

# HUMBER TODAY

A Close Look at Humber Institute of Technology & Advanced Learning

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## Minister announces funding for new building at Humber

Ontario Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities, Chris Bentley, announced a ten-year funding commitment for additional space at the North Campus of Humber Institute of Technology and Advanced Learning at the annual Humber President's Breakfast in September. The Ontario government will provide \$23 million over a ten-year period toward a new building on the North Campus. This will enable Humber to develop additional instructional space, improved informal learning space for students, improved space for student services, as well as additional faculty offices.

Minister Bentley spoke to nearly 1,500 faculty, staff and special guests of Humber. "In today's knowledge-based economy, education is increasingly vital to the continued prosperity of Ontario," said Bentley. "That is why the McGuinty government is pleased to invest in the expansion of Humber's North Campus, because it will allow the college to provide students

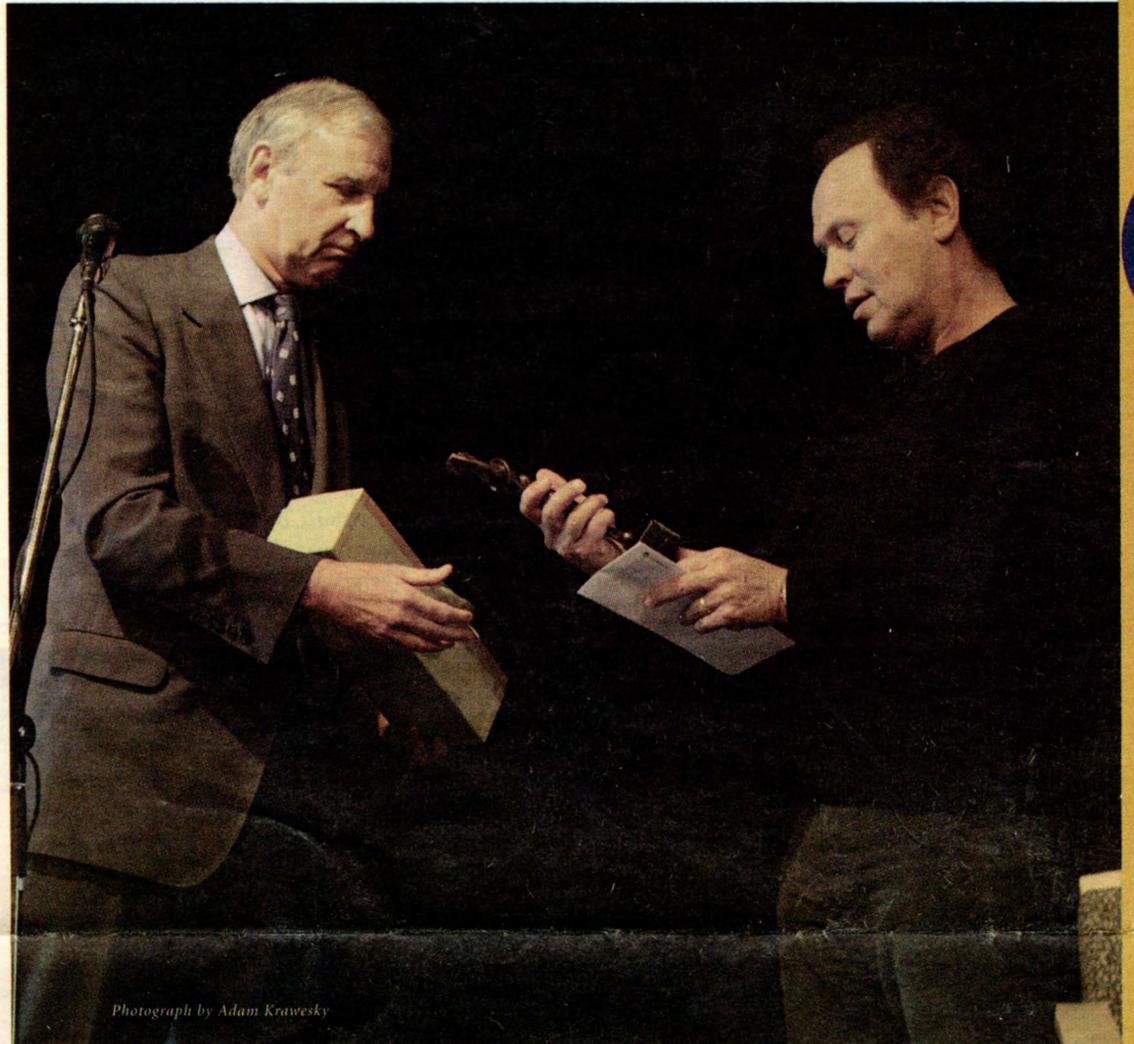
with the education and skills they need to succeed."

