

# HUMBER TODAY

Fall 2003

A Close Look at Humber Institute of Technology & Advanced Learning

## Ontario Chief Justice addresses Humber degree students

The Honourable R. Roy McMurtry, Chief Justice of Ontario, addressed the inaugural class of the bachelor's degree program in Paralegal Studies at the Humber Institute of Technology and Advanced Learning in September. The address articulated major challenges facing the administration of justice, including access to civil justice. Afterward, the Chief Justice and former Attorney General of Ontario fielded questions from the paralegal students.

"I enjoyed very much the dialogue with the students in the paralegal studies program and I am confident that their education at Humber will enable them to make important contributions to the administration of justice in the years ahead," said Chief Justice McMurtry.

Humber's degree program in paralegal studies is unique in Ontario, focusing on the fundamentals of paralegal practice within an overall liberal arts



Chief Justice R. Roy McMurtry chats with students of Humber's Paralegal Studies degree program.

context. Graduates may pursue employment in law firms, government courts and tribunals or independent paralegal firms, or continue their education. In an era of rising litigation costs, this program responds to the need for affordable legal services.

"There is no question that this degree opens a new chapter for legal education within

the Province," said Dr. Michael Hatton, Dean of Humber's Business School. "For the people of Ontario, both students and the general population, this degree is most importantly about the opportunities it provides for greater access to justice."

For more information, visit [humber.ca](http://humber.ca) or contact Bernard Aron at [bernard.aron@humber.ca](mailto:bernard.aron@humber.ca).

## A profile of success through continuing education

"My career has definitely been advanced through Continuing Education (CE) at Humber," says Mark Newman. He has taken over 35 part-time courses at Humber, completing four certificates and a diploma – with honours!

Mark chose Humber's part-time continuing education programs because they allowed him to gain relevant career training through a flexible schedule. While attending courses part-time, Mark worked an average of 60 hours per week as an industrial maintenance mechanic/millwright, so flexible course offerings were a must. Despite his schedule, Mark maintained an academic average of over 95 per cent.

better than I had expected in my first CE courses, that I began seriously looking at other CE courses and programs offered by Humber."

Mark decided to work towards a Mechanical Engineering diploma plus a Mechanical Maintenance Management Professional certificate, which ultimately led to a promotion to maintenance management at his current workplace.

In addition to being the only college offering a CE format in the programs he wanted, Mark chose Humber because of its flexible part-time schedule. He found the courses to be enlightening and challenging and stressed that Humber's CE programming enables part-time learners to expand their knowledge while continuing to earn a living.

Mark is considering furthering his education by completing a university degree, but he is first waiting to see how his career advances over the next several months. In addition, Mark was just notified by Humber that he would be receiving the Lynch Technologies Award for his achievements.

The Humber Continuing Education Calendar is available at [www.humber.ca](http://www.humber.ca), or call 416-675-5005 for more information.

**Gain relevant career training through a flexible schedule**

Mark feels that the relevant training he received at Humber has made him more employable and has been of tremendous help while he has tackled his growing duties and responsibilities over the past five years.

Mark, like many other CE learners, has not taken a traditional approach to education. He took grades 10 and 11, and then completed his high school diploma through night school. It was in continuing education at Humber where Mark really began to thrive.

"I obtained so much more knowledge, and did so much

## Open House

**Sunday, November 16, 2003**  
**Humber North Campus**  
**11 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

There are hundreds of reasons why Humber is the number one choice for students – and you'll discover every one of them when you experience Humber at our annual Open House.

Tour the campus and specialized labs and meet our faculty and staff. Bring your friends or parents-or both!

For more information visit [humber.ca](http://humber.ca) or call 416-675-5000. (no reservations required)



*Humber Today* is published in the spring, fall and winter by Humber Institute of Technology & Advanced Learning, Marketing & Communications Department, 205 Humber College Blvd., Toronto, Ontario M9W 5L7

Editor: Deborah Bourk  
Assistant Editor: Adrienne Watt

Layout: Eye Cue Design  
Photography: Pat Cuda, Julie Eberley, David Lui, Gilberto Prioste  
Contributors: Lori Bona Hunt, Madeleine Matte, Patricia Spindel, Adrienne Watt

For further information about the articles, please refer to the names and numbers provided, or you may contact Deb Bourk at 416-675-6622 ext. 5481.

