

# Thrive

Holland College Alumni Insider  
Winter 2026 Edition



ANNOUNCING OUR 2025 DISTINGUISHED  
ALUMNI AWARD RECIPIENTS



The Holland College Foundation has named Dr. Michael Gauthier and Yvonne Duivenvoorden as the recipients of the 18th Annual Distinguished Alumni Awards.

**Dr. Michael Gauthier**

*Child and Youth Worker, 1994; Police Science (Cadet), 1998*

**Author - Restorying Your Story: Reclaiming Your Voice in the Face of Past Injustice**

**Indigenous Community Development Officer, Correctional Services Canada**

**Crown Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada, Specific Claims Branch**

**Managing Partner, Life Circle Consulting**

**Yvonne Duivenvoorden**

*Photography, 1988*

**Owner, Yvonne Duivenvoorden (Photography) Inc.**

**Owner, Alley Street Clay Club**

[\*\*Learn More About our DAA Recipients\*\*](#)

## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

**Jenny Richard**

**Marketing & Advertising Management, Class of 2015**

**Communication & Engagement Manager, Island Waste Management Corporation**

A 2015 graduate of the Marketing and Advertising Management program, Jenny Richard has carved out a career in events, hospitality, marketing, and public



engagement. Her story highlights the power of adaptability, hard work, and a passion for community-driven impact.

[Read More About Jenny's Journey Here!](#)



## ROSS' RECIPES

Ross Midgley, a Culinary Arts alum and current Program Manager at The Culinary Institute of Canada, brings more than twenty-five years of culinary expertise to Holland College.

A Red Seal certified chef, he has led kitchens across Ontario, including nearly two decades as an Executive Chef, and honed his craft internationally during a six-month stage at the Michelin-starred Chewton Glen in England. Ross has also shared his knowledge as a sessional instructor at The Good Earth Cooking School, Les Marmitons International, and Niagara College's Canadian Food and Wine Institute.



In this issue, as part of a new regular feature in our newsletter, Chef Ross serves up a comforting, coastal-inspired fish chowder. It's a hearty, soul-warming dish perfect for the cold winter months.

### Chef Ross's Fish Chowder

#### Ingredients

- 4 cups onion, finely diced
- 2 cups carrot, finely diced
- 2 cups celery, finely diced
- 2 cups potatoes, diced
- $\frac{1}{4}$  cup unsalted butter
- 4 tbsp all-purpose flour
- 1 tbsp ground coriander

- 1 piece double-smoked bacon (about 2 inches)
- 3 cups white wine
- 3 tbsp Pernod
- 8 litres fish stock
- 6 cups diced fresh or smoked fish (salmon and whitefish such as haddock)
- ½ cup 35% cream
- 3 tbsp chopped tarragon
- 3 tbsp chopped dill

### **Method**

1. In a large stock pot, gently sauté the onion, carrot, celery, and potatoes in the butter along with the piece of bacon.
2. After five minutes, dust the mixture with the flour and ground coriander. Stir with a wooden spoon until the vegetables are well coated and the flour becomes sticky.
3. Deglaze with the white wine and Pernod, stirring continuously to form a smooth paste. Add the fish stock.
4. Add the chopped fish and allow the chowder to simmer for 45 minutes.
  - For a smokier flavour, a little julienned smoked salmon can be added.
5. Remove the piece of bacon, then stir in the cream, tarragon, and dill.
6. Serve warm and enjoy.

## ALUMNI STAFF UPDATE

There have been some staffing changes at the Foundation and Alumni office!

**James Mallard** has been appointed to the role of *Alumni Engagement Coordinator*. James is a Holland College Human Resource Management and Hurricanes Soccer Alum, and former Recruitment & First-Year Advisor of the College. In the time since James' departure from the College in 2021, he has taken on community engagement and operational roles with the 2023 Canada Winter Games, Bevan Bros. Limited and Canada Soccer Association. In addition, he continues to be a passionate volunteer for the Hurricanes Men's Soccer program, Disc Golf PEI and the Poverty Elimination

Council of PEI. We are excited to welcome him to our Holland College Foundation & Alumni team! You can reach James via phone at 902-566-9303 or by [e-mail](#).

