

Benchmark Quarterly is our latest initiative to stay connected with alumni. Published only four times a year, you will find each edition jam-packed with invitations, discounts, contests, perks, updates, and important news just for you.

Holland College News

Culinary Institute of Canada to represent country as National Culinary Youth Team

It's an exciting time at The Culinary Institute of Canada right now. Not only is the Tourism and Culinary Centre, which the CIC calls home, undergoing extensive renovations and an expansion; staff recently found out that for the next four years, their students will represent



the country at international competitions as National Culinary Youth Team Canada.

Read the full article



Heritage Retrofit Carpentry graduates work on Province House project

Six graduates from Holland College's Heritage Retrofit Carpentry program have been selected to work on one of Canada's most historically significant buildings and a national landmark this summer, preparing Province House National Historic Site for major conservation work.

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Former Hurricane Kay Okafor Drafted by Hamilton

Former Holland College Hurricane Kay Okafor has been drafted by the Hamilton Tiger-Cats. Okafor, who played for the Hurricanes in 2012 while attending U.P.E.I., was selected in the third round, 21st overall, in the 2017 CFL draft.

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Upcoming Alumni Events

SUMMER EVENT Who doesn't love Old Home Week on PEI?

On Friday, August 18th, 2017, starting at 1 p.m., we are excited to be offering Holland College alumni FREE parking in our Fitzroy Street parking lot, AND a FREE Old Home Week admission pass (grounds admission day pass - \$12 value!)*. Be sure to enter our prize draw on site as well!

*Available at the Holland College staff parking lot on Fitzroy Street, next to Hashem's Variety, between 1 and 4 p.m. (or until available spaces and passes are gone). Availability is limited, and parking is at owner's risk.



<u>SEPTEMBER EVENT</u> Hurricanes Football Homecoming Game Weekend -

September 15th & 16th, 2017

Mark your calendars for the first Hurricanes Football Homecoming Game Weekend! Stay tuned for complete details on this action-filled week-end!



Special thanks to:



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Student Spotlight



L-R: Victor Cal y mayor, Matt Greenwood, Daniel Verdecchia

A Shared Dream

For 18-year old Matt Greenwood from Zimbabwe, there were not a lot of opportunities to study music. He loved the idea of living in Canada, and it was relatively close to Boston, Massachusetts, where Berklee College of Music, a partner institution to Holland College's School of Performing Arts, is located. Matt's instrument of choice is guitar and already, he has several gigs on a regular basis and is growing as a musician.

"It's too good to be true," said Victor Cal y mayor, an opera singer from Tuxtla Gutierrez, Chiapas, Mexico. "The people are friendly, the Island is beautiful, quiet and peaceful, and already it feels like home."

Daniel Verdecchia, a percussionist from Venice, Italy, summed up his thoughts with both Matt and Victor voicing their agreement.

"Life is about what you want to do. I am young, but I think I am old enough to realize that true success is being able to make a living doing what you love to do."

Three young men, from very different backgrounds, happily working side by side toward musical futures that hold great promise - for them, for Holland College, and for the School of Performing Arts.

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