 HUMBER

VISIT our Web site at [humber.ca](http://humber.ca)

## Dinner is served at The Humber Room

If the thought of Flash Fried Calamari with Clam Sauce, Spicy Southwestern Chicken or Glass Caged Chocolate Mousse puts you in the mood for something different tonight, you're in luck. The Humber Room, at the North Campus, is open for dinner on Wednesday evenings from 6:15 to 7:45 p.m. The full service restaurant features meals prepared by students and faculty of Humber's Culinary programs and served by students from the Hospitality program. Parking is available in Lot 9 and patrons should proceed through the registration entrance, turn left and follow the hall to the Humber Room on the right side.

"The Humber Room's new menu was designed exclusively this year by well-known chef and faculty member, Frank Formella. The regular menu is supplemented with daily specials including a roast and a pasta," says Alister Mathieson, Dean, School of Hospitality, Recreation and Tourism. "The Wednesday dinner is new and growing in popularity."

The Humber Room is also open for lunch from Monday to Friday. On Wednesday and Thursday, a student from Humber's School of Creative and Performing Arts is featured on the piano during lunch.

Call 416-675-5022 or 416-675-5012 for reservations.



## MP announces Federal support for Humber programs

On July 11, 2003, Roy Cullen, MP for Etobicoke North, announced \$750,000 in federal funding for two of Humber's developmental projects. At a ceremony at Humber North Campus, Mr. Cullen



Robert A. Gordon, President of Humber, talks with MP Roy Cullen at the Humber North Campus.

presented a \$350,000 contribution from the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) for a development project in Tanzania and a \$400,000 contribution from Human Resources Development Canada for Humber's Centre for Foreign Trained Professionals and Tradespeople.

Under the Canadian College Partnership Program, Humber will work with Co-operative College Moshi, in Tanzania, to promote training in micro-finance management. The five-year project will provide training that will improve the ability of rural institutions to generate the capital required to help subsistence farmers.

"Humber, with CIDA's support, will provide expertise to Tanzania that will result in poverty reduction," Mr. Cullen said. "As the Member of Parliament for Etobicoke North, I am proud of Humber's work."

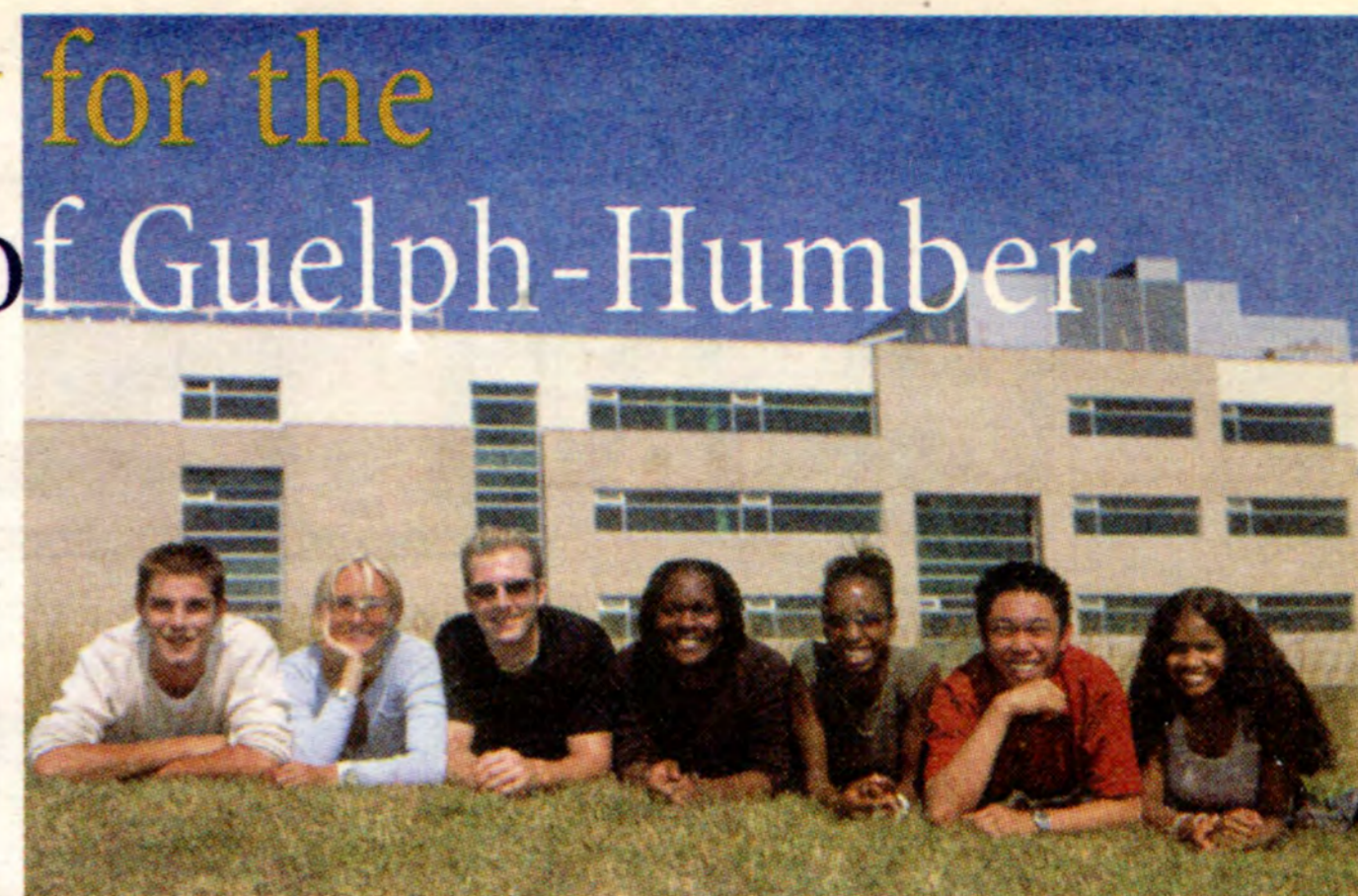
The grant from Human Resources Development Canada will be used to assist foreign trained professionals and tradespeople in finding work related to their skills or professional background. Clients of Humber's Centre for Foreign Trained Professionals and Tradespeople are given the opportunity to establish work search strategies, while receiving ongoing support.

