

Humber Today

A Close Look at Humber College Institute of Technology & Advanced Learning

Spring 2007

Canada's longest serving college president to retire in June 2007, new president appointed



Dr. Robert A. Gordon

Dr. Robert A. (Squee) Gordon will retire from Humber College Institute of Technology & Advanced Learning in June 2007, after serving for 25 years as its president. Humber will welcome John Davies, currently vice-president administration, as Humber's third president and chief executive officer. He will succeed Dr. Gordon, effective July 1, 2007.

Dr. Gordon has been a transformative leader, keeping Humber at the forefront of needed changes in postsecondary education. Milestones during his tenure include: Humber's selection for membership as the only Canadian college in the League for Innovation; its participation as one of the 12 colleges in the North American Vanguard Project for excellence

in teaching and learning; the development of postgraduate certificates to assist university graduates to gain career skills; innovative partnerships leading to the creation of the University of Guelph-Humber and the collaborative University of New Brunswick-Humber Bachelor of Nursing degree; as well as his championing of the internationally-known creative writing and comedy programs. Dr. Gordon saw the importance of having a liberal arts and sciences division in providing well-rounded education, which supported the development and implementation of Humber's bachelor's degrees.

"My motivation has been to stimulate a learner-centred and innovative environment at Humber that is responsive to the needs of the marketplace," said Dr. Gordon. "I feel that Humber has carved a reputation for innovation and high standards that will enable new leadership to continue to support learners to find success in the global community, and to take the institution to the next level."

With more than 35 years experience in the field of education, John Davies brings to

the role a very strong academic background, as well as a wealth of senior administrative experience. He has had a long and successful career in public education. Prior to joining Humber, Davies held the position of director of the Toronto Board of Education, one of Canada's largest, most diverse and progressive school boards.

"I look forward with great enthusiasm to the opportunity to serve such a progressive and successful institution as president. Humber has exceptionally fine staff and faculty, and a dynamic, motivated and diverse student body. Serving them and the greater community with whom Humber partners will indeed be an honour," said Davies.



John Davies



Humber's multi-platform approach to journalism pays off for students

The new digital newsroom and broadcast centre at the Humber North Campus is a dream come true for 500 students from Journalism, Broadcasting, and Film and Television Production programs. It features an interview area, print newsroom, faculty office area, FM radio station, TV studio with three sets and a web casting area. "We adopted a design and configuration that reflects the reality of the way students learn and how news is handled in the real world," said William Hanna, dean of Humber's School of Media Studies & Information Technology.

Humber offers an integrated, multi-platform approach to learning that reflects real-world situations. This came in handy for Journalism students Cristina Del Zotto and Julia Strojnik when they were offered the opportunity to work on a project for deputy managing editor of the Financial Post and Humber alumnus, Ian Karleff.

"I saw the invitation to the opening of the new centre and I called to see if I could come by and see it and meet some of the students," said Karleff. He met with students in Advanced TV News, and was so impressed with the class that he asked the instructor, Mike Karapita, if he thought a

couple of the students would be interested in working with him on a new media pilot for the National Post. They were.

"We were delighted with the opportunity," says Strojnik. "This wasn't a project for marks or for credit, but for the chance to form a relationship with someone in the field." Del Zotto and Strojnik met with Karleff and his colleague and were introduced to an idea and a draft script. They took it away and came back with a product for Karleff to show his colleagues.

"What was produced was slick – beyond my expectations," said Karleff. "The people I've showed it to are blown away that it was done by students." Although this is a pilot project that so far has only been shown in house, Karleff feels it has opened him up to a fresh perspective and a new angle.

Humber's programs are based on advances in technology that point to the fact that, eventually, a print reporter will also be producing audio and video, and vice versa. Karleff agrees. "I'm pleased to see that the schools are turning out multimedia journalists who will allow us to produce a richer newspaper."

For more information, visit humber.ca/broadcastcentre.

