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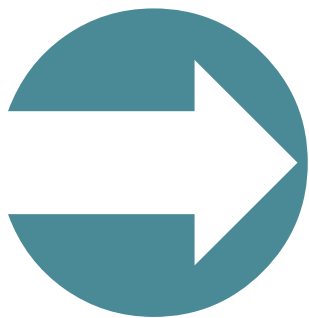
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# A Word from the Chair



*Cliona Geraghty, CDAG Chair*

On behalf of the CDAG Executive, I would like to welcome everyone back to CDAG for this exciting 2019-2020 year. I am delighted to write this Chair's Note for our **first ever Monthly News Update**. At our last AGM, we decided to try a new method for the regular sharing of information within our CDAG community. Monthly news updates will take the place of bi-annual newsletters.

We hope you enjoy the content, and look forward to your feedback and future contributions: [Please complete this brief news update survey.](#)

Congratulations to our 2019 CDAG Award Recipient, Nicole Simoneau (Boréal). Nicole, your work within CDAG, your college, and the province is noteworthy, and we are proud to call you one of our own.

“I am delighted to write this Chair's Note for our first ever Monthly News Update.”



For more information on Nicole's accomplishments, see the Award section below. And thank you to the Awards Committee for all of your work again this year.

Finally, on behalf of the CDAG Executive and membership, I would like to thank Elizabeth Bowman (Conestoga) for her years of service as the CDAG Secretary.

## Urgent: Call for CDAG Participation

**CDAG Lunch and Learns** are reported by members as one of the most valued aspects of CDAG; however, without member participation on the PD committee, we may be at **risk of discontinuing** these PD opportunities. Please contact Jessica Paterson ASAP to join this committee: [jpaterso@georgebrown.ca](mailto:jpaterso@georgebrown.ca).

## Conference & AGM

The CDAG Executive and Conference Planning Committee welcome your participation in our Annual Conference from **October 23-25, 2019 at the Kingston campus of St. Lawrence College**.

We are thrilled to announce our keynote speaker, Dr. Sandra Romain, Senior Policy Analyst at Indigenous Services Canada. Dr. Romain will discuss ways of reconceptualizing course content and learning outcomes to integrate deeper levels of learning and thinking about how our work can advance Indigenous reconciliation and ensure students understand their future work within this broader context.

Our Fall AGM will also take place at the conference, on Thursday, October 24. Come join this amazing community and get the latest updates, share best practices, and learn from and engage with colleagues.

**For more information on the conference, including registration and Call for Proposals, visit <https://cdagontario.com/conference/>.**

## Partner Annual General Meetings:

*Heads of Quality Management (HQM) & College Degree Operating Group (CDOG)*

HQM and CDOG are holding their Fall AGMs the week of November 4th. The CDAG Chair will present updates at these meetings. HQM and CDOG Chairs will also present updates at our CDAG AGM during the October Conference. Many great collaborative efforts are in the works this fall!

## Membership Survey

We need your help to keep our membership records up-to-date. **[Please complete this brief survey](#) by October 11 to update your contact information and remain on the CDAG mailing list** so you don't miss out on important information about upcoming events.

# Recommended Readings

Looking for something to read? Check out these recent articles related to higher education:



Martini, Tanya (Brock University). [Why can't students recognise transferable skills?](#) *Times Higher Education*. June 27, 2019.

*If academics want students to see value in course-based activities, we need to make clearer to them exactly what broader skills they will learn by completing them, says Tanya Martini*

Mintz, Steven (U. of Texas at Austin). [The Sociology of Today's Classrooms](#). *Inside Higher Ed*. January 30, 2019.

*Moving beyond popular and misleading cultural stereotypes.*

Lewington, J. (2019). [Why are Canadian universities so slow to adopt digital learning?](#) *Macleans*. April 24, 2019.

*A look at post-secondary institutions offering hybrid or blended courses, their prevalence among students and the benefits of digital learning and its impact on active learning.*



# College and Member Showcase

*Aviation training takes flight at Fanshawe College  
(Sept. 3, 2019 press release)*

## Province approves new **Commercial Flight and Aviation Leadership program**

The Ontario Government is providing more choice for aviation training by approving Fanshawe College's new Commercial Flight and Aviation Leadership program to start in fall 2020.