"Humber, with Human Resources Development Canada's support, will provide an invaluable service for individuals needing employment assistance as they incorporate themselves into the Canadian labour market," Mr. Cullen said. "I commend Humber for its important work in this needed area."

## Moving day for the University of Guelph-Humber

The University of Guelph-Humber has moved to its new home, a \$45-million building that will feature specialized classrooms and laboratories, a gallery, a learning commons and Internet café and an atrium with a "living wall" of plants.

"This is a historic and exciting time for our students and for all of Ontario," said David Trick, the university's chief executive officer. "The University of Guelph-Humber is



Almost 900 first- and second-year students have attended classes since the 8<sup>th</sup> of September in the new university building, located on Humber's north campus in Toronto. The

of 24 to 65 students, said Michael Nightingale, vice-provost and chief academic officer. "This is a community of learners where faculty and students know one another by name," he said.

The University of Guelph-Humber opened in the fall of 2002 and initially offered programs in business, computing and media studies. Three new programs – justice studies, family and community social services and early childhood – have been added this fall and 93 per cent of the inaugural class is return-



a new model for education in this province, and that uniqueness is reflected in this facility. It's one of the most innovative university buildings in North America, with state-of-the-art accommodations and spaces for students and faculty to learn from one another."

The only institution of its kind in Ontario, the University of Guelph-Humber is a joint venture between the University of Guelph and the Humber Institute of Technology and Advanced Learning. It enables students to earn a fully integrated university honours degree and a college diploma in only four years of study.

four-storey, 133,130-square-foot structure has 22 classrooms, and specialized teaching and learning laboratories. In addition the whole of the second floor is devoted to space for informal student learning. There is a 164-seat learning commons, a 200-seat Internet café, eight break-out rooms, computer classrooms, a 90-seat math and writing centre. The new building received \$28.63 million in funding as part of the Ontario government's Super-Build project.

The building was designed to complement the university's commitment to a learner-centred environment, with most classrooms holding small groups

**Students earn a university honours degree and a college diploma in only four years**

ing for a second year. "Our high retention rate reflects the quality of our faculty and staff, as well as our first-rate students and our commitment to their success," Nightingale said.

The university plans to have the capacity for more than 2,000 students in the new building by 2006.

## Guelph-Humber gallery presents...

The gallery at the University of Guelph-Humber is open to the public. Currently, the University of Guelph-Humber, Humber Institute of Technology and Advanced Learning and Pueblito (Little Village), a Canadian Early Childhood

Development Agency working in Latin America and based in Toronto, are pleased to announce the public art exhibit of ¡ART WORKS! It will be on display at Guelph-Humber's new art gallery from November 3<sup>rd</sup> through November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2003.