Humber announces full-time programming for Orangeville

Humber has announced full-time programs to be delivered in Orangeville in the fall of 2007.

The decision was based on the results of an academic research survey, which analyzed the responses of eight local and regional high schools, selected

businesses, manufacturers and 4,000 homes in the Orangeville community.

"I am very pleased that Humber is able to respond to the need for postsecondary education in Orangeville," said Robert A. Gordon, president, Humber. "This

will be of great benefit, not only to students, but to employers in this community as well."

In order to meet the needs of students and industry, Humber will offer: Business Administration, Business Management and Police Foundations.

"The partnership between Orangeville and Humber will foster services and programs to address community needs and expand educational opportunities in the area, as well as expand the pool of skilled labour for the area economy," said Orangeville Mayor Drew Brown.

Students can apply to these programs through the Ontario College Application Services (OCAS). For more information, visit orangeville.humber.ca.



Humber Board of Governors chair William Ardell, MPP John Tory, Humber president Robert A. Gordon, Orangeville Mayor Drew Brown, and Brampton MPP Linda Jeffrey representing Minister of Training, Colleges & Universities Chris Bentley

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Campers experience a culinary workshop at Humber

Humber's Camp Choice helps kids find their hidden talents

Humber's Camp Choice is a unique, applied learning, overnight camp experience that exposes Grade 6, 7 and 8 students to new levels of academic learning and provides an opportunity to experience life on a college campus. This three-day program offers a holistic approach, promoting education, social development, healthy lifestyles and community citizenship.

All workshop modules are developed through Humber and the University of Guelph-Humber to combine theory with hands-on learning experiences. The program offers students an excellent opportunity to relate learning to real life and broaden their knowledge of future educational

and career opportunities as they discover some of their own hidden talents.

"Last year's pilot program welcomed 120 students and their teachers. It was such a success that this spring (2007) we have expanded our camp sessions so that we can accommodate up to 4,000 students in our technology camps at the Humber North Campus," said Pat Tait, Camp Choice director. "As well, this June (2007) we will be piloting an artistic camp at our Lakeshore Campus, which will offer students the opportunity to learn more about the world of creative and performing arts and where those studies can lead."

Camp Choice counsellors are current Humber and Guelph-Humber students from various programs. The counsellors, acting as both mentors and teachers, create a youth-friendly environment, nurturing social development and team play.

"Camp Choice is a wonderful opportunity to display what options are out there. The counsellors' enthusiasm about college can motivate the campers to set similar goals for themselves," said Janet Donaldson, Camp Choice counsellor.

For more information on Camp Choice, visit conference.humber.ca/campchoice.html.

Canada's only Forensic Practice certificate program provides many learning options

Humber's Forensic Practice certificate program, the only one of its kind in Canada, is addressing the needs of practitioners in rural areas through online options. "We are seeing students coming from outside Humber's usual catchment area. Therefore, the online option provides wider accessibility," said Dr. Robin Wilson, program co-ordinator, Forensic Practice certificate program.

Gary Dunford, mental health outreach specialist with the Department of Health and Social Services in Iqalawit, Nunavut, has taken two online courses so far but hopes to take more. "I think the offering accommo-

dates professionals, especially those such as myself who live in rural and remote locales, with specialized learning, which under any other circumstance would be very difficult and expensive to acquire."

This program will be of interest to both seasoned professionals working in a range of health and human services agencies who wish to refine their skills in the area of forensic practice, as well as more recent graduates of university and college programs seeking specialized knowledge in forensic practice.

This program is very flexible and provides students with a multitude of learning options.

Currently offered on a part-time basis, courses can also be taken in the evenings, on weekends, and in a week-long intensive format.

Forensic practice is multidisciplinary in nature, encompassing social work, criminology, psychology, psychiatry, nursing, and other related academic disciplines.

Forensic practitioners work with police, crown attorneys, court and corrections personnel, developmental services and mental health professionals, as well as other legal, health, and human services workers.

For more information, visit parttimestudies.humber.ca.

