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**A Message from Joanna Amirault,
Senior Dean, FSCS, and
Acting Principal, Lakeshore Campus**

As we look forward to the summer months, I would like to thank everyone in the FSCS for another incredible academic year. Please join me in celebrating the exciting achievements that took place throughout the Winter semester. This issue highlights some of the many ways in which our Faculty cultivate exceptional student experiences.

Creating meaningful partnerships, and collaborative experiences, takes many individuals working behind the scenes to manage countless moving parts. Thank you to everyone who supported in creating these opportunities for students both inside and outside of the classroom.

I hope the summer season brings you a well-deserved opportunity to rest and recharge.

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Program & Faculty Highlights



Pictured above: Students from FSCS walk in charity walk Coldest Night of the Year

Coldest Night of the Year: A Collaborative Effort by CJS and PFP Students For a Worthy Cause

Students and faculty from the [Community and Justice Services\(CJS\)](#) and [Police Foundations \(PFP\)](#) programs united to exceed their fundraising goal, raising an impressive \$1,450 for Haven on the Queensway. On Saturday, February 22nd, FSCS students and faculty (including Tonia Richard, Shara Stone and Fisseha Yacob-Belay), as well as Student Support Advisor Kourtney Clarke, took part in the national [Coldest Night of the Year](#) walk, a 5 km “winterrific,” family-friendly fundraising march in support of charities that support people experiencing hurt, hunger and homelessness. By walking in solidarity, they gained a deeper understanding of the struggles faced by those experiencing homelessness, reinforced their commitment to serving their communities, and highlighted Humber’s dedication to community engagement. Read the full story online [HERE!](#)



FSCS Awards Ceremony

In February 2025, the [Faculty of Social and Community Services \(FSCS\)](https://communityservices.humber.ca) hosted their annual FSCS Awards Ceremony. The ceremony recognizes the work and outstanding achievements of students across all FSCS programs. This year honoured 34 student recipients, across 4 different award categories. The awards and scholarships were granted based on student applications, as well as, faculty selections. Friends, family, and faculty were all invited to join the celebration.

Humber PSI Hosts ASIS Student Appreciation Night

On April 10, 2025, Humber's [Protection, Security, and Investigation \(PSI\)](#) program hosted the ASIS Toronto Chapter's Student Appreciation Night. Many Protection, Security, and Investigation students were in attendance, along with students from other FSCS justice cluster programs, students from Guelph-Humber's Justice Studies program, students from a range of Ontario colleges, and ASIS Toronto Chapter leaders. The event featured guest talks from cybersecurity expert John Daniele, who discussed his career journey through public and private law enforcement organizations, and Toronto Police Service Constable, Anthony Lamanna, who regaled students with words of inspiration and encouragement. All attendees enjoyed a catered dinner courtesy of ASIS Toronto Chapter, and had an opportunity to engage with guest speakers, fellow students, and other security professionals in attendance.

DSW Grad Launch

On Monday April 2nd, 2025, the [Developmental Services Worker \(DSW\)](#) program hosted their annual grad launch celebration! Semester 4 students in DSW 250 came together to celebrate their up-and-coming launch into the field of developmental services. Two special guest speakers, and community partners, joined the celebration and spoke about their journeys in developmental services work and employment. Mais Malhas (a DSW program alumni and new DSW Program Advisory Committee member) talked about her journey from DSW student to her current role as Manager at the [Centre for Addiction and Mental Health \(CAMH\)](#). Mais is a strong advocate for the hiring of DSWs into a variety of roles at CAMH. She was inspirational in her words to students and encouraged all students to take opportunities for learning and work in the developmental services field as they arise. Read the full story online [HERE!](#)

Pictured below: Students from FSCS at the ASIS Toronto Student Appreciation Night





Rebuilding CYC Practice

This semester [Child and Youth Care Advanced Diploma \(CYC\)](#) program students engaged in a different capstone project. The focus was on developing their critical thinking and creativity to develop recommendations for the field of Child and Youth Care to help strengthen and decolonize practice. In addition to sharing their lived experiences and field placements, students engaged with Social Work students from the University of Strathclyde in Scotland to research best practices in the UK and Canada and develop their recommendations for change. Students' self-identified topics of interest that included: youth recidivism in the youth criminal justice system, and supporting rural areas.

