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## Building Skills & Shaping Futures



boards to create a seamless pathway to education and training for a range of individuals from secondary school students to adult learners. Our volunteer team, unique as the Centre itself, is dedicated to raising funds for this vital project that is helping to reshape the way people think about a career in the skilled trades.

There is a famous quote that reads, "Volunteers don't get paid – not because they're worthless but because they're priceless" and that could not be more true about the K TTC campaign team. "The great thing about our volunteers is that in addition to giving us their time and skills to help raise funds for K TTC, they support student success by providing career path opportunities for students in sectors that are in dire need for highly skilled workers. For all these reasons, I am honoured to work beside them to help achieve this goal," adds Shirianne Pawley-Boyd, Fleming's Chief Advancement Officer.

During this year's National Volunteer Week in particular, we at Fleming College acknowledge each one of our volunteers for their dedication and hard work. We thank you for building skills and shaping futures for our students. ✦

**B**ehind the scenes of the Kawartha Trades and Technology Centre (K TTC) campaign there is a multitude of volunteers working hard to help provide the best possible learning environment for Fleming students. More than 65 volunteers, from all sectors of our community, are dedicating their time and energy to raise \$1 M through the Building Skills, Shaping Futures fundraising campaign to support infrastructure and capital equipment in the K TTC.

An incredible team of volunteers has assembled, all of whom are

dedicated to ensuring students have a strong foundation of skills that will prepare them for success in their chosen career. "I am constantly amazed by how generous this community is to Fleming and to our students," notes College President Dr. Tony Tilly. "With the construction of the K TTC well under way, we are indeed privileged to have the support of these dedicated volunteers during this exciting time in Fleming's history."

The K TTC is a unique undertaking that emphasizes partnerships with local industry and regional school



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# Invest | Inspire | Achieve



It is my great pleasure to say thank you to our hundreds of donors and volunteers who support student success at Fleming College. In particular, as we celebrate National Volunteer Week from April 21 to 27, I want to recognize our volunteer leaders who whole-heartedly invest a great amount of time in inspiring other volunteers to achieve, and generous donors to give. Their passion for Fleming's mission is outstanding!

Our Fleming volunteer champions in key leadership roles include Lori Geens, Chair of the Advancement

Committee; Jay Amer and Craig McFarlane, Co-Chairs of the \$1 M capital campaign for the Kawartha Trades and Technology Centre; and Kerri Davies, Chair of the Alumni Advisory Council. Each of our volunteer leaders provide excellent direction, encouragement and enthusiasm – the essence of leadership that is required to make a difference in our community.

I extend a very special thank you to our gracious donors for their financial support. Fleming alumni, friends, faculty and staff have shown

remarkable generosity to our students by funding bursaries and contributing to capital projects that enhance the quality of learning at Fleming College. Together we will ensure that students today and in the future are provided with rewarding career opportunities. ✨

Thank you.

G.A. Tilly, Ph.D., President



## VOLUNTEERS: PASSION. ACTION. IMPACT.

During National Volunteer Week we are reminded that more than 13.3 million volunteers

in Canada contribute 2.1 billion hours of time every year. That is an average of 5.8 million volunteer hours every day! Imagine what our country would be like without volunteers?

Volunteers help us to make measurable strides towards positive change. They have a passion for getting involved. They take action to support the causes and organizations that matter to them. And they make an enormous impact in our communities.

I am honoured to work with so many great volunteers that are found at the heart of the various service clubs and non-profit organizations that I work with. They unselfishly give so

much of their time and expertise to make a difference and enhance the lives of others.

I want to take this opportunity to say thank you to the many volunteers who help to guide our projects at Fleming College. Their dedication helps us to build a vibrant community. ✨

Thank you!

Shirlanne Pawley-Boyd, CFRE  
Chief Advancement Officer

## Message from the Advancement Committee Chair

With spring in the air, we often feel a sense of renewed spirit and a little spring in our step. It's also a time during the academic calendar when we reflect on our progress at Fleming College — our accomplishments and how much time is left to conquer the year's goals. Our donors and volunteers are vital in making this happen.

On behalf of the Advancement Committee of the Fleming Board of Governors, I would like to thank our generous donors that support the



many projects and programs throughout the College and to recognize the great work of our outstanding volunteers.