Degree Program Speaker Series example of Humber's real-world learning initiatives

The Honourable Mike Colle, Ontario Minister of Citizenship and Immigration spoke in November to Humber students as part of the Degree Program Speaker Series.

The series is an example of the real-world learning initiatives Humber provides to enable students to interact with key employers and policy-makers in their field of study.

Minister Colle addressed the provincial government's efforts to support newcomers, including Bill 124, the Fair Access to Regulated Professions Act 2006. "It's important to engage students who are just about to embark upon their careers in supporting newcomers," said Colle. "If passed, this landmark legislation would help to channel the skills and talents of thousands of internationally trained professionals in Ontario."

Students of Humber's Immigration Consultant certificate, bachelor's degree in Paralegal Studies, Court and Tribunal Agent diploma and Ontario graduate certificate in Public Administration all study immigration issues and were quick to take advantage of the Minister's question period after his address.

"The Honourable Mike Colle has allowed students to gain insight into the practical and real issues alive in the Canadian immigration system. Mr. Colle's address was enlightening and I think that many students were very appreciative of his presence at Humber," said Vanessa Alescio, third-year student, Paralegal Studies, Bachelor of Applied Arts program.

"Humber's Degree Program Speaker Series is a strategic opportunity for students to engage with high-level speakers and debate important issues affecting all Canadians," said Michael Hatton, vice-president academic at Humber. "We are particularly pleased to host Minister Colle as his message is fundamental for Ontario's social, cultural and economic agenda."



HSBC Bank Canada scholarships and lecture for Humber advance student success

Sean O'Sullivan, chief operating officer of HSBC Bank Canada addressed 100 e-Business bachelor's degree students from Humber last October. The lecture was titled, *Seize the Future in Financial Services*, and preceded the announcement that the company donated \$100,000 to establish the HSBC Bank Canada Scholarship Endowment Fund at Humber. The fund will support annual scholarships providing financial assistance to students of the Humber Bachelor of Applied Business degree program with a specialization in e-Business. Mr. O'Sullivan's lecture is an example of the new kind of relationship that is developing with business donors and Humber.

"I am pleased to announce HSBC Bank Canada's donation and our intention to work with the faculty and staff here to find ways for our company to continue to be involved with Humber," said Mr. O'Sullivan. "I would also encourage other businesses to take a more active role in supporting post-secondary education so that graduates are better prepared

to make an immediate contribution to the workforce after graduation."

Donors such as HSBC Bank Canada assist in providing a career focus to Humber programs through the provision of guest speakers from industry and work placement opportunities, as well as membership on advisory committees.

"Attending the presentation by the COO of HSBC Bank Canada was a great opportunity for me because of the knowledge that is passed on, and because it gave me a greater

understanding of the real world and what options I have upon graduation," said Jessica Marmat, third-year e-Business degree student at Humber.

"Humber offers education that is relevant to students because we are responsive to industry and employers in 12 sectors of the marketplace," said Dr. Robert A. (Squee) Gordon. "Humber's relationship with its employers and donors is important to the success of our graduates in the workforce."



Humber's bachelor's degree graduates to make a splash in the workforce!

Humber's first bachelor's degree students in e-Business, Paralegal Studies and Industrial Design completed their work placements last summer. As part of their four-year degree program, students must complete a 14-week paid work term that relates to their field of study. After successful placement experiences, both employers and graduates are looking forward to their entry into the workforce.

Industrial Design students have the skills to succeed

Twenty-three-year old Chad Stewart and 20-year old Julian Teodorescu know what it's like when hard work pays off. Currently completing their final semester of the four-year Industrial Design, Bachelor of Applied Technology degree program, their work placement employers were so impressed with their attitude, work ethic and skills that each were offered freelance positions for the remainder of the school year. "This opportunity is opening doors for me and getting my name out there," said Stewart of his work placement at Ajax-based Shape Products Inc.



