '85

Two former grads (Tracey Nelson, Laurie Milne) and I had the opportunity to walk down memory lane this past summer. This was no easy feat considering I now live in Australia and Tracey lives in Vancouver. We toured our beloved Fleming College and it was gratifying to see the improvements that have been made since we occupied the halls of SSFC wishing that we had benefited from some of luxuries that are now considered the norm. Imagine having a Tim Hortons, pub and residence so close by! Kudos go to Nicole Grady, Alumni Officer for organizing our visit and allowing us to roam around the school. We thoroughly enjoyed it!

### Fisher (nee Proctor), Laurie – Museum Management & Curatorship '04

I am currently employed as an Arrangement and Description Archivist with the Saskatchewan Archives Board. My husband Mike, our daughter Claire and I reside in my hometown of Regina, Saskatchewan.

### Craddock, Jay – Electro-Mechanical Engineering Technology – Robotics '90

I was placed into this course through a job shortage training program through unemployment (UI) many years ago. It has worked out very well for me, and has been a good investment for the government as I have been unemployed for only one month since completing this course. My career has benefitted my family tremendously by providing stability and financial security. It allowed me to raise my family and instill a good work ethic in my children. I really enjoyed my time at Fleming and wish its students much success. Thank you Fleming College!



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### Marks, Steven – Fish and Wildlife '93

I am the Species-at-Risk Reptile Specialist at AMEC Earth & Environmental. My current work involves direct conservation of Eastern Foxsnakes and Butler's Gartersnakes. Over the past 18 years, I've worked with Spotted Turtles, Eastern Massasaugas, and Blanding's Turtles, plus many other herp species.

## Congratulations!

### Peconi, Sean – Culinary Management '05

Congratulations to Chef Sean Peconi recently appointed to the Fleming College Chartwells account. After graduation, Sean undertook an apprenticeship with Chef Steve Moghini (who is currently a Fleming Professor) at the Eganridge Golf and Country Club. Sean completed his Red Seal and Certificate of Apprenticeship and then moved to Alberta to work at the Four Star Delta Lodge in Kananaskis. Sean will be primarily stationed at the Brealey site but all campuses will see him, especially when he hosts Chef Days at various times.

### Janik, Jerry – Geological Technician – Minerals '88 & Mineral Engineering Technology '89

This past September, Jerry Janik assumed the position of General Manager of Ontario Graphite Limited's Kearney Graphite Mine. Jerry brings more than 20 years of mining industry experience to the position, most recently as Area Operations Manager for Carmeuse Industrial Sand in Texas. He has also worked with UNIMIN Canada Ltd.'s Nepheline Syenite Operations and other companies in the mining industry as well as leading his own management consulting firm. As General Manager for the Kearney Graphite Mine, Jerry will have overall responsibility for the facility's operation, including ensuring adherence to high standards in quality, environmental stewardship and employee safety. ❖

**GOT AN UPDATE?** We are happy to accept grad news submissions no longer than 75 words in length. If you wish to submit a photo, please ensure that it is high resolution (300 dpi) to ensure good quality. Email to [alumni@flemingc.on.ca](mailto:alumni@flemingc.on.ca)



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Left to right: Bharat Maini (Indo-Canadian Association of the Kawarthas), Dr. Tony Tilly, President and students Raghu Yasam, Jigar Shah & Snehal Warne

## Fleming Welcomes International Students

On October 6, 2011, a reception was held in Fulford's, our on-campus restaurant, to welcome our international students to the Fleming College family. Fleming currently has 66 students from 19 different countries, with the largest group from India. Some of our students come from long-established exchange agreements, for example, we have 17 students from the Universidad del Valle de Mexico and two from the Universidad de Padua in Italy. ❖

## Fleming Ties Green Initiative Update

In our last issue we put out the call to our alumni to GO Green with your issue of *Fleming Ties*. With a goal of 500 new online subscribers, we are now almost 25% of the way there...

There is a high resolution PDF of every *Fleming Ties* publication since 2005 available to you with just a simple click of a mouse. Switching to an online subscription is simple, just visit [www.flemingcollege.ca/alumni](http://www.flemingcollege.ca/alumni) and click on "keep us

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Our goal:  
500 to go  
ONLINE

25%



Annual Giving and Stewardship Officer, Marcia Steeves accepts a cheque from alumna Laura Foster, President of the Women's Business Network in support of Fleming College's Bursary program. Used with permission of *The Peterborough Examiner*.

## WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

# 1986



### FUN FACTS ABOUT 1986:

- ◆ The Oscar for Best Original Song went to the song "Take my Breath Away" from the movie, *Top Gun*.
- ◆ The song "That's What Friends are For" by Dionne and Friends lasted four weeks at number one
- ◆ On December 4, the first Gemini Awards were aired on CBC Television.
- ◆ *The Oprah Winfrey Show* premiered for the first time on September 8.
- ◆ Mark Harmon, of the popular TV shows *St. Elsewhere* and *Moonlighting*, was named *People Magazine's* "Sexiest Man Alive."
- ◆ On June 13, the famous twins, Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen were born.
- ◆ Cary Grant, from films such as *Arsenic and Old Lace* (1944), *An Affair to Remember* (1957), and *North by Northwest* (1959), died on November 29, at age 82.
- ◆ The average cost of a new home in Canada in 1986 was \$89,430.00 compared to the average cost of a new home in 2011 of \$363,500.00.
- ◆ Ray-Ban Wayfarer sunglasses were very popular with the help of the television show *Miami Vice* and the classic '80s film, *The Breakfast Club* starring Molly Ringwald and Emilio Estevez.
- ◆ In May, American actress Heather Locklear married Tommy Lee, the drummer of Motley Crue.
- ◆ The popular band, Wham!, of the hit single "Wake Me Up Before You Go-Go," disbanded in June. Wham! Sold 25 million certified records from 1982-1986.



**C**ome back with us to 1986... Prince Andrew married Fergie, Geraldo was humiliated when Al Capone's vault was found to contain only a jug of moonshine, we all wanted to be "Top Gun" fighter pilots and we often wondered, "how exactly does one 'wang chung' tonight?"

But of course the most exciting event was the Fleming College Convocation ceremony where over 700 members of the class of 1986 crossed the stage and joined the alumni family. In honour of the 25th anniversary of that momentous occasion, we present... "A Tribute to the Class of 1986"...

### WHAT ARE THEY DOING NOW...?

**JOHN CORNER** – Park and Recreation Technician  
I was involved in a serious truck accident June 1990. Re-educated at Georgian College. Presently work as a specialized truck driver – Hydro Vac/Vacuum Tankers/ AZ Driver.

**CRAIG LEROY PIETT** – Forestry Technician  
Sir Sandford Fleming College was a very rewarding experience. Today I highly recommend Fleming to young people looking for a career and gainful employment. Keep up the great work!

**CORY STEWART** – Business Administration – Materials Management  
I have had the opportunity to hire quite a few qualified Fleming grads, many of whom I still work with. And, I look forward to working with more in the future.

**GREG HARRADINE** – Forest Recreation and **SALLY HARRADINE (NEE COX)** – Registered Nursing  
3 children – aged 17, 14, and 12.

**KIMBERLIE WAUDBY (NEE EVANOFF)** – Travel & Tourism  
Met and married my husband Tom Waudby while in college. I have been married for 27 years. Our daughter Shalaine just graduated from SSFC this past May 2011, and we are expecting our first grandchild this fall.

**CONNIE FOWLER (NEE BRINKLOW)** – Law & Security – Police Education  
The photo is of my two children. This is probably one of the best jobs I have ever had. Very family oriented with the benefits of lots of hugs on a daily basis. Palliative care is exceptional and the people that I deal with and their families are all extremely exceptional in many ways. I have been blessed to be in this field, to have a great family and many extended families. Sir Sandford was a great experience!



**JAMES MATTHEW MERKELBACH** – Electronic Engineering Technician, Microcomputer  
I have had a very exciting career in the electronics industry. I am presently working on some of the most advanced graphic technologies bringing computer gaming to the next level. I am excited to see how my fellow classmates are doing.

**JANINE LAURA WOOD (NEE MOORE)** – Social Service Worker  
I have been married to my husband Bruce Wood for 19 years. I have 3 children; Laura, 14, and 12-year-old and twins, Owen and Allison. I enjoy gardening, helping with my church and recently coached soccer. ❖



# Congratulations

## to Our Accomplished Alumni

Photo: Prime Minister's Office



**TERESA BURKE**  
(Early Childhood Education '86) was the recipient of a 2010/11 Prime Minister's Award for

Excellence in Early Childhood Education. She was just one of 10 people to win the award in Canada. Teresa is the Executive Director of Nursery Two in Peterborough. Her staff put forward the nomination which was supported by letters from members of the community.

### JASON CHESSAR

(Electrician Apprentice – Advanced '08) was the winner of the 2011 Kin Canada National Public Speaking Championship, organized by the Kinsmen Club and hosted in Regina, Saskatchewan. His entry, "The Magic of Speaking" outlined his struggles with a hearing impairment that affected his speech, which he was able to conquer through his involvement in magic and perseverance. His inspirational speech can be viewed online at [www.jsmagic.ca/kin](http://www.jsmagic.ca/kin).