Our \$1 M capital campaign for the Kawartha Trades and Technology Centre is generating great relationships between employers, volunteers, Fleming staff and skilled trades and technology professionals. We are very pleased with the campaign's progress to date.

Our annual campaign for capital equipment and bursaries is in full swing and we appreciate your continued support. I look forward to

celebrating some of our campaign achievements and recognize students for their success when I attend convocation ceremonies in June.

I wish our donors and volunteers a happy spring and I look forward to achieving together the significant tasks set out before us. ✨

Lori Geens  
Chair, Advancement Committee

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## A legacy gift to Fleming College – THE GIFT OF OPPORTUNITY

Supporting education through a gift in your will ensures opportunities for students to make positive changes in our own communities and across the globe.



"Through my Fleming education I have discovered my passion for learning and am determined to achieve success. With the high standards of curriculum set by my program, I must commit 100% to my studies. The bursary I received has alleviated so much stress providing the resources to pay for three months rent, one year of groceries or almost half of my year's tuition. I can now focus on my studies and am confident that through my program I will be successful in my chosen field of study."

– MARK READE, 2011 Bursary recipient

  
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MP Dean Del Mastro and Fleming College President Tony Tilly share their excitement about the competition with Food Network Canada's Maggie McKeown and other competitors.

# A Taste of Italy Event A Resounding Success

A Taste of Italy fundraiser held at Fleming College on January 25 was a resounding success with approximately 160 guests attending. Through their generosity the event grossed over \$38,000. The event was held in partnership with Peterborough MP Dean Del Mastro and presented by the Wolf 101.5 FM, CHEX Television and 100.5 Kruz FM.

The Sutherland Campus' main foyer was transformed into a spectacular formal dining area where over 100 Culinary program students showcased their talents, under the leadership of Fleming's outstanding faculty team, by creating an authentic five-course Italian feast with wine pairings.

The dessert selection was determined by a fun competition between local celebrity chefs who whipped up their favourite recipe during the Celebrity Chef Dessert Competition held at the Sutherland Campus on January 7. The local celebrities were paired with culinary students who helped the chefs to prepare their desserts.

With 12 competitors and 11 desserts to choose from, determining a



Food Network's Maggie McKeown proudly reveals the dessert created by Celebrity Chef Dessert Competition winners Ken Tremblay (left) and Joe Taylor (right).

winner wasn't easy. Fleming was thrilled to welcome culinary expert Maggie McKeown, from Food Network Canada's Recipe to Riches, to make the difficult decision. Maggie revealed, at A Taste of Italy, that there were two winners. The recipes belonged to PRHC President & CEO Ken Tremblay (Amalfi Lemon Custard with



In tribute to the Italian flag, Stuart Harrison, President and CEO of the Peterborough Chamber of Commerce prepares a colourful and tri-flavoured mint, strawberry and vanilla Panna Cotta.

Raspberry Sauce) and Peterborough County Deputy Warden Joe Taylor (Sfingi). Together, a 'Sfingi with Amalfi Lemon Custard, Raspberry and Honey' dessert was created and served to all guests. It was a delicious Italian combination to say the least!

Net funds raised from the event will go toward bursaries for students in culinary programs at the College and to support the Kawartha Trades and Technology Centre.

To view the entertaining Celebrity Dessert Competition videos presented at A Taste of Italy, visit [www.facebook.com/flemingalumni](http://www.facebook.com/flemingalumni). ❖



**Cheyene Ramsay**  
*Fish and Wildlife Program, Frost Campus, Final Year*

Growing up in the village of Maberly, Ontario, Cheyene was surrounded by nature. Whether she was fishing with her father, hiking the local trails or just in the backyard with her family, she loved being outdoors. So, when it was time to go to college, she knew exactly what she wanted to do and where she wanted to go. Now in her final year of a three-year dual diploma program at Fleming (Forestry and Fish & Wildlife), Cheyene is looking forward to graduating in the spring.

As her graduation approaches, however, Cheyene acknowledges the generous support she received from Fleming donors. After three years of college, Cheyene's savings were dwindling and her debt, rising. She was struggling to make ends meet. Then, when she got the news that she had been selected for The Roger Pardy Memorial Scholarship, she could barely contain her excitement. In fact, she was so excited that she ran out of the College "because I figured people would look at me funny if I was dancing around in the hallways."