The purpose of the paid work term is to provide students with direct industry experience. "Students must be involved in meaningful design activities throughout their placement. By the end of the work term, the student's work should directly benefit the business and its clients," said Ken Cummings, program co-ordinator of the Industrial Design, Bachelor of Applied Technology program.

Teodorescu can testify to this. Most of his work during his placement at CAV MotorSports has reached production and is being sold across Canada. "My experience was beautiful, amazing and priceless. I learned so much. My employer was, and still is, an excellent mentor," said Teodorescu.

The work placement is beneficial to employers as well. Array Marketing has provided Humber students with work placement opportunities for the past five years. "The placements have worked out really well for our company," said creative director James Hind. "The two students we had this past summer were exceptional and fit right in. They came with very good skills."

e-Business students bring new trends and technology to an established workforce

Businesses are increasingly looking for qualified individuals who understand business and technology. Humber's first e-Business, Bachelor of Applied Business degree graduates will meet this growing need as they will be able to apply information systems to all parts of a company.

"We found that the Humber students were very professional,

polished and understood new technology. It was a great experience to see how they were able to introduce new trends and technology to a more established workforce," said Scott Windsor, corporate communications manager, Meridian Credit Union.

Twenty-two-year old Sophia Sookhan feels the e-Business program is unique to business education. The program has given her a substantial background in business and technology. "Overall, I have learned a lot. I'm confident that I will be able to branch off in any area in the business sector and be successful." Sookhan completed her placement at Meridian Credit Union's marketing department. "I was in charge of the company's advertising portfolio for Ontario. I worked with graphic designers, newspaper advertisers and internal clients to meet specific marketing objectives and deadlines," said Sookhan.

Paralegal Studies - the only degree program of its kind in Ontario

The only degree program of its kind in Ontario, the Paralegal Studies, Bachelor of Applied Arts degree program combines a law education with the fundamentals of paralegal practice.

Magdalena Chromicz, a fourth-year Paralegal Studies degree student, chose the program because "it seemed to be the only bachelor's studies degree program that was well focused in the area of law. It's like mini-law school." Humber's program provided her with an excellent background for her summer position at Brampton's Superior Court of Justice. "The program and related job experience has been very positive. I'm now thinking of pursuing a master's in public administration," said Chromicz.

"We do hire students from various colleges. We found that Humber has trained their students well and we don't have to give them a lot of direction," said Mary Selvanathan, administrative manager, Access Legal Services. "Their performance was very helpful for our company."

For more information, visit degrees.humber.ca.

Humber a partner in first College Ontario Network for Industry Innovation (CONII)

In the first funding award of its kind, the Ontario Ministry of Research and Innovation has awarded 10 colleges \$3.5 million, collectively, under the Ontario Research Commercialization Program (ORCP) to help build college capacity for industry-focused research and commercialization.

According to the Ministry, "ORCP supports working partnerships between companies and Ontario researchers to help speed the development process and give each partner a competitive advantage. These collaborations allow small- and medium-sized companies quicker access to intellectual property, and to Ontario's top researchers, the latest sophisticated equipment and research tools within institutions."

The College Ontario Network for Industry Innovation (CONII) is an alliance of 10 Ontario Colleges (Algonquin, Centennial, Conestoga, Fanshawe, George Brown, Humber, Niagara, Seneca, Sheridan, and St. Clair) that have come together to mobilize their collective expertise and resources for applied research and commercialization activities. The focus of the CONII is on incremental innovation – through the development and testing of products and services that directly address real-world challenges and scientific uncertainties faced by business and industry. CONII research and commercialization activities will be industry driven and will assist Ontario companies, particularly small- and medium-sized enterprises, develop and maintain

market competitiveness.

"The award is a positive and important development for the colleges," said Humber president, Dr. Robert A. (Squee) Gordon. "It recognizes the colleges' strengths of market responsiveness and an applied focus in all our education, training and research activities. It will also enhance learning opportunities for college students who become involved in applied research and development projects."