Read the full story online [HERE!](#)

PSI Student Earns the Certified Protection Professional (CPP) Designation from ASIS

Congratulations to [Protection, Security, and Investigation \(PSI\)](#) student Zohair Sohail who earned the Certified Protection Professional (CPP) designation from ASIS International. The CPP certification is internationally recognized as the “gold standard” for security management professionals. The credential demonstrates proficiency in seven key security domains, reflecting the knowledge and leadership skills required to address complex security challenges.

“Achieving this milestone would not have been possible without enrolling in Humber's [Protection, Security, and Investigation \(PSI\)](#) program,” Zohair says. “The faculty and the learning environment have been instrumental in my professional growth. As Kerry Watkins often said, we should always “seek to get better,” and the courses I've taken so far have provided me with the foundation and confidence to pursue this certification.”





Community Development Degree Program Hosts Environmental Fair

Think globally, act locally! This was the theme of the Environmental Fair hosted on March 28, 2025 by fourth year students in the [Bachelor of Community Development \(CDEV\)](#) program, in partnership with Humber's Office of Sustainability. Students created an interactive and informative event covering topics such as greenwashing, pollinators, the urban tree canopy, recycling and Indigenous ways of caring for Mother Earth.

The fair was well attended with lots of conversation and learning about practical ways the Humber community can embrace sustainability as a lifestyle and in their own professional practice.

Crime Scene Investigation Challenge

Students from eight Ontario post-secondary institutions, including Humber Polytechnic, Seneca Polytechnic, and the University of Guelph-Humber (UGH), tested the real-world skills they have learned in the classroom at the second annual Crime Scene Investigation (CSI) Challenge, presented by Paragon Security along with additional donors and supporters.

This unique skills competition hosted by Humber Polytechnic was held at North Campus. Read the full Humber Today news story [HERE!](#)



FSCS Programs Collaborate for Interprofessional Learning Event

Faculty from the [Forensic Identification \(FI\)](#), [Protection, Security, and Investigation \(PSI\)](#) and [Developmental Services Worker \(DSW\)](#) programs, alongside the SIM Lab team, lead students in a crisis simulation interprofessional event. The event was packed and offered a great opportunity for students to apply their skills in interviewing, investigation and evidence gathering techniques. Thank you to our faculty, students and the SIM Lab team for putting forth an amazing event.

Police Foundations Program was Buzzing with Activities this Semester!

The Winter 2025 semester was busy with events and achievements for the [Police Foundations \(PFP\)](#) program. In March 2025, five PFP students competed in the Peel Regional Police Services Annual Fit Challenge. Students competed with Peel Police Cadets and seven other PFP college programs for the P.I.N. fitness assessment. Humber PFP placed 1st for best male-identifying athlete! A big congratulations to Zachary Correia who scored level 13 on the Shuttle Run test. Also, a big congratulations to PFP students Julia Sloniewski, Matthew Nascimento, Tavleen Kaur and Tenzin Gonpo for representing Humber PFP and for a job well done! Read the rest of this story online [HERE!](#)



FSCS Poster Presentations

Every year during the final weeks of the Winter semester, many of our FSCS degree-level programs host thesis poster presentations and capstone projects. These events serve as a valuable platform for graduating students to share their research projects with faculty and their peers and engage in constructive discussions on each student's work.

Throughout the month of April, programs including [Bachelor of Behavioural Science \(BBS\)](#), [Bachelor of Child and Youth Care \(BCYC\)](#), [Bachelor of Community Development \(CDEV\)](#), and [Bachelor of Social Science – Criminal Justice \(BSS-CJ\)](#) each hosted an event for their students to showcase their projects. Topics ranged from working with the City of Toronto in order to “examine community resilience during acute shocks,” to “evaluating educational workshops on gender-based violence for youth and young adults in South Africa.”



