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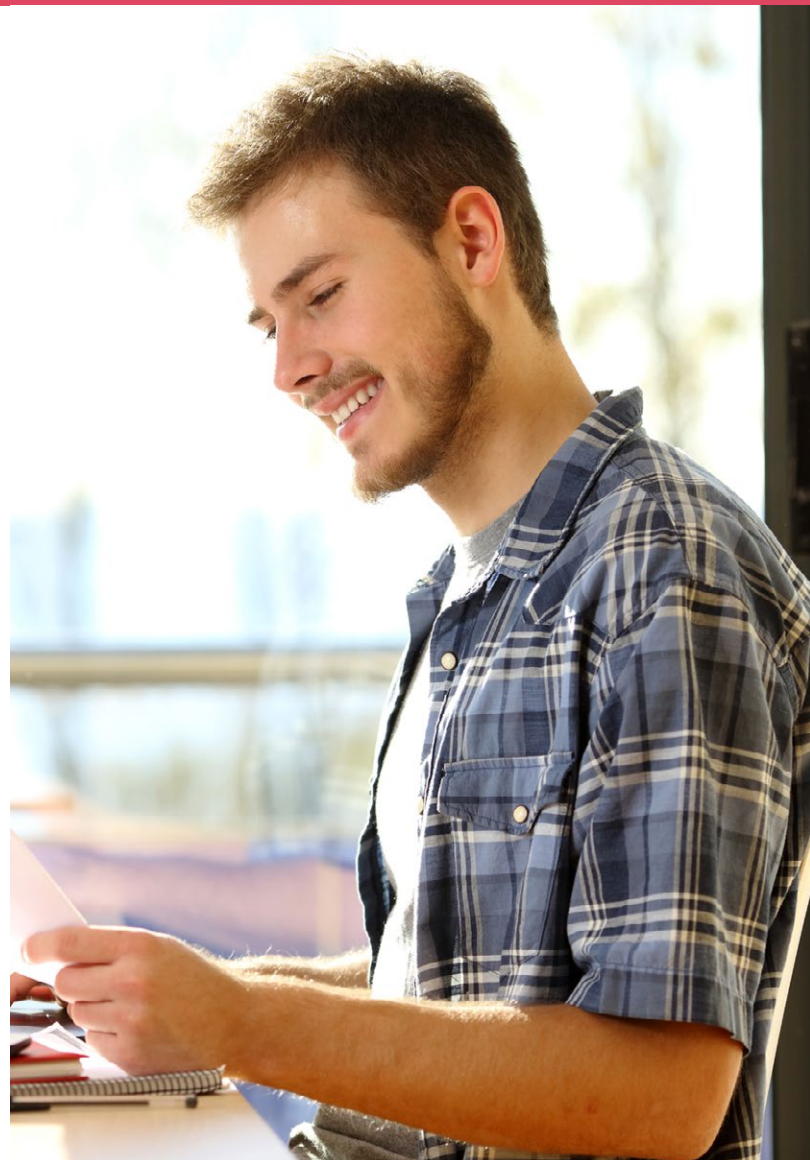
Canadian Security announces 2021 Lifetime Achievement Award winner

Congratulations to Rita Estwick, a Program Advisory Committee (PAC) member for FSCS's **Protection, Security and Investigations (PSI) program**, for receiving the 2021 Lifetime Achievement Award from Canadian Security.

Read more about Estwick's involvement in the security and investigative services sector in the Canadian Security Magazine [here](#).



Rita Estwick



Struggle Back Scholarship for PFP Program

The Faculty of Social and Community Services (FSCS) partners with *Emond Publications*, providing access to a video ("The Struggle Back") to instructors who use the Emond Publications text *Mental Health Awareness for First Responders*. In exchange, Emond Montgomery has agreed to support Humber with a gift of \$2,000.00 to establish a scholarship for a student enrolled in either the Police Foundations program or Journalism degree program (\$1,000.00 provided in the years 2022 and 2023).

ALUMNI STORIES

VALENTINA POSADA-OROZCO

Valentina joined Humber's **Community and Justice Services (CJS)** program in 2014. After graduating, she went on to complete a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice.

Valentina says of her time in CJS, "it was incredible. It provided me with the foundation to get into the workforce. I was able to get a clear understanding of the criminal justice system, how and why crime occurs, and how to respond to crime from different lenses. I had extremely knowledgeable professors that challenged me to think critically. Most importantly, it involved a great deal of hands-on experience which allowed me to practice and test my knowledge."

Since completing her schooling, Valentina has been working at the **John Howard Society of Toronto**, a non-profit organization dedicated to reducing the social, economic and personal costs of crime, as a Record Suspension Coordinator.