The Scholarship could not have come at a more opportune time. She was able to buy her books and equipment for her program, pay her rent and concentrate on her studies rather than worrying about her finances. According to Cheyene, "Receiving the bursary was such a surprise, and I'm so grateful that I was even able to apply for, let alone receive it!"

After graduation, she will return temporarily to her summer position with Hydro Ottawa, performing vegetation management surveys. This will give her the time she needs to build up her savings and apply for jobs in her field of study, wherever that may take her. ❖

# Inspire

Volunteers who inspire – it is a winning combination providing a foundation of support for student success at Fleming College. Our students deserve the best education that Fleming can provide and our many dedicated volunteers use their skills, insights and expertise to help ensure we have the best learning environment for students to succeed.

**BOB JAMESON**  
**President, Canadian Instrumentation Services Group Ltd.**

“Inspiring students to be the very best that they can be – at whatever it is they love to do” – is what motivates Bob Jameson to volunteer his time and skills to support student success at Fleming College. As a former Fleming student, Bob has a good understanding of what it takes to help ensure students have the best learning environment in which to thrive and succeed – both at the College and when they enter the workforce.

His love of Fleming did not stop at graduation. Since 1985, he has held various volunteer positions at the College and is currently a member of the K TTC Campaign Cabinet and Chair of the Alumni and Parents division of the Campaign.

The K TTC is a project that is especially important to Bob because of the many exciting learning opportunities the Centre will offer to a generation of young people who may not have considered skilled trades as a chosen career path. His hope is that the Centre will help raise the status of skilled trades and show students that skilled trades are highly valuable, fulfilling and rewarding fields in which to work.



**JOHN LYONS**  
**Staff Sergeant, Peterborough Lakefield Community Police Services**

As Vice-Chair of the Alumni Advisory Council, John Lyons is working to ensure that Fleming offers a strong alumni experience to its students - long after they graduate. That is just one reason why John volunteers his time and skills to support student success at Fleming College.

Like many of our graduates, John has a strong affinity for Fleming College. He graduated in 1984 from the Customs Administration program, which aside from giving him a solid



education, also left him with a very positive experience of college life. As John remembers, “there was a strong community feel at the College, where the teachers knew your name and took an interest in what you were doing.” In fact, he felt that the education he received at Fleming helped him make an easy transition into his chosen career path of policing.

John’s desire to give something back to the College prompted his decision to volunteer. It is an exciting time for John and the Alumni Advisory Council as they focus on new goals that will support alumni and keep them connected to Fleming.

**PETER B. MCLEAN**  
**McLean, Simon & Associates Inc.**

When Peter McLean was asked to be a member of Fleming’s Board of Governors, he said yes, even with his many other work and professional obligations. Peter had heard many positive comments about the College from associates, neighbours and from friends whose children had attended Fleming. The main driving force behind his decision to volunteer, was his interest in “the well-being of young people and a desire to help them succeed.”

A Board member for five years, Peter is in his second year as Board Chair. In fact, it was as Chair that he had one of his most moving experiences at the College. Attending convocation, he had the honour of presenting diplomas to the graduating students. The look of glee in their eyes was something that he will never forget. It was a mix of pride in their accomplishments and excitement for the future that he saw in the students that day. It strengthened his goal to do as much as he could to support student success at the College.



**LORNA PLUNKETT**  
**Retired Professor, Fleming College**

Lorna Plunkett has a long association with Fleming College, both as a former employee and a long-serving volunteer. When she retired 17 years ago from her position as Academic Division Leader in the School of Business, Lorna knew that she still wanted to be involved with the College. She had the time and the desire, and she wanted to use her skills and experience to further support student success at Fleming College.



Currently, Lorna and a volunteer team are involved in with the development of the Archives collection – an important project that is documenting the history of life at Fleming College. In addition to the Archives, Lorna is actively involved with the Advancement Committee.

In whatever capacity she chooses to volunteer, Lorna’s main goal is to do what is best for Fleming students, to ensure their continued success and to help create the optimum learning environment for them to achieve their goals. ✨

## ANNUAL HALIBURTON SCHOOL OF THE ARTS FACULTY ART AUCTION

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Haliburton Campus

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