FSCS Events

CJS Mock Interviews 2025 - March 25th

The [Community and Justice Services \(CJS\)](#) program hosted its bi-annual Mock Interview event which provides graduating students with the opportunity to gain valuable interview experience and receive constructive feedback before participating in an actual job interview. This event familiarizes students with the interview process and enhances the success of graduating students in obtaining employment in the field. Participating agencies represent a broad range of employers in the sector and the event is supported with volunteers from Humber faculty and staff.

Read about more events online [HERE!](#)



Police Foundations Graduate Accepted to Top UK Law Schools

Congratulations to [Police Foundations \(PFP\)](#) graduate Tejeshwar Gill, who has been accepted into five UK universities for law. Tejeshwar will be attending the University of Leicester, where they will begin a three-year LLB program this September.

Tejeshwar is also the recipient of the university's prestigious Chancellor's International Scholarship Award, in recognition of their academic achievements. "This means a lot to me," says Tejeshwar. "I wanted to thank Arun Dhanota and all my fellow professors for teaching and guiding me throughout the years in the Police Foundations program." FSCS wishes Tejeshwar all the best in this exciting new chapter of their academic journey!

Child and Youth Care Faculty Janet Seow receives Outstanding Educator Award from the OACYC

Congratulations to [Child and Youth Care \(CYC\)](#) faculty member Janet Seow, who received the Outstanding Educator in Child and Youth Care Award from the Ontario Association of Child and Youth Care (OACYC). This award acknowledges Janet's exceptional leadership in education and mentorship, as well as the lasting impact her scholarship has had on students and the broader Child and Youth Care community. OACYC highlighted Janet's aptitude for fostering inclusive, relational, and reflective learning environments. FSCS extends their heartfelt congratulations on this outstanding achievement!

Research & Innovation



Faculty Research & Publications
What's New at the Centre for Social Innovation

CJS Faculty Member Julet Allen Publishes Chapter on Anti-Blackness in Education

Congratulations to [Community and Justice Services \(CJS\)](#) faculty member Julet Allen on her chapter “Anti-Discriminatory Education for Black Children and Youth: When, How, and Why,” which was published in the *Handbook of Anti-Discriminatory Education* earlier this year. The book chapter aims to create a better, more empowering, and anti-racist way of educating Black children and youth in Canada, acknowledging the reality of systemic racism despite Canada’s diverse image. It looks at ideas and builds a base for teaching against discrimination in a way that helps Black youth feel free and empowered through a deeper understanding of the world around them.

What's Happening at Humber's Centre for Social Innovation

At Humber's [Centre for Social Innovation \(CSI\)](#), we bring together students, faculty, and community partners to Build Brilliance by addressing systemic challenges and engendering positive outcomes across a wide variety of issue areas. We continue to take on many new and diverse projects, helping community groups and organizations grow towards their impact goals. Check out some of the many issue areas we've been working on below with the invaluable support of 10 Humber students.



Housing and Displacement

CommuniACTION Social Hack-a-thon: During January 2025, the Centre for Social Innovation and Longo's Centre for Entrepreneurship at Humber Polytechnic co-hosted their second annual social hack-a-thon, this year in partnership with a non-profit organization called CP Planning. Interdisciplinary student teams were challenged to come up with creative solutions to community displacement due to development.

Over 33 students contributed to nine creative and thoughtful solutions, including co-op housing that supports single-parent households, as well as wraparound policy and service innovation to tackle gentrification and equip tenants with tools like financial literacy.



IMPACT EVALUATION & SYSTEMS CHANGE

Humber CSI Impact Evaluation: The CSI is developing a toolkit to facilitate effective impact evaluation throughout the Polytechnic. Every project or venture has a social impact, whether or not it is considered or measured, and Humber strives to be an intentional leader in positive community impact. Research continues with a deep dive into current social impact evaluation measures and frameworks. This student-led research will become foundational in the CSI's future impact evaluation work.