The exhibit is open Monday to Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the University of Guelph-Humber, 205 Humber College Blvd. Please visit [guelphhumber.ca](http://guelphhumber.ca) for further information.

## ATTENTION Humber Alumni!

Search for friends and make new connections online with a new message board available at the Alumni Web site. Membership is available only to alumni and your information will be password protected.

- Keep in touch with alumni
- Network from your program
- Investigate new career paths
- Make new connections

Visit [www.alumni.humber.ca](http://www.alumni.humber.ca) today to make your Humber connection.

## New Centre for Urban Ecology for Humber Arboretum



Students perform study at the Nature Centre.

The current Nature Centre at the Arboretum is undergoing a retrofit to create a new Centre for Urban Ecology. Once completed, the Centre will have a capacity for over 45,000 visitors annually. It will be a place for research, education and innovation and it is to be a model for environmental sustainability. The expansion is to

be finished by fall 2004.

Overlooking spectacular views of the Arboretum gardens, forests and Humber valley, the Centre will incorporate a solarium, student workshop, children's nature activity centre, community resource room and conservatory. It will be equipped with a wind turbine, solar energy, ecological sewage treatment, a living roof, straw-bale insulation and many other "green" building features.

Third year Architectural Technology students from Humber, under the leadership of Greg Allen, an ecological engineer, performed a feasibility study of the existing Nature Centre. They researched the "green" building materials and technologies avail-

**The Centre will be available for the public to explore and use as a resource**

able and developed the conceptual drawings of the new Centre. Once completed, the Centre will be incorporated into Humber programs and used as a learning tool and resource.

The Centre will also be available for the public to explore and use as a resource. Schools, businesses, groups, and families are all encouraged to use the Centre for workshops, programs and as a learning tool. "Because the new Centre will be a model for environmental sustainability, people will be able to see how the practices have a real impact on the environment," said Carol Ray, Special Projects Co-ordinator at the Humber Arboretum, "Visitors will be able to customize these techniques and use them in their own space."

**For more information on this environmental project, contact Carol Ray at [carol.ray@humber.ca](mailto:carol.ray@humber.ca).**



## Humber Theatre

Humber Theatre presents Fuente Ovejuna by Lope de Vegas from November 21 to November 29, 2003 in the Humber Studio Theatre at the Lakeshore Campus. Call 416-675-6622 ext. 3414 for ticket information.



## Humber to offer February start dates

The Humber Institute of Technology and Advanced Learning continues to respond to the needs of double cohort students by offering programs with winter start dates. An estimated 40 per cent of double cohort students returned to Toronto high schools this fall to upgrade. For Ontario colleges, that means the crunch isn't over.

For the benefit of students who finish high school this winter, Humber continues to offer several full-time programs that begin in January. New to Humber this winter are a variety of programs that begin in

February. Programs range from computer programming to accounting, and from business systems to tourism and travel. The programs are two to three years in length.

"We wanted to give high school semester students, particularly double cohort students, the opportunity to begin a program without any disruption from their fall studies," said Ken Harrison, Associate Dean, School of Information Technology and Accounting.

Information on programs that begin this winter is available at [humber.ca](http://humber.ca).

## Humber Comedy Workshop awards Thalia to Mark McKinney



Mark McKinney, star of *The Kids in the Hall*, *Saturday Night Live*, and numerous films and television shows, can now add the Thalia Award for Outstanding Achievement in the Comedic Arts to his list of credits.

He was presented with the bronze statuette at the closing banquet of this year's week-long Humber Comedy Workshop in July.

Following his stint as the 'Chicken Lady' and 'Head-crusher' on *The Kids in the Hall*, Mark McKinney went on to *Saturday Night Live* and roles in *The Out of Towners*, *Jacob Two Two Meets the Hooded Fang*, *Spiceworld*, *The Last Days of Disco*, *Night at the Roxbury*, and *Dog Park*.

Accepting the Thalia, he shared a number of very funny 'how to make it in comedy' pointers with the audience

Mark McKinney, star of *The Kids in the Hall*, *Saturday Night Live*, and numerous other films and television shows, addresses students at this summer's Humber Comedy Workshop.

- an appropriate close to the workshop.

Past recipients of the Thalia include the legendary Steve Allen; George Shapiro and Carol Leifer for producing and writing *Seinfeld*; Eugene Levy and Joe Flaherty for *SCTV*; Chevy Chase for his work in film and television; and, Colin Mochrie of *Whose Line Is It Anyway?* fame.

