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Faculty of Applied Sciences & Technology

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DEAN'S MESSAGE

Dear Colleagues,

September is such a magical time on campus! First year students are filled with excitement, anticipation, and uncertainty as they embark on this new adventure. Returning students are reuniting with friends and colleagues to share summertime stories while returning to their studies. And our faculty members and staff are ready to welcome the fall academic term and play a key role in the journey of learning and discovery!

While some of our faculty members and staff embarked on summer vacation and others may have remained closer to home, many exciting moments and celebrations continued at Humber FAST. As a result, we will be extending our storytelling over the next few issues to ensure we give pride of place to all these wonderful occasions.

After two years of virtual events, we opened our doors and came together IN-PERSON for a variety of initiatives! In June, we greeted thousands of future FAST students to the 'Experience Humber' Open House and recently it was exhilarating to host our team at the FAST Welcome Back Meeting where we discussed and prepared to welcome these students for the fall academic term.

We also came together at the President's Breakfast, where we welcomed our new President and CEO, Dr. Ann Marie Vaughan and celebrated Professor Patrick Burke who is the recipient of the 2022 President's Distinguished Faculty Award.

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I also extend a warm welcome to new staff, faculty members and Program Advisory Committee (PAC) members. We are grateful for your commitment to delivering an unforgettable student experience both inside and outside of the classroom that services to enrich, inform and positively contribute to our Humber FAST community.

May 2022 marked five years serving FAST as your senior dean. Celebrating the accomplishments of our community is a joy and privilege. Each successive year builds on past achievements and holds promise for an even greater future. The FAST Senior Dean's Impact Report: 2017-2022 is a culmination of our collaborative approach these past five years. I hope you will take the time to dive into this comprehensive report that chronicles and celebrates our collective achievements!

Together, we have helped build anticipation and excitement for thousands of students who are joining us this September to start their journey at Humber College. Thank you for your commitment to help prepare these students to become the next generation of leaders, makers and innovators.

I am energized with the return to life on campus as we come together to work, learn and live in our Humber community. The future is bright and I can't wait to see what we will accomplish together.

Welcome back!

With gratitude,
Dr. Farzad Rayegani, P.Eng, FEC.
Senior Dean



2022 PRESIDENT'S AWARD RECIPIENT

It is with great pride that we announce Professor Patrick Burke is the recipient of a 2022 President's Award! Thank you, Patrick, for your dedication, loyalty and commitment to our community.

Patrick Burke

**Program Coordinator, Industrial Design degree program
Distinguished Faculty Award**

Recognizes demonstrated leadership in developing an effective learning environment for students both in and outside the classroom.



HRAC STUDENT RECIPIENT OF GOVERNOR GENERAL'S ACADEMIC MEDAL

Congratulations to Nicolas Espinosa who is the recipient of the 2022 Collegiate Bronze Governor General's Academic Medal from our Heating, Refrigeration and Air-Conditioning Technician Program!

Thank you to our dedicated faculty & staff, including Ian Maclachlan, professor & program coordinator, HRAC Technician and Technology Programs, who play a key role in our students' journey of learning and discovery.



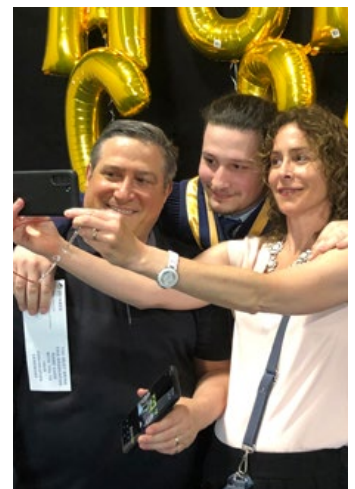


CELEBRATING THE CLASS OF 2022

Convocation commemorates the culmination of our students' academic journey & the gateway to new beginnings as the next generation of leaders.

We took great pride in welcoming the Humber FAST Class of 2022 at our Spring Convocation. More than 900 FAST students from more than 50 programs graced the stage to become career-ready graduates.

Congratulations to the next generation of engineers, designers, journey people, makers and technology leaders of tomorrow!