Photo: Shelby Parker

**JEANNINE TAYLOR's** (Creative Arts Administration '81) business [kawarthaNOW.com](http://kawarthaNOW.com) was honoured with the "Entrepreneurial Spirit" Award at the 2011 Peterborough Chamber of Commerce, Business Excellence Awards. [kawarthaNOW.com](http://kawarthaNOW.com) provides current events and community information to residents and visitors in Peterborough and The Kawarthas and to all surrounding communities.

*Have you been honoured for work in your field? We want to know! We invite you to share with us your accomplishments so that we can recognize your great achievements. Send details to [alumni@flemingc.on.ca](mailto:alumni@flemingc.on.ca).*

Four alumni, **TAMMY SIKMA** (GIS – Cartographic Specialist '00), **AMANDA AUCOIN** (GIS - Applications Specialist '07), **ANDREW FINLAY** (GIS – Cartographic Specialist '07) and **STEPHANIE WHYLEY** (GIS – Cartographic Specialist '07) received national recognition for their work on "Trip-Click" a Google Maps mash-up that delivers customized tours of Peterborough City and County to residents and visitors via their mobile phones, at the GTEC 2011 gala as a Municipal Honouree for Excellence in Public Service Delivery.



Tammy Sikma



Amanda Aucoin



Stephanie Whyley



Andrew Finlay



*Kerri Davies, Executive Director of Canterbury Gardens (Practical Nursing '92) received the Health and Wellness Award at the*

*2011 Peterborough Chamber of Commerce Business Excellence Awards on behalf of the Gardens of Peterborough.*

## Get Involved

On November 21, your newly appointed Alumni Advisory Council met for the first time to start the process of developing a new three-year strategic plan for Fleming College alumni. Lead by chair **KERRI DAVIES** (Practical Nursing '92) and facilitated by retired faculty member Janet Honsberger, the group discussed their vision, strengths and ideas for the future of alumni programming and services. There is still an opportunity to get involved as we begin to recruit for several sub-committees that will assist the council on a variety of projects. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact the alumni office at [alumni@flemingc.on.ca](mailto:alumni@flemingc.on.ca).

# 2011

## Premier's Awards Nominees

Presented annually, the Premier's Awards for Ontario College Graduates honour the important social and economic contribution college graduates make to Ontario and throughout the world. Nominees must demonstrate outstanding career success related to their college experience and have made a significant contribution to their community.

This year Fleming College put forward an exceptional group of nominees, each of them an excellent representative of Fleming College and of their chosen fields.



### **BRIAN HORTON, 1976**

**PROGRAM OF STUDY:** Business Administration – General  
**JOB TITLE:** Chief Administrative Officer  
**PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT:** Corporation of the City of Peterborough

As the chief administrative officer of the city of Peterborough and top public servant, Brian Horton is responsible to the mayor and members of Council for the administration, coordination and direction of all the affairs of the corporation in accordance with the policies established by Council. Brian worked his way up from an entry level position in the tax office in 1976 to the CAO position in 2011. Unusual in public administration, Brian has had a 35-year career working for the City of Peterborough, his hometown.

### **JIM McMULLEN, 1979**

**PROGRAM OF STUDY:** Fish and Wildlife Technician  
**JOB TITLE:** Conservation Officer  
**PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT:** Ministry of Natural Resources

Jim McMullen is a decorated conservation officer with more than 30 years of experience in the field. Jim's expertise lies in commercial and sportfishing, firearms and marine training as well as leading operations for provincial fire teams battling forest fires all over the country. Jim received recognition as Conservation Officer of the Year in 2009, lifesaving awards, as well as a variety of commendations for his exemplary service. He was instrumental in securing the appointment of conservation officers under the small vessel regulations, increasing marine



law enforcement presence by 40 per cent, ensuring increased public safety on Ontario waterways.



### **R. KRIS NAHRGANG, 1992**

**PROGRAM OF STUDY:** Social Service Worker  
**JOB TITLE:** Artist and Chief of Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation  
**PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT:** Spirit of the Stone

Kris Nahrgang is a renowned Canadian artist whose work can be seen in the collections of such high profile clients as Nelson Mandela, Prince Andrew and Bill Cosby. He is also the elected Chief of Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation and has used his social work background and love of carving to create an intensive art therapy program as well as to advocate for First Nations people in the repatriation of artifacts. He is currently working with the Discovery Channel on a 13-part series called *Ancestors Speak*, documenting and protecting Native artifacts.

### **PATRICE CHARTIER, 1998**

**PROGRAM OF STUDY:** Rehabilitation Assistant  
**JOB TITLE:** Vice President – Operations  
**PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT:** Achieva Health

Patrice Chartier began his career working with children and youth with acquired brain injuries and moved into sales with SCA Personal Care. After achieving the position of regional vice president, Patrice wanted to return to his physiotherapy roots. He is currently the vice president of operations for Achieva Health, overseeing rehabilitation services at more than 250 long-term care facilities, 100 retirement homes and 15 OHIP physiotherapy centres. He has been involved in many volunteer pursuits including the Acquired Brain Injury Association, Ross Memorial Hospital and the Weekend to End Women's Cancers.