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dents' need for increased learning space at Humber. We will be better able to accommodate the growth in new programming at Humber such as bachelor's degrees and Ontario graduate certificates, in addition to our diplomas, certificates and apprenticeship programs," said Robert A. Gordon, president of Humber.

Construction of the new, three-storey building is expected to be complete in 2007.



Photograph by Adam Krawesky

Billy Crystal took time out from his sold-out show, *700 Sundays*, at Toronto's Canon Theatre, to speak to students at Humber's School of Creative and Performing Arts and the School of Media Studies and Information Technology. Following the session, Humber president Dr. Robert A. Gordon presented the actor/comedian with *The Thalia*, the Humber Prize for Outstanding Achievement in the Comedic Arts.



## Humber to open new campus in Orangeville

Humber Institute of Technology and Advanced Learning and The Town of Orangeville have announced the development of a campus to be built on Veterans' Way in Orangeville. The campus will provide needed postsecondary programming for the growing population in this area and, over the next ten years, could accommodate 2,000 full-time students on the 28-acre site. Construction will begin next

spring and Humber plans to begin offering programming as soon as 2007.

"I am very pleased that Humber is able to respond to the need for postsecondary education in Orangeville and the surrounding area," said Robert A. Gordon, president, Humber. "This will be of great benefit, not only to students, but to employers in this community as well."

Over the next several months, Humber will be working to assess the education needs of the population surrounding the new site. Initial research shows that the construction, landscape and manufacturing sectors are three areas to consider when looking at the provision of relevant programs for the community. Humber will also look into the need for programs in business,

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general arts and science toward college and university transfer, police foundations and hospitality and tourism.

"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. "The development of a campus by Humber

will have a very positive impact on Orangeville and the entire region."

Look for a Humber storefront location in Orangeville by spring 2006 to facilitate development of the campus.



The sign was unveiled at a 28-acre site on Veterans' Way October 11 and Humber's Orangeville campus is on the way! At the unveiling: Humber Board of Governors chair Bill Ardell, MPP John Tory, Humber president Robert A. Gordon, Orangeville Mayor Drew Brown, and Brampton MPP Linda Jeffrey representing Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities Chris Bentley.

## Awards and Achievements



### Humber students win gold at Skills Canada competition

Two students from Humber's Electromechanical Engineering Technology program, Automation and Robotics profile, Russel Sampson and Jaspreet Dhaliwal, won gold medals in the Mechatronic competition at the Skills Canada National Competition in June in Edmonton, AB. In an Olympic-style competition that showcases technical and leadership abilities, mechatronics combines the technologies of mechanics, pneumatics, hydraulics, electronics, information processing, basic electricity, and motor and motion control. The Skills Canada National Competition promotes careers in the skilled trades and technologies as first choice career options to Canadian youth.

### Humber dean wins Art King Award

Judy Harvey, dean of Student Services, was honoured recently with an Art King Award for her outstanding contribution in the field of student services in the Ontario Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology. She is the primary advocate for students at Humber and represents their needs on many Humber committees and councils. The award was presented at the Art

King Awards Dinner hosted by St. Lawrence College on June 21, 2005.

"Judy's energy and enthusiasm are an inspiration to the Humber Students' Federation (HSF). She has been wonderful to work with over the past two years. Her patience and compassion come in very handy when working in our student-driven environment," says Joey Svec, president, HSF. "I wish her many blessings in the future; she deserves them all."

### Humber Arboretum receives donation for school nature visits

Getting up close to nature has become a little easier for an expected 4,000 of Toronto's urban students. In June 2005, the TD Friends of the Environment Foundation donated \$20,000 to the Humber Arboretum Nature Centre in order to subsidize visits for schools in the Etobicoke area. School visits take place from September to the end of October.

### Student work premieres at the Toronto International Film Festival

In a competition for Canadian film students sponsored by Motorola and the Toronto International Film Festival, Stephen J. Mavilla won the chance to premiere his winning entry at the 2005 Festival. Mavilla is a recent graduate of Humber's Film and Television Production program. His 30-second public service announcement about courteous and responsible movie-going conduct, *Ushering: Basic*

*Training*, was seen before every screening at the Festival.