ANTHONY NGUYEN

Anthony is a proud graduate of the **Bachelor of Child and Youth Care (B-CYC)** program, which he joined in 2013. During all four years as a student at Humber, Anthony worked in student staff roles at the college, which led him to become interested in working in post-secondary education. After completing his Bachelor's degree in July 2017, he started working in Residence Life at **Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP)** while also studying there in the Master of Arts program in Student Affairs in Higher Education. During his time at IUP, Anthony gained experience in International Education and Student Activities. Before graduating in 2019, Anthony landed a role at Humber with **Peer Assisted Learning Support (PALS)**, to coordinate Note Taking Services and the Learning Skills Workshop Series at Lakeshore Campus. Later that year, Anthony became the Peer Tutoring Coordinator, then in October 2021, he moved into the Learning Services Coordinator role. Anthony is excited to continue growing in his career at PALS and the **Math & Writing Centre**.

Anthony uses counselling and CYC related skills which he acquired during his time studying at Humber, in his work daily. He always reflects upon his college experience and thinks about how the CYC program allowed him to become more in touch with himself as a queer Vietnamese Canadian. Always on the go, in his free time, Anthony can be found playing tourist in Toronto, eating Dim Sum in Waterloo, or at a drag show in Pittsburgh. He also recently got married to his partner Dylan, and is excited to embark on this next chapter of life.



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

TASMINE FRASER

Tasmine joined Humber’s **Social Services Worker (SSW)** program after realizing she had a passion for helping others find strength and resilience and hoped to be able to further her knowledge and grow as a professional in the field.

“I entered the SSW program unsure of how I would do, and unsure of myself. I left the program a different person. I made many friends, my passion was appreciated, and I was supported throughout by the faculty. The experience allowed me to grow and gain valuable skills, especially in crisis intervention, case management, anti-oppression and community programming.”

She is currently working as a Community Programs Coordinator at **Victim Services Toronto**, where she worked as a crisis counsellor for nearly 3 years before changing roles. Tasmine got hired at Victim Services after her student placement in 2018. She is also in the process of applying for an MSW program to continue her education. She hopes to one day become a professor or be involved in social work program development. Outside of work, Tasmine does social media content creation, and enjoys the outdoors.



JD MARCHAND

JD Marchand, Class of ‘96 at Humber’s then Law and Security Administration program, was Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA)’s first Aboriginal Liaison Officer, and later moved into the role of Regional Indigenous Affairs Advisor. He is now CBSA’s National Indigenous Portfolio Coordinator. Prior to joining CBSA, JD worked as a Corrections Officer at the Metropolitan Toronto West Detention Centre, where he was assigned a role on the multicultural & anti-racism committee, developing policies that served the needs of Aboriginal and other minority detainees.

JD’s extensive experience collaborating, interacting and engaging with Indigenous communities, also saw him awarded with the CBSA President’s Award.

Watch JD’s **#MyHumberStory** on YouTube **here** and see other alumni stories on Humber’s Alumni YouTube channel **here**.



Cobourg Police Services Board selects DRPS Insp. Jeffrey Haskins as new deputy chief

FSCS **Police Foundations Program (PFP)** graduate, Jeffrey Haskins, was recently appointed as Cobourg Police Deputy Chief.

Over his 30-year career, Haskins has held multiple roles within police services, including his most recent role as an inspector with the Durham Regional Police Service (DRPS). He has also worked as a cadet, in administrative and operations roles in intelligence, professional standards, and equity and inclusion units, as an auditor at what was then the Ministry of the Solicitor General, and as a regional duty inspector and divisional commander.

Congratulations to Haskins on his well-deserved appointment and we wish him the best of luck in this new position. Read more about Haskins' appointment at Global News [here](#).

Humber Alumni **Baldev Mutta**

**2021
Premier's
Award Winner**



Baldev Mutta, CEO and founder of **Punjabi Community Health Services** is a recipient of this year's **Premier's Award** under the category of Community Services, which recognizes the contributions of Ontario college graduates in the province and throughout the world. A graduate of the **Social Service Worker (SSW)** program in the FSCS, as well as Humber's **Crisis Intervention and Trauma Supports** program. Mr. Mutta has received many other awards for his activism, community building and service, including the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal. He continues to build on the success of Punjabi Community Health Services with programs ranging from settlement assistance to addictions and mental health treatment.

Congratulations to Mr. Mutta on the well-deserved honour. Read the full article on Humber Today [here](#).



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Alumni Stories – Spotlight on Forensic Identification (FI) Alumni

Olivia Buffo

The skills and techniques that I learned in the FI program are extremely important to my success in my role as a Scenes of Crime Specialist at the Peel Region Police. I attend crime scenes to document, photograph, and collect evidence. I've attended various types of crime scenes - sudden deaths, break and enters, motor vehicle collisions, assaults, autopsies, robberies and stolen auto recoveries.

