

## A message from Dr. Janet Morrison



### Celebrating your efforts

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Dear Colleagues,

Last week, I wrote about making self-care a priority in the face of your collective dedication to reinventing our operations while simultaneously delivering programs and services to learners – all against the backdrop of a pandemic.

This week, I want to share some examples that demonstrate the deep impact you and your colleagues are having on our learners and communities. Simply: your ingenuity, tireless effort, and creativity *matter*.

#### Minister's Awards of Excellence

Six Sheridan employees have been recognized with [Awards of Excellence](#) by the Honourable Ross Romano, Minister of Colleges and Universities in Ontario, for their contributions on campus, in the community and beyond.

The awards program was open to all 24 colleges and 22 universities in Ontario. More than 200 submissions were received, from which 39 recipients were selected. Sheridan took home 15% of the awards.

Our recipients include the team at the Centre for Advanced Manufacturing and Design Technologies (CAMDT), Michelle Candelaria, Dr. Andy Alubaidy, Dr. Ed Sykes, Dr. Tarek El Salti, and Donna Braggins and the Virtual Internship Program (VIP) team. Extending the impact even further, one of the concepts developed by a team of students working through the VIP program, about food security, is headed toward implementation at [Halton's Food for Life](#).

#### Collaboration and Reinvention

When faced with the seemingly impossible task of teaching a hands-on discipline like Illustration in a virtual setting, Sheridan's Illustration team collaborated with their counterparts in Film and Television to bring a broadcast environment to our drawing and painting studios that creates multiple simultaneous viewpoints. This allows students to understand and interpret the human form. Read more [here](#).

#### Australia and China took notice

Sheridan's Fall promise gave students the opportunity to withdraw by October 9 and be eligible for a full refund if they weren't fully satisfied with their learning experience. I've long said that our faculty and staff are the best in the business. Our confidence in you is what made this possible and allowed Sheridan to try something that few other institutions even considered. So novel was the idea that it got noticed by media in [Australia](#) and [China](#).

#### ECE Expo: Reinvented

The annual [Early Childhood Education Expo](#) is a signature event that helps 400 graduating educators to connect with employers and celebrate their hard-earned credentials. Working in tandem with Sheridan's Career Centre, the team found meaningful ways to foster networking and job hunting virtually.

#### Seeing value in remote learning

There's no arguing that learning remotely is different than learning in-person. With 81% of Sheridan students enrolled in virtual settings this fall, we've been laser-focused on maintaining academic quality and garnering feedback about the student experience. Read what these students in our [Honours Bachelor of Business Administration degrees](#) had to say.

These are just a few of the highlights that are brought to my attention every day. If you've got others to share, please drop me a note at [president@sheridancollege.ca](mailto:president@sheridancollege.ca).

We're heading into a weekend wherein Hallowe'en, a time change and a full moon collide. However you choose to spend it, please take a moment to reflect on your impact as a member of the Sheridan community. I also hope you find time to have some fun and relax. If you're looking for a physically-distanced way to celebrate, check out these [make-up tips](#) from Makeup for Media and Creative Arts professor Megan Fraser. If you're looking for something to watch on TV, check out the documentary short [On the Fence](#) by Sheridan's BFTV students, which has been licensed to CBC and airs on October 31 at 8:00 p.m.

Stay safe,

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