### Kids in the Hall alumna receives award for outstanding achievement

Scott Thompson - *Kids in the Hall*, countless movies and television appearances, and most recently host of *My Fabulous Gay Wedding* - was presented with the Thalia Award for Outstanding Achievement in the Comedic Arts at the farewell banquet marking the close of this year's Humber Comedy Workshop. Robert A. Gordon, president, Humber Institute of Technology and Advanced Learning presented the award.

### Wayson Choy wins Calliope

Renowned Canadian author Wayson Choy was awarded the 2005 Calliope Award: The Humber Prize for Excellence in Writing and Teaching at this year's Humber School for Writers Summer Workshop. The Calliope was presented by Joe Kertes, dean, Humber School of Creative and Performing Arts.

Wayson Choy is the author of the critically acclaimed *The Jade Peony* and the equally admired *Paper Shadows*. *The Jade Peony* spent six months on the national bestseller list, shared the Trillium Award with Margaret Atwood, and won the City of Vancouver Book Award. His haunting memoir, *Paper Shadows*, was nominated for the Governor General's Award and won the Edna Staebler Prize. His latest novel, the best-selling *All That Matters*, was nominated for The Giller Prize and won the 2005 Trillium Award.

## For mature student, success is sweet

"Follow your heart...figure out what you want to do and do it!"

Those words of wisdom are from Doris Mohrhardt. After 17 years of fundraising, including eight years for the Trillium Health Centre Foundation as the director of development, Mohrhardt, 39, was looking forward to a career change. She had some exposure to marketing and communications, realized she loved it and decided to return to school. Mohrhardt is not alone. Just over half of Humber's student population has not come to college directly from high school.

"I've always wanted to go back to school, and returning was a life altering experience. I loved the learning, the energy and the environment," said Mohrhardt. She chose Humber because the Public Relations program is so well respected. Several of her friends had taken the program 10 to 15 years ago, and they have great jobs that they love. Her niece took the program the previous year and had such a positive experience that Mohrhardt decided it was her turn.

Returning to college takes a great deal of planning and support. It is a major decision that not only affects the mature student, but her entire family as well. It means lifestyle and financial changes, role juggling, deadlines, time management and yes, homework. "The whole family needs to understand what returning to school means and support you."

Mohrhardt had a whole

network that embraced her decision to return to school. Her children, 10 and 12 years old, were very supportive. As a result, they became more independent - from getting ready for school in the morning to making lunches. "I am blessed to have the husband I have and my friends pitched in where they could."

Mohrhardt needed to prepare herself financially and made adjustments accordingly. It meant going from a double income family to a single income home. The family had to adjust their expectations. Next, Mohrhardt organized her home. Having a computer and other resources at home allowed her to do homework at home instead of spending late nights in the library or computer labs.

"I loved returning to school. I found it invigorating," said Mohrhardt. "The professors always had an open door and were willing to give me time." Humber also recognized her experience fundraising and planning special events, which reduced her course load considerably.

Since graduating in May 2005, Mohrhardt joined the Trillium Health Centre in the marketing and communications department. When asked what she enjoyed most about her college experience Mohrhardt replied, "I loved the whole package...it was fabulous! I loved fulfilling my dream."

For Humber information of interest to mature students, go to [www.prospectivestudents.humber.ca/mature\\_students](http://www.prospectivestudents.humber.ca/mature_students).

## Forensic Practice goes online

The part-time Forensic Practice certificate program, the first of its kind in Canada, has received such positive response that Humber is developing an online version to meet the increase in demand. The Law Foundation of Ontario is providing funding for the first year to develop the first four modules. Pending approval, an additional two years of funding will be made available to produce eight more modules.

"For the people who are already working in the field, this is the only way to get job specific education," says Dr. Robin Wilson, Humber faculty. "The online course provides wider accessibility. The program has even attracted attention from people in western United States and the Caribbean."