Working as a network, the CONII will use the Ministry funding to assist Ontario companies adopt and adapt new discoveries, experiment with solutions to problems, and explore opportunities to meet market needs.

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Humber students shine for community cause



Students from Humber's Landscape Technician program were vital in helping complete a \$300,000 courtyard makeover for Burlington's Joseph Brant Memorial Hospital. Working alongside the contractors, Humber students completed the design to reflect the hospital and community wish list including: accessibility; patient use for recreation therapy; patient and family visiting space; day-to-day use, and corporate functions.

"The experience allowed me to see how many trades come into play on one job site to make something special happen," said Dennis Del Vecchio, Humber Landscape Technician student. "It provided me with an opportunity to gain experience in new industry technology, which will give me a head start in the workforce."

Designed by Haig Seferian and Jodi Liptrot of Seferian Design Group Limited, the project transformed an outdoor courtyard into seven rooms of functional outdoor space to accommodate and reflect hospital and patient needs.

"The project was a great opportunity for students to be involved with a real project," said Harry Chang, professor and program co-ordinator of the Horticultural and Landscape programs. "The fact that it is also a project which positively impacts members of the hospital community, particularly the patients at a difficult time of their life, is an added bonus. It is also a testament to the enthusiasm and dedication of our students and faculty."

The makeover will be the subject of a 30-minute television show which will air this spring on HGTV.

For more information on Humber's Landscape Technician program, visit postsecondary.humber.ca.

Giving community groups something to laugh at

Robin Duke, seasoned comedic actor of numerous film and television projects (including SNL and SCTV) and teacher in Humber's Comedy: Writing and Performance program, is determined that her students understand that a lot of people want to laugh – not just those who frequent clubs and bars.

This semester, Duke spearheaded an initiative that had the students in her sketch class

perform – to rave reviews – at several community events in seniors' residences, the Jean Tweed Centre, Arts Etobicoke, the St. Clair West Employment Resource Centre, and a number of other venues.

"I wanted to open doors for the students, and to create opportunities for them to work before a variety of audiences," she explained. "It's been a great experience. They get a chance

to connect with the community and create goodwill by writing and performing humorous sketches that are light-hearted and entertaining."

All the work performed is original: students write their own material – which is vetted by Duke, who also directs each sketch.

For more information, visit creativeandperformingarts.humber.ca/comedy/index.html.

At Humber

Humber School for Writers grad wins Giller Prize

Dr. Vincent Lam, graduate of the Humber School for Writers and author of *Bloodletting & Miraculous Cures*, won the 2006 Giller Prize – one of the most prestigious literary awards in the world. The book is a series of connected short stories about a group of young doctors and the many challenges they face. Skillfully woven with touches of black humour, the stories deal with both ordinary and extraordinary moral dilemmas and paint a realistic picture of what it's like to practise medicine today.

Humber Et Cetera wins best in show



Humber Et Cetera, Humber's student-run newspaper, won third place for best in show tabloid at the 85th Annual National College Media Convention in November. The event, which took place in St. Louis, Missouri, attracted over 2,500 participants from North America. The Et Cetera was the only Canadian publication participating in this convention.

Determined to Design

Sofia Qureshi, student in Humber's Graphic Design, advanced diploma program won the Premier's Awards 15th Anniversary Student Logo Design Competition. The Ontario flag inspired her award-winning design. Her work was chosen from 45 submissions in the central region. She will receive her award and \$500 at the 2006 Premier's Awards Ceremony on Monday, February 19 at the Harbour Castle Westin Hotel. To read more, visit humber.ca/humbertoday.

Humber student wins Garfield Weston Merit Scholarship for Colleges

Janet Donaldson, a student in Humber's Child and Youth Worker diploma program, is one of 48 recipients of the 2006 Garfield Weston Merit Scholarship. The scholarship includes: funding for tuition; \$8,000 per year for the remainder of her program as a stipend; access to \$3,500 for a summer project that can include travel-study or internships; and \$4,000 to cover costs that may have already been incurred throughout the program.