INDUSTRIAL DESIGN STUDENTS WIN FIRST PLACE IN ACCESSIBLE VEHICLE DESIGN COMPETITION

A team of Humber FAST industrial design students won the inaugural Project Arrow National Annual Mobility Design Competition!

Congratulations to Patrick Hui, Nathan Lildhar, Andrew Liu and Han Yang who comprised the winning team, named Atlas, and designed a fully electric, autonomous vehicle specifically for Canadians with disabilities.

The idea to design and build an all-Canadian, electric, autonomous vehicle to showcase the country's automotive talents has spun off this additional annual design contest hosted by the APMA (Automotive Parts Manufacturing Association). The challenge was to create a vehicle that would be more accessible for disabled Canadians. Twelve teams from seven post-secondary schools made submissions. Three were named finalists and Team Atlas took home the \$10,000 scholarship prize. Members of all three finalist teams also won a co-op term at Autodesk, the design software firm that invented the AutoCAD drafting software.

A special thank you to Professor Bruce Thomson & Professor Ken Cummings for guiding the team and helping to refine the winning vehicle design and to all the teachers for sharpening their design skills over the years.

Full feature story available [here](#).



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EXPERIENCE HUMBER IN-PERSON OPEN HOUSE

After two years of virtual orientation events and open houses, we opened our doors and warmly welcomed thousands of future Humber FAST students to our first in-person 'Experience Humber' Open House!

Our classrooms and hallways were filled with a renewed energy, providing the opportunity for students to experience north campus and the Centre for Skilled Trades & Technology, meet our faculty & staff, and learn about the FAST program they chose to pursue at our college.

It takes a collaborative approach to coordinate Open House. We extend a sincere thank you to all the faculty, staff, coordinators and administrators at our north campus and Carrier Drive who helped coordinate and host our FAST information sessions.

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GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT

Our warm summer season is the perfect time to host our global partners!

Coordinated by the International Development Institute, Humber welcomed delegates from the Kenya National Qualifications Authority as part of the Young Africa Works in Kenya-TVET-02 Recognition of Prior Learning project.

Their summer visit was an opportunity to exchange and further knowledge of the project as well as tour our campuses. Philip Stubbs, director academic programs hosted these delegates at our Centre for Skilled Trades & Technology where he demonstrated how we provide hands-on experience in simulated worksites.





WELCOME TO FAST!

We are pleased to welcome several new members to FAST! We are grateful for your commitment to delivering an unforgettable student experience both inside and outside of the classroom that services to enrich, inform and positively contribute to our Humber FAST community.

Information & Communications Technology (ICT) Cluster

Baha Uddin Kazi, Professor, Edge Computing/Wireless
Seyednima (Nima) Khezr, Professor, Data Network

Continuous Professional Learning Cluster

Amira Masud, Manager, CPL
Piranes Rajeswaran, Program Support Officer

Skilled Trades & Apprenticeship Cluster

Mark Goodacre, FT Professor, Welding Techniques
Jocelyn (Jody) Fisher, FT Professor, Plumbing Techniques
Amandeep Kaur, FT Learning Services Assistant

Technologists

Scott Brewster, Technologist, Built Environment
Amin Fakhri, Technologist, ICT Cluster
Fabien Burguera, Advanced Manufacturing Cluster

Please join us in extending a warm welcome to our newest FAST members!



FAST MEMBERS BEGIN A NEW CHAPTER

After years of outstanding service to Humber College, we have several members retiring and starting new adventures.

During their tenure at Humber, these faculty members and staff were dedicated, passionate and committed to making positive contributions to our FAST community and students. We are truly grateful for their support and unwavering dedication.

Please join us as we extend our warmest wishes to Ron, Robert, Ennio, Monica, Kenneth and Mark for a wonderful retirement filled with new chapters, good health and happiness!