The Thalia was established in 1997 by Joe Kertes, Dean, School of Creative & Performing Arts at Humber.

**Contact: Allan Guttman  
416-675-6622 ext. 3443  
[allan.guttman@humber.ca](mailto:allan.guttman@humber.ca)**

## Awards and Achievements

### Humber staff recognized by the OPP

In April 2002, Humber and the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) of Greater Toronto Region entered into a new learning partnership. Three Humber employees stood out by demonstrating their commitment and leadership to fulfilling the goals for both organizations throughout the development of this partnership. Kris Gataveckas, Vice-President Business Development; Gina Antonacci, Program Co-ordinator Police Foundations; and Rod Spencer, Police Foundations Consult are all recipients of the Regional Commander's Award of Recognition.

### Notes from Music

Nancy Walker, faculty member in Humber's Community Music School, and her group won the Grand Prize at the Concours de Jazz at the Montreal Jazz Festival held in July.

Former student Quisha Vint, and recent Music program graduate Nicole Sinclair, made it into the top 30 on CTV's *Canadian Idol*.

Constancia Lule, who just completed her first year in Humber's Music program, won the \$2,000 second prize in the KRG Pop Idols Competition. Over 200 people entered this competition.

### Comedy grads win prestigious awards

At this summer's Phil Hartman event, Renee Percy, who graduated from the postgraduate Comedy: Writing & Performance program, won the Phil Hartman Award, and Philippe Jolicoeur, a graduate of the postsecondary arm of the program, won the Mike Myers Award. Lorne Frohman, of Humber's Television Arts & Science program, directed this year's showcase event which featured comedian Sean Cullen.

Gilson Lubin, a graduate of the Comedy: Writing and Performance (postgraduate) program, won the Canadian Comedy Award in the Funny Newcomer Category at this year's Canadian Comedy Festival held in London, Ontario. This isn't the first time the St. Lucia native has been recognized for his talent to amuse. Last year – the year he graduated – he won the 2002 Las Vegas ComicFest Competition. Since then, he has appeared on The Mike Bullard Show, Comedy Now, and on the CBC HA Festival. Currently, he is featured on a television commercial for Harvey's.

## Ontario's Chief Child Advocate

### is keynote speaker at Humber Lakeshore Awards Night

Judy Finlay, the Chief Child Advocate for Ontario, will be the keynote speaker at the School of Social and Community Services Awards Night at the Humber Lakeshore Campus Auditorium on Wednesday, November 5, 2003. The event begins at 7:30 p.m.

Ms Finlay, a professional social worker, is a champion of children's issues and an outspoken supporter of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. She has publicly raised concerns about the mistreatment of children in the care of the state, and has

recently appeared in the press concerning the need for her Office to be independent of government. With over two decades of experience in child welfare and children's mental health, Ms Finlay is also an author of numerous publications.

In helping to celebrate the success and many contributions of the student award winners, Ms Finlay will also be stressing the need for those entering the human services professions to respect the rights of children and to act as their advocates.

Contact: Judy Mislan  
416-675-6622 ext. 3352

## Calliope goes to noted Canadian author

Renowned Canadian author, Isabel Huggan, received the 2003 Calliope, awarded for excellence in writing and teaching by the Humber School for Writers (HSW). Ms Huggan has taught creative writing for many years in both the HSW correspondence program, as well as the annual summer workshop.

In fact, Isabel Huggan has been sharing what she knows about the craft of writing fiction for more than 25 years, giving creative writing workshops in Canada as well as in the Philippines, Hong Kong, Australia, Switzerland, and France, where she now lives.

With her first two collections, *The Elizabeth Stories* and *You Never Know*, she gained an international reputation as an original and talented writer of short stories. Her third book, *Belonging*, which blends memoir and fiction, appeared early in 2003.

Humber President, Dr. Robert ('Squee') Gordon made the presentation at the closing banquet of this year's HSW Summer Workshop.