Continued on page 14.

*Congratulations*





Mark Law

**MARK LAW, 1994**

PROGRAM OF STUDY: Geographical Information Systems – Applications Specialist  
JOB TITLE: Principal – MSN Social and Search

PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT: Microsoft

Mark Law, principal PM for MSN social and search at Microsoft has had a remarkable career in digital mapping that has included work developing

sustainability practices for the Zambezi River Basin in Africa, and co-writing the patent for electronic mapping. He has led product teams for MSN Maps and Directions, Yahoo! Maps, MapQuest as well as leading geo-targeting and behavioural targeting technologies for Yahoo! Mark is now working for Microsoft to help shape the future of social and search on MSN.

**RYAN BULLOCK, 2006**

PROGRAM OF STUDY: Business Administration – Marketing  
JOB TITLE: Integrated Account Supervisor

PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT: kirshenbaum bond senecal + partners

Ryan is an integrated account supervisor at kirschenbaum



Ryan Bullock

bond senecal and partners (kbs+p), leading the execution on such high-profile accounts as Colleges Ontario, the Keg Steakhouse and Bar and Kamik Footwear. Bullock is climbing the advertising ladder quickly. As part of the pitch team for Target Canada, Bullock will be integral to the digital and traditional strategies used to market the popular American chain in Canada.

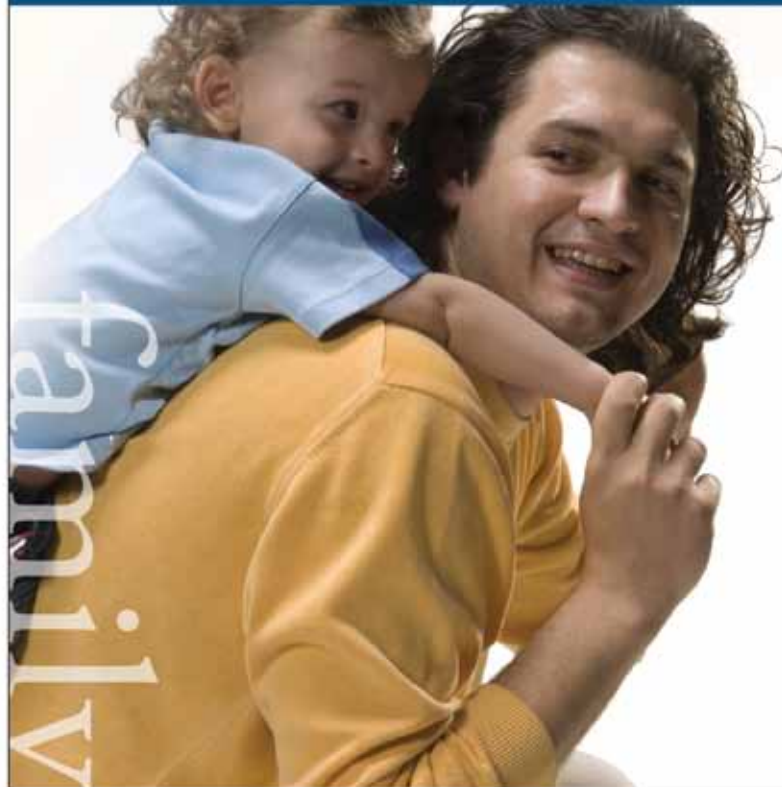
# Congratulations

to all of the nominees!

To read their full profiles, please visit [flemingcollege.ca/services/alumni-relations/alumni-awards](http://flemingcollege.ca/services/alumni-relations/alumni-awards). Please visit [www.co-awards.org/winners.html](http://www.co-awards.org/winners.html) to see the winners of this year's awards.

If you would like to nominate an outstanding Fleming College alumnus for the 2012 awards, please contact the alumni office at 705-749-5530 ext. 1390 or email [ngrady@flemingc.on.ca](mailto:ngrady@flemingc.on.ca) for criteria and deadline information. ❖

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## How does the program work?

Perkopolis is a free, easy to use and exclusive benefit program that provides you with access to a variety of entertainment offers, hotels, products, and services. You simply create an account, log into the website and add the product to your shopping cart. Payment is processed online and the tickets/vouchers are delivered to you.

## Questions

Perkopolis can be contacted 1 (800) 761-7523, or by visiting them at [www.perkopolis.com](http://www.perkopolis.com)

## How do I sign up?

- The Fleming College Alumni launch page is <http://perkopolis.com/PerkLaunchpages/FlemingCollege.html>
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