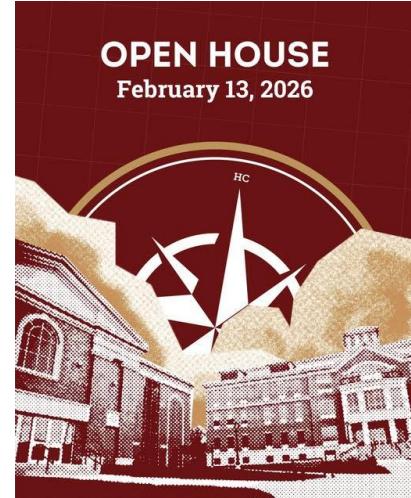
**Susan MacCormack**, who previously held the role of *Alumni Engagement Coordinator*, has been appointed to the role of *Stewardship & Advancement Communications Officer*. You can reach Susan via phone at 902-566-9582 or by [e-mail](#).



## OPEN HOUSE

Holland College is opening its doors this winter, and it's the perfect chance to discover what makes our campuses such vibrant, inspiring places to learn. If you know of someone who's interested in learning more, this could be their ideal opportunity!

On February 13th, 2026, prospective students can explore campus life, tour student spaces, and connect with the people who bring our programs to life. Whether someone is still exploring their options, has already applied, or is unsure if they've chosen the right program, this event offers a welcoming space to ask questions, meet instructors and current students, and get a real feel for what studying at Holland College is all about!



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## EXCLUSIVE BENEFITS & PERKS

Have you downloaded the [new Holland College Alumni Perks](#) app yet? If you haven't signed up yet, now's the perfect time to join your fellow grads and start enjoying exclusive benefits!



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**Jack Frost Winterfest: Holland College alumni save 20%!**

From now until February 8th, 2026, alumni can receive a 20% discount on Individual or Family Day Passes for the Jack Frost Winterfest, taking place February 13–16, 2026. Please note that Weekend Passes and Swift Kick Passes are not included in this offer. To receive your 20% discount code, email [alumni@hollandcollege.com](mailto:alumni@hollandcollege.com) with your name and grad year!



**Mark Arendz Provincial Ski Park at Brookvale: Holland College alumni can get student rates on lift/rail tickets and equipment rentals for the 2026 ski season!**

To have your name added to the alumni list at the ski park, email [alumni@hollandcollege.com](mailto:alumni@hollandcollege.com) with your name and grad year. Please note that your name *must* be added to the list to receive the discount.

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**McMillan Centre for Community Engagement:  
Save on alumni gym membership!**

Looking to get your body moving as we move into the new year? Alumni can purchase an annual membership to the fitness centre at the McMillan Centre for Community Engagement for just \$275 +HST. That's a savings of over \$120!



**Irving Oil: Save 5 cents per litre on heating oil and  
7 cents per litre on propane!**

Holland College alumni can save 5 cents per litre on heating oil and 7 cents per litre on propane! Call **1-888-310-1924** and mention code **9015** to receive your discount.

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## TD FINANCIAL LITERACY SUPER SESSIONS

Alumni are invited to take advantage of two upcoming webinars offered in partnership with TD, designed to support your financial confidence and awareness. Whether you're looking to build investing skills or stay informed about emerging insurance fraud risks, these sessions provide practical insights tailored to help you navigate your financial future with confidence.

## Insurance Fraud Is Evolving — Are You Ready?

Stay ahead of false brokers, staged accidents, cyber enabled scams, and post loss intimidation with real cases, expert knowledge, and insights you can use. Don't miss this opportunity to learn practical strategies to verify, prevent, and protect.

- **Insurance Fraud Awareness**

Tuesday, February 10th at 2:00pm ADT



### Verify. Prevent. Protect.

#### Insurance Fraud Webinar

Learn practical strategies to protect yourself and strengthen industry resilience.

Presented by **TD Insurance** - Affinity Market Group

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## A Guide to DIY Investing

An Investing Literacy Webinar

### DIY Investing — Take control of your financial future!

Unlock the potential of your financial future by learning how to invest—all on your own. This Master Class is designed for those looking to build their financial confidence and take ownership of their investing journey. No experience required. In this engaging, hands-on session presented in partnership with TD Direct Investing, you'll gain foundational knowledge and practical strategies to help you get started right away.

- **Direct Investing**

Thursday, February 19th at 1:00pm ADT

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