Ron Rancourt, Faculty, HRAC

Robert Parsonage, Faculty, Mechanical Engineering

Ennio Firmani, Technologist, Design

Monica McGillivray, Coordinator, Continuing Education

Kenneth Mackay, Faculty, Advanced Manufacturing

Mark Paddison, Faculty, Industrial Woodworking & Cabinet Making



PEOPLE OF CARRIER DRIVE

Living his dream: Greg Otte navigates his passion with hard work and friendship

By Cindy Giang

Cindy is a student in the Bachelor of Public Relations program and is currently a Work Study student at the Centre for Skilled Trades & Technology, Carrier Drive

The important concepts to remember are “Attendance, reliability and attitude,” said Greg Otte, the program coordinator of electrical techniques at Humber College. Future tradespeople do not have to be the best at everything but being punctual, being a reliable person and carrying the right attitude is the way to succeed within the electrical industry.

He recognizes being an electrician is no easy feat. It was especially hard for Greg when he switched from the printing industry to being an electrician. “Even though I had gone through pre-trade school, I didn’t know the difference between an impact gun and a hammer drill on my first day,” he said. It was worth relearning the needed skills for being an electrician, because from working as a journeyman to becoming an electrical instructor was Greg’s “dream come true.”

His unpredictable career leads to Greg having many moments in his back pocket at his disposal. “Sometimes, the most memorable are the most dangerous ones where you did the dumbest thing or when you came close to seriously injuring yourself,” but those are not highlights of his career.

“The most significant are the people I met and the networking I did. When I got the job at Humber, I went back and thought of certain people and mentors. I thought of the people who didn’t realize how much they affected my career,” he said, with red-rimmed eyes, as he tried to hold back his emotions and tears.



Greg wanted to become a teacher the first day he attended the Centre for Skills Development for his electrical pre-apprenticeship. He navigated his way to being an assistant before becoming an electrical instructor himself at the Centre. After the program was discontinued, Greg became an instructor at different colleges before coming to Humber.

He felt grateful for the chance to work and network with others throughout his career as an electrician. He continued, “It is the experience I had with the people that I met, and the mentorship and the time they entrusted with me” that was significant to the happiness and the life he has now.

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FAST MILESTONES

We have a lot to celebrate! Congratulations to the following faculty and staff who are celebrating career milestones in July, August and September! We truly appreciate your contributions to the Humber FAST community and congratulate you on reaching this important milestone!

JULY

10 years

Nick Palazzo

20 years

Jeremy Brooks

SEPTEMBER

1 year

Tina Kotsiomitris

5 years

Vlad Porcila

10 years

Ticker-Lee Thompson

AUGUST

1 Year

Andrew Papadopoulos
Natalia Kotikova
Greg Otte

5 Years

Brian Sale
John Suriano
Imran Khan
Austin Tian
Sherif Hanna
Akram Afifi
Ron Rancourt
Lawrence Mitchell

10 Years

Igino Teolis

15 Years

Tyler Clapperton
Mary Ward
Aleksandr Melkumyan
Shawn Cleary
Marek Czekanski

20 Years

Kristyna Wenediktow
Randy Gallant

25 Years

Tina Antunes

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 30

Orange Shirt Day



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ALL DAY BREAK-FAST WITH FARZAD

As we build upon the past five years and embark on this continuous journey together, we welcome your feedback!

To schedule a Break-FAST chat with Farzad or any member of the Leadership Team, please contact the Office of the Senior Dean, Julie Pasquin julie.pasquin@humber.ca



WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

FAST NEWS recognizes and celebrates the achievements of our faculty and students. To share your successes with us, please submit stories and images to the Office of the Senior Dean, Julie Pasquin: julie.pasquin@humber.ca

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SENIOR DEAN'S IMPACT REPORT 2017-2022

With great pride, May 2022 marked my five-year milestone serving FAST as senior dean. Celebrating the accomplishments of the FAST community is a joy and privilege.

What we have accomplished together during my five-year tenure as senior dean would not be possible without the extraordinary accomplishments of my predecessors, the Humber community and our FAST leadership team.

I humbly present to you the [Senior Dean's Impact Report: 2017-2022](#) – a culmination of our collaborative approach these past five years. We have accomplished incredible growth; launched new programs including three historical engineering degrees; invested in addressing the growing skills gap; fostered strategic industry partners; and helped to transform education on a global stage.

I hope you will take the time to find a quiet corner, sip your beverage of choice and dive into this comprehensive report that chronicles and celebrates our collective achievements!