There are no words to describe how happy I am with my career.



Rageni Reddy

In 2019 after hearing about Humber's FI program, I quit my job and enrolled immediately. I've always wanted to work in forensics and was blown away with the amount of hands-on experience we were given by industry professionals in the program.

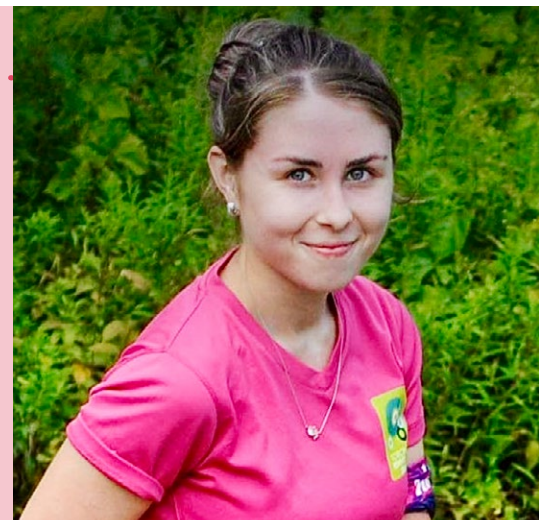
I'm currently working as a Forensic Identification Assistant with York Regional Police. It's an extremely interesting and rewarding career that I'm beyond thrilled to have. Humber's FI program and staff taught me fingerprinting techniques, photography skills, and forensic knowledge that I put into practice every day at work.

Ksenia Bilas

After graduating from the University of Toronto, having taken forensic classes during my BSc, I wanted to learn more, and Humber's FI program felt like a perfect fit.

I had a great experience as the program exceeded my expectations. The instructors are knowledgeable and kind, the material is highly intriguing, the weekly labs are exciting and fun, and the program gives students an opportunity to get hands-on and in-class learning.

I now work at the Office of the Chief Coroner, liaising with regions all over Ontario, helping them with their caseloads. I aid in projects and take part in educational conferences.



Alumni Stories – Spotlight on Addictions & Mental Health

Andrew Gris

The **Addictions and Mental Health** (ADMH) program at Humber was a good fit for me as someone who was trying to make a career change. I had spent about twelve years as a teacher and wanted to transition into work that was more in line with my undergraduate degree in psychology. I was attracted by the hands-on nature of the courses and the opportunity to do a field placement – and the program did not disappoint! I loved how interactive the classes were and made several valuable connections with both my classmates and professors.

I'm currently working as a Hoarding Support Coach with **VHA Home Healthcare**, which has given me a chance to put into practice a number of skills I developed at Humber. I use a variety of basic counselling skills, in addition to some Motivational Interviewing and Cognitive Behavioral Therapy techniques, in the conversations I have during in-home sessions with people who are at risk of eviction because of their hoarding issues. I don't think I would be as confident as I am in my current role without all of what I learned in the ADMH program.



Nellie Klump

Looking to start a second career, I came to the Humber **Addictions and Mental Health** (ADMH) program as I was drawn to the practicum component. As my work experience was solely in the software industry, the practical experience piece was important for me. Further, the program content stood out with its depth and breadth of mental health and addiction topics. What I appreciated most during my time at Humber is the teaching staff – their wealth of experience and knowledge in the field combined with their tremendous support through the program – really enriched the learning experience for me. I had the opportunity to do my practicum at **Margaret's Respite Center** and continued my employment there after graduation, working with individuals with severe mental health and addiction issues. Since the start of the pandemic, I have been working as a Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT) coach with the **Canadian Mental Health Association**. I have continued my studies in the social sciences with plans to pursue a master's degree in the coming years. The journey into this new career has been challenging at times, especially through the past two years and I am grateful for the solid foundation that I gained at Humber.



Alumni Stories – Spotlight on Addictions & Mental Health (cont'd)

Scott Swiniarski

After receiving my Bachelor's in Psychology, I had selected the **Addictions and Mental Health** graduate certificate program at Humber because I wanted to support folks through some of their most difficult experiences. I chose this program because it looked like it had the exact knowledge, skills and experience that would help me in starting my career in the social services.

The program itself had great faculty with a wide range of experiences and knowledge. I learned so many skills that I still use to this day, and I grew not only as a professional but as a person. The program helped foster my growth both professionally and personally and I am grateful for that experience and will not forget it. I am currently working as a problem gambling & behavioural addictions clinician at **ADAPT** in the Halton region. The skills I practiced and honed during my time at Humber helps me each and every day, whether it is counselling, facilitating a recovery group, running an intensive treatment program, providing educational presentations, building connections in the community, or finding time to practice self-care. These experiences were made possible by the time, dedication, and guidance of the instructors at Humber and as a result of those experiences I will soon be returning to school to start a Master's program in Community Development.