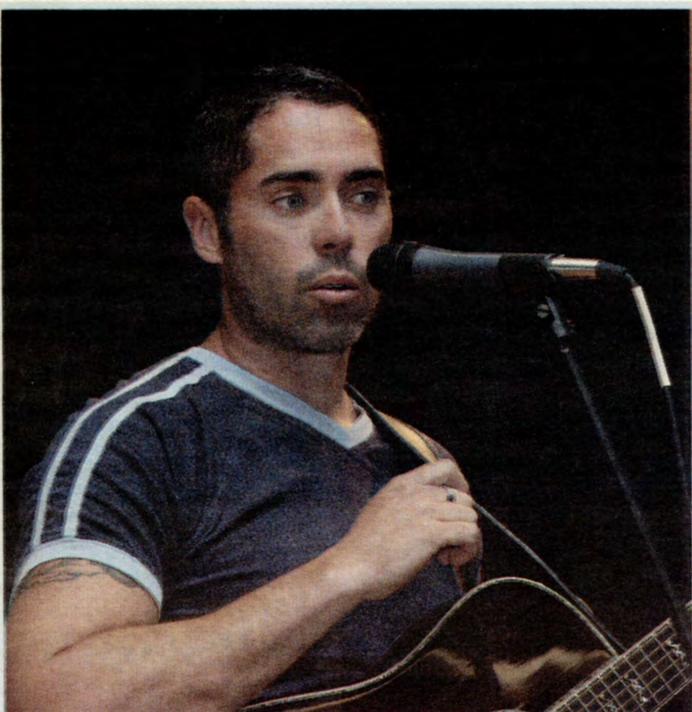
"It is a great program, and I definitely will take them when they are online," said Kerry Gray, Brampton Probation and Parole. "I've finished five modules and

have five left. With work and raising a family, it is more convenient and practical to take them online. I can fit it into my schedule better and work at my own pace."

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.

The program is open to people in social work, psychology, police foundations, nursing and other health or human services disciplines that come into contact with the courts, child welfare issues or criminal offenders.

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Ed Robertson of the Barenaked Ladies

## Songwriters shine at first Songwriting Workshop

# Barenaked Ladies' founding member receives Euterpe

Ed Robertson of the Canadian rock group the *Barenaked Ladies* was the first musician to receive the Euterpe Award for Outstanding Achievement in the Art of Music. He was presented with the award, named after the Greek muse of music, at the close of the first Humber Songwriting Workshop – an intensive week-long immersion in the craft of writing music – offered by Humber's School of Creative and Performing Arts.

Ed Robertson is one of the founding members of the hugely successful *Barenaked*

*Ladies*. Over the years, the Canadian rock group has developed a reputation as one of North America's best-loved live acts, selling in excess of 12 million records worldwide.

Joining him at the workshop, spearheaded by Rik Emmett – Juno Award winner and Canadian rock 'n' roll Hall of Famer – were Andy Kim, Blair Packham, Damhnait Doyle, and other prominent musicians and songwriters.

The Humber Songwriting Workshop was a resounding success and plans are already underway for the 2006 session.

# Humber partners with women in Bangladesh

Women who own businesses in Third World countries are fueling the growth in emerging nations. Humber continues to play a valuable role in that process. Humber has formed a partnership with the Bangladeshi Women Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BWCCI) and is funded through the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA). The goal is to unleash the potential of Bangladeshi women as a means to reducing their economic and social vulnerability by enabling them to establish and develop their own businesses.

Bangladesh has made progress through some successful poverty reduction strategies and a lower budget deficit; however, the environment has not changed for the 50 per cent of the population living below the poverty line. The Bangladeshi government identified women's development as one of the keys to poverty alleviation and low cost employment generation. The BWCCI is a non-profit and non-political organization committed to providing the tools Bangladeshi businesswomen and entrepreneurs need by affording



opportunities through micro finance – small loans and financial services that members need to reap the rewards of their own labour.

Humber has partnered with the BWCCI to establish a training unit that will have the resources necessary to identify needs, develop training materials and conduct entrepreneurship and small business training programs for women. Humber will train a core group of trainers, provide technology and software, assist in the development of a range of training resources, and coach trainers to instruct other trainers.

"It is an exciting and new opportunity working with a women's organization in a developing country. It is a partnership where ideas and approaches are shared. The BWCCI take what they need and customize it to suit their needs," said Pat Meek, associate dean, Humber Business School, who spent two weeks in Dhaka, Bangladesh in September.

"I am excited! This is a wonderful opportunity to learn, immerse myself in the culture, meet people and be a part of something productive - assisting someone to improve her life and standard of living," said Margot Atkinson, Humber International Project Management intern currently in Bangladesh for three months. "In phase one, our role is to gather and bring information together through facilitating workshops to determine the gaps in missing resources and knowledge."

