

east york WORKS



2012/2013 – Semester 2

One Program, Many Pathways

Mr. A.N. Persaud

According to his 2011 report, Rick Miner, president emeritus of Seneca College, estimates that within a decade, over 700,000 people in the province “will be unemployable due to insufficient

the beginning of Semester 2 at East York C.I., over 500,000 people in Ontario were without work. But at the same time, there are jobs

which remain unfilled – needs, for instance, for machinists, millwrights, plumbers, electricians, engineers and accountants. Employers are currently recruiting from outside of the country.²



Justin L. in fire protection

education and training.”¹

Regardless of where a student is headed after high school – apprenticeship, college, university or the workplace – a co-op experience offers many benefits, including clarifying education and career paths.

A recent article in *The Globe and Mail* highlights the growing “skills gap” in Ontario. We have a “paradox of people without jobs and jobs without people.” As of

While many high school graduates may not have fixed career paths, it’s always a good idea to have a general idea of what your path might, even if roughly, look like - what kind of person you see yourself as, what kind of environment you see yourself in, and maybe even how you



Brad I. at a law firm

plan on going from point A to point B. Although a career in teaching was still a way off, participating in a Co-op program [placed at the Royal Bank] in my high school years helped me to clarify the career in banking that I imagined was not really something that suited me. Some of our co-op students in this issue have begun to clarify or even start down their own post-secondary pathways. Wishing our graduates continued growth on their own unique life pathways!

Happy summer!



¹ Miner, Rick (2012), “University not always the best classroom”, *The Toronto Star*, January 15, p.A13.

² Grant, Tavia (2013), “Skills gap a huge issue”, *The Globe and Mail*, March 26, p.B5.



Vesna O. in early childhood education

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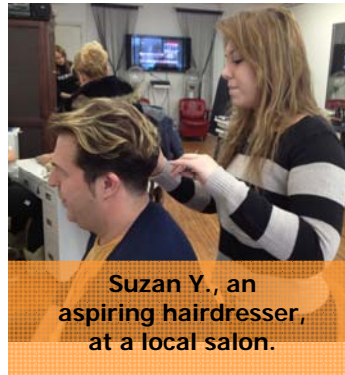
Kevin D. working on migration of web site data for a research institute.



Isaac B. fixing bikes at a DIY bike repair space and community hub.



Lauren F., placed as a Teacher Assistant.



Suzan Y., an aspiring hairdresser, at a local salon.



Richard M. in health and fitness.

Word on Co-op

I realized that no matter what 'speed bumps' come in front of you, you always have to stay on task.
— George A., Education

Corrie, Anna and Genet took me under their wing. When I didn't understand something, they knew the best way to explain it to me, in a way I would understand.
— Valerie W., Bakery

Co-op has been an amazing experience that everyone should take advantage of. You get to explore the workplace and learn hands on what it is like to work in the field of your choice.

— Nicole B., Hospitality

I have learned quite a bit with Eric. He taught me a lot about oil chambers, turbos, cooling systems and properly sandblasting and painting. I really appreciate the opportunity to learn about auto mechanics and racing development.

— Gerasimos A., Auto Mechanics

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