The Garfield Weston Merit Scholarship for Colleges is available to students entering a multi-year college program or to those who are already enrolled in a multi-year program.

President's Speaker Series

The President's Speaker Series is presented for Humber students, faculty and staff to provide information and promote awareness on issues of importance to the global community.

Humber hosted the following speakers during fall 2006:

Stephen Lewis

United Nations special envoy for HIV-AIDS in Africa

Dr. Gwynne Dyer

Award-winning journalist and lecturer

Major General J. Ivan Fenton

NATO's assistant director of international military staff

Humber welcomes the following speakers for spring 2007:

Dr. Michael R. Marrus

Chancellor Rose and Ray Wolfe, professor emeritus of Holocaust Studies at the University of Toronto

Maude Barlow

Canadian author and activist, chairperson of The Council of Canadians, co-founder of the Blue Planet Project

Cameron Bailey

Writer, broadcaster, film programmer and film critic

Events

Book Readings

Michael Helm

In the Place of Last Things, The Projectionist

Saturday, March 31, 2007

Contact: Hilary Higgins
416.675.6622 ext. 3449

Music

Dave Douglas with the Humber Studio Jazz Ensemble

Wednesday, February 7, 2007

Contact: Sanja Antic
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Latin Jazz Night

Wednesday, March 7, 2007

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Randy Brecker

Wednesday, April 11, 2007

Contact: Sanja Antic
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Theatre

Peer Gynt by Henrik Ibsen

February 9 – February 17, 2007

Contact: Joe Bowden
416.675.6622 ext. 3414

The Quince Garden

April 7 – April 14, 2007

Contact: Joe Bowden
416.675.6622 ext. 3414

Workshops

Humber Writers' Circle presents a special session for lawyers

Saturday, February 24, 2007

Contact: Hilary Higgins
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Ontario Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities at Humber



Humber's vice-president administration and incoming president, John Davies (left), Minister Chris Bentley, Laurel Broten, MPP for Etobicoke-Lakeshore, and principal of the Humber Lakeshore Campus, Ian Smith

The McGuinty government is changing its college tuition policy for students with disabilities while helping ensure they can succeed at college or university and beyond, Chris Bentley, Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities, announced in early February at Humber's new, 15,580 square foot library at the Humber Lakeshore Campus.

"The colleges of Ontario have become increasingly accessible to students with disabilities, as they should," said Dr. Robert A. (Squee) Gordon, president of Humber. "The funds received from the Ontario government have been instrumental in significantly improving support for thousands of students aspiring to take their places as contributing citizens of this province."

The McGuinty government is providing a total of more than \$40.7 million to help students with disabilities succeed in postsecondary studies, an increase of 22 per cent since

2003-04. This includes a \$4 million investment as part of the government's Access to Opportunities strategy to help colleges and universities provide new supports and services to students with disabilities.

The McGuinty government is also revising the college tuition fee policy to cap tuition fees for students with permanent disabilities who, due to their disability, may take longer to complete their program. Under the revised policy, college students with disabilities will pay tuition fees equivalent to students completing the program in the regular period of time and will thereafter pay \$20 per course.

Humber will receive nearly \$1 million to support 849 registered students with disabilities. In addition, Humber will benefit from an additional \$900,000 in Access funding that is allocated for interpreter services for all five Greater Toronto Area colleges.

Humber hosts Ontario Chiefs of Police Panel Discussions

Police chiefs from across Ontario addressed a group of 35 police leaders and over 300 students from Humber's Police Foundation program in October. The panel spoke on various issues prevalent in today's police environment including: combating global issues of terrorism and Internet crimes. Internal issues of recruiting, training and retaining the best employees was also discussed.



Humber Culinary Arts students work alongside Culinary Team Canada members to prepare its fundraising dinner last October. The fundraiser, hosted by Humber and held in the Humber Room, helped generate funds for the international competition in Luxembourg, a lead up to the 2007 World Culinary Championships. The gala was attended by a number of directors, staff

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