



November 2017

# Work-Abilities

**The participants in the current session are discovering their skills and talents!**

**W. Ross Macdonald School is continuing our partnership, participating in the morning session!**

**The Hub Scrub, Café and the Spa have been great work placement experiences for the class!**

**The Alumni Group has been meeting once per month to stay connected, meet new people, share successes and challenges and enjoy some social time! Next meeting is Thursday Nov. 16th from 1pm – 3pm. in the Multi-purpose room.**



Placement



Alumni Group



## Moving forward....



Teddy is currently assisting in the Hub Scrub and enjoys doing hands on work. Teddy will continue to enhance his skills through different placement opportunities to assist him in gaining employment.

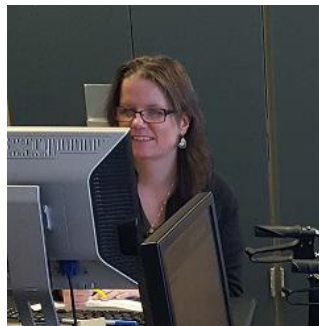


Alex is currently discovering what she is interested in. She has been trying out a variety of tasks while in Work-Abilities. Alex is interested in learning sign language as a way for her to communicate with her friend.



Ben is interested in advocating for people with disabilities. He is currently working on 2-3 stories in his life to present that would have the most impact on others.

Moving forward, Ben will be starting up a Twitter account and working on creating a blog that is intended to motivate and advocate for people with disabilities.

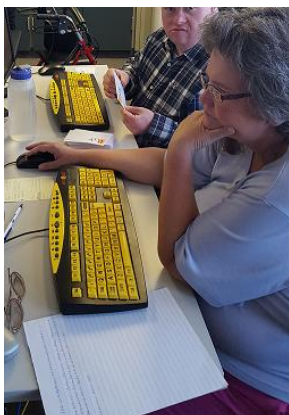


Trish is currently working on the next Work-Abilities course calendar. Trish has experience with administration and reception work and would like to gain employment in this area. Trish will also be assisting with the organization of The Transition into Pathways program.



Sonja is currently discovering what she is interested in, trying out a variety of tasks while in Work-Abilities.

Sonja will be doing a GIFTS session to discover her interests, skills, and goal for employment.



As discovered through Charmaine's GIFTS session, she enjoys writing and using her creative skills.

Charmaine is working on a write up for the re-opening of The Brew and is researching a visual artist from the 6<sup>th</sup> Nations.



All students from W. Ross McDonald School are currently experiencing new opportunities, making connections within their community, practicing their skills while in placement as well as while participating in Disability Mentoring Day.



# Disabilities Mentoring Day 2017!

Disabilities Mentoring Day was held on October 25<sup>th</sup> and Brantwood was a partner/coordinator again this year for the Brantford area. There was an increase in employer participation this year! 14 were registered as mentors and 12 of them were matched with 12 mentees!

Big thank you to the business and organizations that participated and those that were interested this year!



**Natural Path Fitness and Nutrition**  
Stephanie Bennett  
with Nick Paul

**Best Western**  
Melanie MacKay &  
Tianna Clarke with  
Trish Pitre



**ODSP Alana Scime with Ben Rostas**



**The City of Brantford Parks and Recreation**  
Kim Rolson with Natalie Hainge



**Lowes**  
Wendy Lyle  
with Joseph Jasek

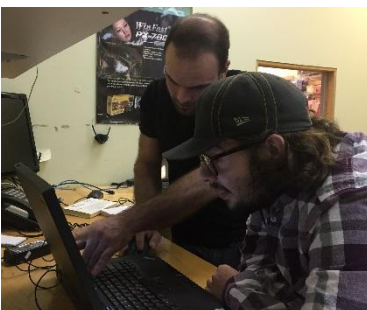


**Campus Crew**  
Lynda Beveridge with Julia Masini



**Baskin Robbins Sajjad Fidai**  
with Isabella Chisholm

**The City of Brantford Parks and Recreation**  
Jennifer Middleton  
with Caitlin Watson



**PCT Computers Patrick Oldroyd with Jacob Allardyc**



**Brantford Cyclepath**  
Stuart Querney with  
Teddy Hill



**Nova Vita**  
Kara Bailey with Flynn McCowell



**Chamber of Commerce**  
Leslie Barker with Vishu Chhina

## PAST GRADUATE CELEBRATIONS!!!!



**Kristy obtained summer employment at Toys R Us in Mississauga stocking shelves and cleaning. Kristy is back at W. Ross Macdonald School for her last year.**



**Kristian obtained summer employment maintaining gardens at private residences in Sarnia, where he lives. Kristian also worked weekends during the month of October at Reapers Farm and acted as a scary genie in one of the scenes in the haunted hayride at Halloween. He has returned for another year at W. Ross Macdonald School.**



**David and Andrea were asked to return to work at Breamar House School to maintain the gardens for the summer!**



**Benedict is volunteering with Lorenzin Research working on data analysis and with The Alzheimer's Society doing data input. He is working towards gaining more experience in this area to work in this field.**



**Andrew has sent in his second draft of his memoir to Cavern of Dreams Publishing another stage of editing! His dad, best friend and wife were interviewed this past summer for his Memoir. Andrew recently obtained additional writing assistance volunteers to help him speed up the process toward his goal.**



**Manroop obtained summer employment at Itzy Bitzy Glitzy making jewelry and helping out in the store. Manroop has returned to Mohawk Collage for her last year in the equivalent of the ECE program.**