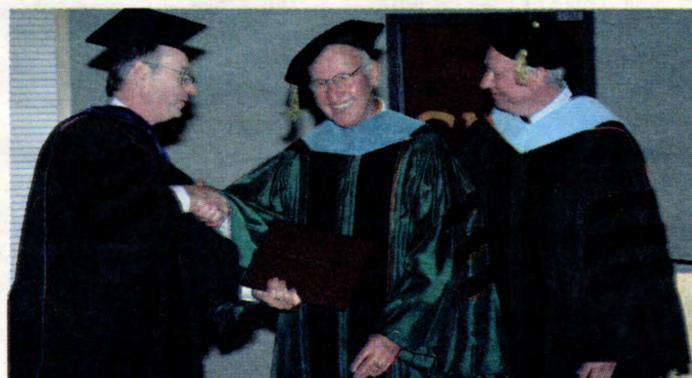
The planned long-term impact of this project will be that more women will become entrepreneurs, establish their own businesses and be successful. The training provided will maximize the potential for business success. This is meant to generate increased employment, higher income levels and lead to poverty reduction.

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## Humber VP Emeritus awarded Honorary Doctorate

Roy Giroux, PhD, vice-president emeritus of Humber Institute of Technology and Advanced Learning, has been awarded a doctorate degree for his contribution to the development of graduate programs in Ontario. The degree is awarded by the Board of Trustees at Central Michigan University (CMU). Giroux has developed more than 53 master's degree cohorts that have graduated more than 1,000 students on 15 campuses in the province of Ontario. Many of the graduates have assumed leadership roles as administrative staff, faculty, deans, directors, and vice-presidents, and six have become college presidents. Many have also pursued and attained their doctorates.

"Humber is privileged to work with Dr. Giroux to provide a venue for a new CMU master's cohort each year," says



Dr. Robert A. Gordon, president of Humber. "He has also implemented five doctoral programs in Community College Studies at Humber. His work in providing a master's program with a college focus in Ontario has contributed to a better college system."

Following his retirement, Giroux was appointed vice-president emeritus at Humber where he is the co-ordinator and

a faculty member of the Community College Leadership PhD program at Ontario Institute for Studies in Education at University of Toronto (OISE/UT). Giroux was recently recognized by the National Council for Staff and Organizational Development for his work. He was also honoured with a Distinguished Educator Award for his contributions in Ontario by OISE/UT.

## Humber events

### Producing documentaries for TV

Rudy Buttignol, creative head, Network Programming at TVO (and commissioning editor of TVO's award-winning documentary strands *The View From Here* and *Human Edge*) discussed how to make the leap from film school to film professional at Humber's lecture theatre in October.

### The President's Lecture Series

Haroon Siddiqui, editorial page editor emeritus for the Toronto Star, and writer of a twice-weekly column that explores Canada's postmodern role in the global village, presented, *The World According to Bush*, at Humber in September.

### Humber Hawks host NCAA Men's Basketball

Humber Hawks hosted four NCAA men's basketball teams on Labour Day weekend. Teams from Middle Tennessee State, North Dakota State, Navy and Central Michigan played a series of exhibition games against the defending OCAA champion Humber Hawks and University of Toronto Blues.

"This was an incredible opportunity, not only for our players but for the Toronto basketball community as well," said Humber athletic director Doug Fox. "Teams you can normally only see on US television were here for all to enjoy."



Chief William (Bill) Blair, Toronto Police Services, is interviewed by a Humber student at a United Way BBQ sponsored by Public Safety at Humber. Representatives from the Humber Students' Federation and Humber president Robert A. Gordon stand by.

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### The Humber Room

The Humber Room of the Albert Schnell/Hilton Learning and Catering Centre is open Monday to Friday from 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Call to confirm hours, or to make a reservation, at 416.675.5012.

#### **The Threepenny Opera** by Bertolt Brecht

Director: *Maja Ardal*  
Music Direction: *John Millard*  
Set & Costume: *Julia Tribe*  
Lighting: *Renee Brode*

Dates & Time:  
Nov. 25, 26, 29, 30  
and Dec. 1, 2, 3 at 8:00 p.m.  
Nov. 27 and Dec. 3 at 2:00 p.m.

#### **Original Performance**

Created by third-year theatre performance (graduating) class under the direction of Karin Randoja and Raymond Bobgan

Directors: *Raymond Bobgan, Karin Randoja*  
Set & Costume: *Kelly Wolf*  
Lighting: *Christopher Dennis*

Dates & Time: Feb. 17, 18, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 at 8:00 p.m.  
Feb. 19, 25 at 2:00 p.m.

