

Email to students

Date: April 14, 2020

Subject: Rounding out the term with some good news

Dear Sheridan Community,

Today's message is intentionally short because I know you're balancing a lot right now. That said, I want to share information about three efforts underway to keep us connected and strong as we near the end of term.

Good News Stories

I want to start by sharing some of the good news stories emerging from Sheridan because I'm a strong believer in the power of positivity. In case you missed it:

- John Wang, a professor in the Faculty of Applied Science and Technology, spearheaded a [volunteer effort](#) in Brantford to sew protective masks to donate to healthcare and other frontline workers.
- Sheridan donated several thousand pairs of gloves, hundreds of masks and gowns, face shields, safety glasses, sanitizers and particulate respirators to Trillium Health Partners and the William Osler Health System.
- Employees are volunteering at Sheridan's [Centre for Advanced Manufacturing and Design Technologies \(CAMDT\)](#) to print face shields, which will be donated for use at hospitals in Brampton, Mississauga and Oakville.

Student Showcase

I'm equally inspired by the ingenious efforts that are being mounted to celebrate students' learning, particularly the work of final year students, who would typically be holding in-person grad shows this month. Whenever you're in need of inspiration, you can view some outstanding creative work here:

- The York/Sheridan Bachelor of Design program - <https://www.ystdn2020.com/>
- The Art and Art History joint program with UTM: <https://bit.ly/2RypHZY>
- The Interaction Design Program: <https://www.ixdshowcase.com/>

Similar efforts are underway across our Faculties to develop a means of showcasing and celebrating the talents and hard work of learners across our programs.

Engagement and Connection

To sustain the sense of community and belonging that are such an integral part of post-secondary education, I want to encourage you to participate in some of the programs that have been designed to positively fuel your physical and mental wellbeing. On tap this week are:

- Online yoga classes
- Trivia night
- Online Open Mic from your living room
- Guided online fitness workouts

For the full list of links, visit our [virtual events calendar](#) and the Sheridan Student Union list of [At Home activities](#).

As we approach the end of what has been an unusual and exceptionally challenging winter term, I want to commend and thank you for your resilience. We are living through a disruption that will be recorded in the history textbooks of tomorrow. I remain committed to navigating these uncharted waters together, as a learning community united in purpose and values.

Sincerely,

Janet Morrison
President and Vice Chancellor