Mental and Physical Health

GARDENS: The GARDENS Project has begun another season of crops growing in the raised garden beds ("pods") scattered throughout South Etobicoke. Produce grown in the pods will again go towards local food programs like Daily Bread and community kitchens. If you're interested in learning more about gardening or supporting your community, the GARDENS Projects is always looking for volunteers to help the pods flourish! Or, if you pass one of the pods this summer (such as the pod on the northwest corner of Kipling and Lakeshore), feel free to take a moment to enjoy the natural beauty or chat with a community volunteer who may be there tending to the plants.

Follow @TheGARDENSLakeshore on Instagram for updates about the growing season!

Read the full CSI article online [HERE!](#) For more information about Humber's Centre for Social Innovation, please visit www.humber.ca/socialinnovation or email SocialInnovation@humber.ca. If you have a project or research idea about social innovation, we would be happy to connect!

Advancement & Alumni

ALUMNI STORIES



Stephanie Chartrand

Program: [Bachelor of Community Development](#)

Grad Year: 2022

My time at Humber Polytechnic was transformative. The Bachelor of Community Development program gave me both the theoretical foundations and hands-on experience to understand what meaningful, equity-driven change looks like in real communities. I particularly appreciated the emphasis on experiential learning—our field placements, collaborative projects, and community-based assignments helped bridge the gap between classroom knowledge and the realities of grassroots organizing. One of the best parts of my experience was learning alongside peers and professors who were deeply engaged in social justice, community building, and systems change. Read Stephanie's full story online [HERE](#)

Ashell A Campbell

Program: Child & Youth Care, [Diploma](#) and [Degree](#)

Grad Year: 2018, 2020

My Humber experiences were amazing. I loved 95% of the professors I interacted with, as they were always flexible, patient and passion about their work. I also appreciated the academic level at which we were taught- it felt like a good medium of both university and college. The highlight of my experience is all the support the school offered, as well as the multiple field experience opportunities. My final placement led to me securing employment- I have been working with LOFT Community Services since spring 2018. Read Ashell's full story online [HERE](#)



Principal's Office



Lakeshore Principal's Office hosts Panel Discussion which Highlights the Brilliance of the Black Community

The Humber Polytechnic community came together in the Humber Cultural Hub (HCH) for an illuminating panel discussion that focused on the creativity and brilliance of the Black community.

The Celebrating Black Brilliance: Creativity as a Catalyst for Community Empowerment event was held on March 24 at the HCH's Recital Hall as part of Black Heritage Month 365 celebrations.

The event, which was hosted by the Lakeshore Principal's Office in collaboration with the Office of EDIB, featured Dr. Jean Augustine, Kimberly Daniels, Manager, Student Inclusion & Belonging at Humber, and Onoriode Francis Osifo, a [Bachelor of Child and Youth Care](#) student and chair of the IGNITE board of directors. The discussion was moderated by Faculty of Social & Community Services faculty member Julet Allen and [Bachelor of Community Development](#) student Doreen Kajumba. Read the full story online at [Humber Today!](#)

Tote + Paint Returns to the Lakeshore Campus

To recognize Mental Health Awareness Month, the Lakeshore Principal's Office once again hosted a Tote + Paint workshop as a mindfulness break for staff and faculty. On May 1st, 2025, registrants were invited to stop by the G Commons between 12pm and 2pm to paint their own tote bag with the support of host and facilitator, Yelena Mensah. This year we were thrilled to team up with Enactus Humber, who generously donated an array of the team's sustainably made paints. Humber Enactus' paints are created by reusing discarded makeup – an idea which won the team 1st place in a regional competition. Tote + Paint participants were able to take a moment to unwind in creativity, while using one-of-a-kind award-winning paint!



Pride Month Craft and Play Cafe at Lakeshore

The Lakeshore Principal's Office, in collaboration with Humber IDEA Lab, Lakeshore Grounds Interpretive Centre and Humber Libraries, hosted a Pride @ Lakeshore - Craft and Play Cafe event in celebration of Pride Month. On June 10th students, staff, and faculty were invited to stop by the G Commons for an afternoon of drop-in activities including button-making, bandana decorating with iron-on vinyl designs, as well as a photobooth with a frame decorating station and a Pride library pop-up featuring a selection of LGBTQ fiction and non-fiction from the Humber Library collection. Read full story online [HERE!](#)