The new three-year program, the first of its kind, will be focused on aviation leadership and flight training. It will offer a wide range of in-demand career skills and knowledge and increase options for students in the aviation program. The program will also bring new aviation industry opportunities to the London region.

"Fanshawe is proud to be expanding its aviation offerings to include flight training at the Norton Wolf School of Aviation Technology," said Peter Devlin, President of Fanshawe College. "With these new programs, the College will be a major training destination for future aerospace careers both nationally and internationally."

CDAG would like to give a big shout-out to **Melissa Barnard, Curriculum Consultant**, Centre for Academic Excellence, Fanshawe College who was heavily involved in making this programming come to life.



For more information, visit:

<https://www.fanshawec.ca/FanshaweTakesFlight>.



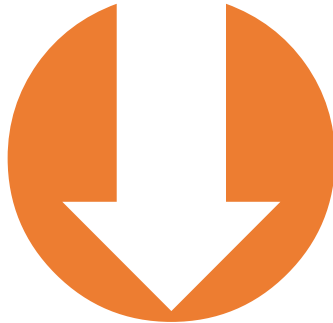
# New Address

Colleges Ontario, the College Employer Council, and the Ontario College Quality Assurance Service will soon be moving to a new office location. As of June 24, their new address will be:

**130 Queens Quay East, Suite 606  
Toronto, Ontario M5A 0P6**

The Telephone number will remain the same:  
**(647) 258-7670.**

Please update your records to reflect this new contact information and direct all future correspondence to the new address.



## New Update Feedback Survey

Thanks for reading our September monthly news update! We would like your feedback and suggestions for future editions. Please complete the brief survey and be sure to provide your contact information if you're interested in contributing to future newsletters! [Please complete this brief news update survey](#)



## IMPORTANT DATES

**October 9, 2019** - CDAG  
Conference Registration Deadline

**October 23 - 25, 2019** - CDAG  
Conference

**October 24, 2019** - CDAG AGM

**October 31, 2019** - Lunch & Learn  
Book Club: *UDL Navigators in  
Higher Education* (Jodie Black)

**October 31, 2019** - October CDAG  
News Update Release

**November 6, 2019** - Heads of  
Quality Management (HQM)  
AGM

**November 7, 2019** - College  
Degree Operating Group (CDOG)  
AGM

**November 21, 2019** - Lunch &  
Learn: Assessing the Affective  
Domain (Mike Hill)

**December 2, 2019** - Research,  
Innovation & Scholarship Fund  
submission deadline

# 2019 CDAG AWARD

## RECIPIENT

Nicole's accomplishments have been impactful provincially through her leadership, promoting collegiality and dissemination of curriculum best practices to colleagues, CDAG members, and external stakeholders. At Collège Boréal, Nicole's knowledge and expertise have had a transformative impact on how the college ensures that vocational learning outcomes, essential employability skills, and course learning outcomes are explicit and consistent with the program's intended purpose.



At Collège Boréal, Nicole contributed to the creation a framework that defines the intent of the curriculum, measures its impact, and continuously improves curriculum design. The framework incorporates learner-centred design principles, aligns with other college mechanisms, and takes into account the needs of multiple stakeholders. This framework was inspired by Nicole's pedagogical experience and by the values and principles of quality learning.

Nicole has actively contributed to the community of curriculum developers in Ontario by mentoring CDAG members while exemplifying and inspiring interest and commitment to CDAG's vision and increasing provincial awareness of CDAG. She initiated French translation of membership correspondence to enhance inclusion of Francophone members, and supported the creation of new CDAG subcommittees. Through her involvement with CDAG, she has fostered the importance of communities of practice, whereby processes within the college system are shared so that, as a system, we work collaboratively towards quality assurance. She models best practice in her work and continuously demonstrates passion, reliability, competence, patience, expertise and excellence. [Click here for full Article.](#)

# CDAG EXECUTIVE



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Cliona Geraghty, e-Learning Curriculum Consultant (Fanshawe College)



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## Research, Innovation & Scholarship

Committee Chair, Mary Harrison (Fanshawe)



## Communications/Website

Committee Chair, Melissa Barnard (Fanshawe)



## MISSION STATEMENT

To facilitate collaboration and the exchange of best practices in all matters relating to curriculum which, in turn, enhances and garners expertise and provides leadership in curriculum development and sound pedagogical practices on a province-wide scale.