Seneca Alumni Affinity Program open for new funding opportunities

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This past fall, a number of students in the School of Public Safety and School of Recreation & Environmental Studies had the opportunity to attend industry conferences at no cost to them. This was thanks to the efforts of Gary Galbraith, Academic Chair, who applied for funding through the [Seneca Alumni Affinity Program](#).

In November, the Student Experience Fund supported ten Behavioural Studies students' attendance at the Geneva Symposium, a well-respected international virtual conference on autism. According to the students' testimonials, this experiential learning opportunity was greatly appreciated by the students and the impact to them was significant.

"As a student that has had little exposure to the field outside of Seneca, it was an excellent opportunity to gain insight, knowledge and perspective from leading professionals," said Victoria Penner, a third year student in the Honours Bachelor of Behaviour Psychology program. "The speakers were inspiring and each discussion left a meaningful impact on my career aspirations."

In 2022, the program also funded a number of networking events for students and alumni, including a reunion for current and past participants of the Ontario Colleges Marketing Competition. Students, faculty and alumni had the opportunity to reminisce, share advice and network while enjoying refreshments funded through the program.

"We greatly appreciate the amazing support and partnership with Seneca Alumni," said Theresa Seto, Administrative Coordinator for the School of Marketing & Media, who executed the event. "It is wonderful bringing our students and alumni together and we couldn't do it without their generous support."

About the Seneca Alumni Affinity Program

The [Seneca Alumni Affinity Program](#) funds student experiential learning activities and events that connect students and alumni. As we shifted to a more virtual Seneca, the program expanded to include virtual experiential learning opportunities, such as software and virtual conferences. The program supports initiatives for groups of students and applications to support individual students will not be accepted.

Application process

When possible, please submit the [application forms](#) four weeks before the scheduled activity or event. It takes approximately one week to process your request and the decision will be shared with you via email.

Feel free to contact [Barry Naymark](#), Manager of Alumni Relations & Affinity Partnerships, with any questions or ideas.

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