In accepting the award, Ms Huggan was quick to applaud her association with

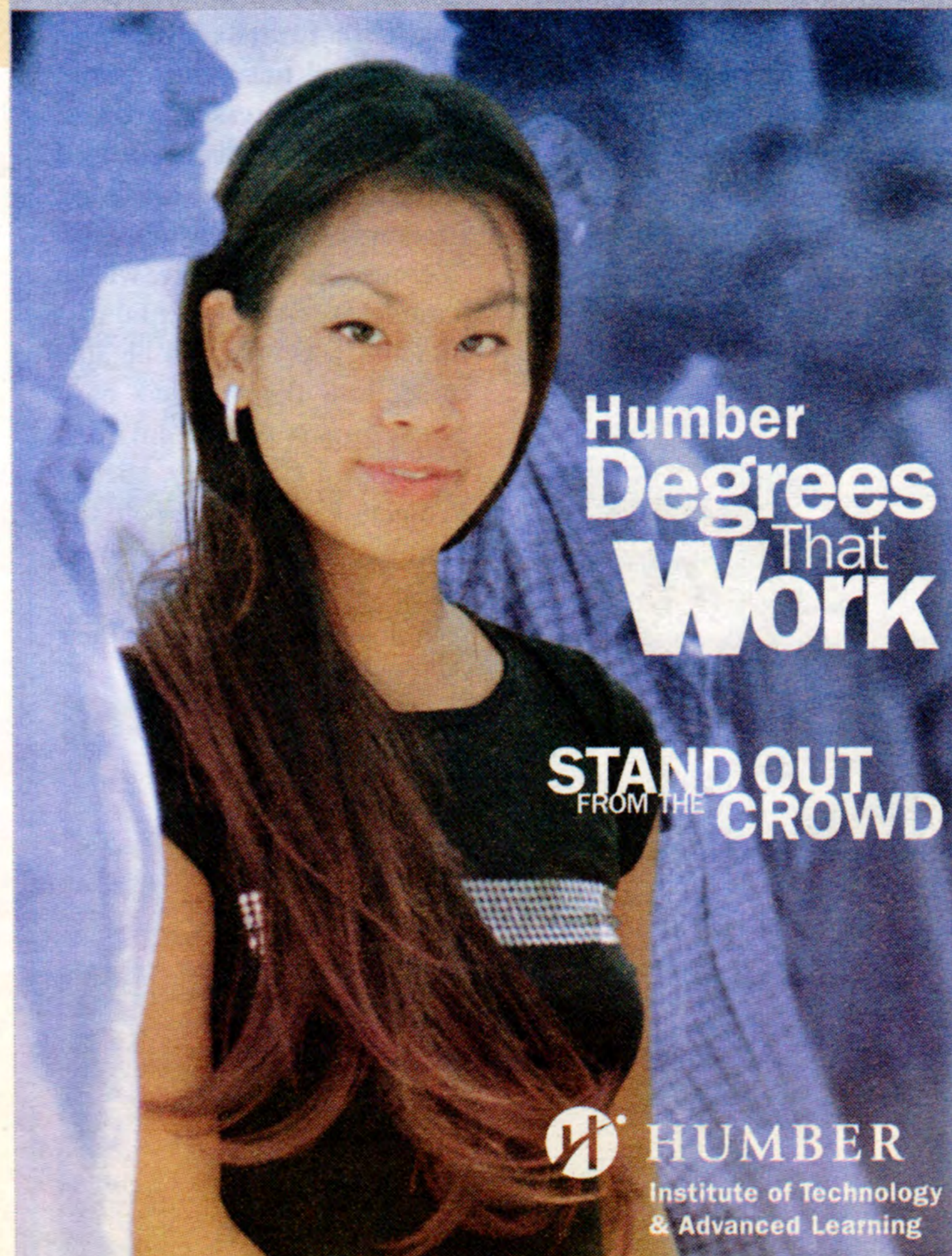


Noted author Isabel Huggan received the Calliope Award at the conclusion of the 2003 session of the Humber School for Writers Summer Workshop.

the Humber School for Writers. "It's always been a positive experience for me and, I hope, for my students. I am deeply honoured to be the recipient of this award," she said.

Contact: Antanas Sileika  
416-675-6622 ext. 3448  
antanas.sileika@humber.ca

## Bachelor's Degree Info Sessions



### HUMBER LAKESHORE CAMPUS

E-Business  
Room B 118

November 5th 2:30 pm  
December 3rd 2:30 pm  
February 3rd 2:30 pm

Paralegal Studies  
Room B 118

November 11th 2:30 pm

### HUMBER NORTH CAMPUS

Industrial Design & Manufacturing Management  
7th Semester

November 27 7:00 pm  
December 18 7:00 pm

Nursing  
E 135 (Lecture Theatre)

December 8 7:00 pm  
January 13 7:00 pm  
February 16 7:00 pm

To find out more, or to register for a session, please visit [humber.ca](http://humber.ca).