#### **The Rover**

by Aphra Behn

Director: *Rod Ceballos*  
Set & Lighting: *Glenn Davidson*  
Costume: *Rebecca Hodgson*  
Sound: *Thom Payne*  
Fight Director: *Kara Wooten*

Dates & Time: **March 31 and April 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 at 8:00 p.m.**  
April 2, 8 at 2:00 p.m.

For tickets: 416.675.6622 ext. 3080

Contact: Joe Bowden, 416.675.6622 ext. 3414 – joe.bowden@humber.ca

Humber Studio Theatre, Building L, Colonel Samuel Smith Park Dr.  
(Kipling Ave., south of Lake Shore Blvd.)

## Writer's Circle

Humber Writer's Circle, created by the Humber School of Creative and Performing Arts, provides opportunities for writers and readers of fiction to listen to a talk given by a published author and network with other writers. Each session will also include flash assessments of the first page of a manuscript evaluated by an agent or publisher.

Hosted by Kim Moritsugu, author of the *Glenwood Treasure* and Humber

faculty member, sessions will run at the Humber Lakeshore Campus from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in J building.

#### **Saturday, November 19**

Author: *Eliza Clark (Bite the Stars, What you Need)*  
Assessor: *John Pearce of Westwood Creative Artists*

The cost per session is \$25. To reserve a spot for any session, please call 416.675.6622 ext. 3449.

## Five new bachelor's degrees at Humber

Humber has developed five new bachelor's degrees, bringing the total number of Humber degrees to nine. Three of the new programs accepted students this fall: Contemporary Music, Creative Advertising and Interior Design. Two more will be offered beginning in fall 2006: Software Systems and Tourism Management.

"This degree will not only open the doors for employment, but will also assist students in reaching their goals faster," says Ceren Korsal, currently a student of the Tourism and Travel diploma program.

For more information on bachelor's degrees at Humber visit [www.degrees.humber.ca](http://www.degrees.humber.ca).

## Humber provides program for at-risk youth

Humber is partnering with the Community MicroSkills Development Centre to provide a Cook Pre-apprenticeship program for youth in the North Etobicoke area. The program is one of five to be funded by the Ontario Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities to enable at-risk youth to strengthen their skills. Beginning in March, 2006, the program will be offered at Humber to 24 youths who will be recruited through MicroSkills.

"Humber is pleased to offer this opportunity for youth to gain relevant training and work experience for positions in areas where there is a skills shortage while also meeting the needs of employers for skilled employees," says Dr. Robert A. Gordon, president of Humber.

The program has several components to prepare youth for cook positions or related postsecondary education. It includes an enhanced, Level 1 Cook Apprenticeship training, workplace preparation, academic upgrading and a work experience opportunity in industry.

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## Continuing Education is key to success

The role of the manager is constantly evolving. Globalization and technology have created a complex work environment. While knowing how to do your job is vital, managers are finding that leadership, communication and organizational skills cannot be ignored.

Five years ago, Christopher Lanese joined Dufferin Cement, a division of St. Lawrence Cement, as a supervisor. He recognized that developing leadership skills would be the key to his success

at work. After investigating his options through the Internet, he found the Ontario Management Development Program (OMDP) offered a province-wide program delivered by Ontario's colleges. He chose Humber because he had enjoyed taking Humber courses previously and it is in an accessible location.

Dufferin Cement supported Lanese's return to Humber for his Leadership Skills Certificate through its tuition reimbursement program. The parent

company, St. Lawrence Cement, favours an environment that provides opportunities for growth and knowledge development for its employees.

"The Leadership Skills program provided an excellent opportunity to share ideas, develop solutions to mutual concerns and network with others," said Lanese. A little more than a year later, he successfully completed the program through part-time evening studies. Recently, Lanese was promoted

to sales and operation supervisor at Dufferin.

"Humber absolutely prepared me for this position. Without this course and the skills I've learned, I would never be at this level of leadership with my job." The new position offers greater flexibility to move around and meet clients. Lanese's responsibilities have grown as well. Besides overseeing both the sales and operations departments, he has an increase in the decision-making process and oversees several projects.

"With the promotion comes more responsibility and it is more challenging. It also has room for opportunity and growth," says Lanese. "My next step is to take the Business Management Skills certificate through Humber in the fall." For Lanese, continuing his education is the key to his success.

Information on Humber's part-time programs is available at 416.675.5005.