On Our Way to New Heights

Hello readers, my name is Dominic Ong and it’s a great pleasure serving as your Vice President of Social Programming for the 2016-2017 academic year. This has been a fruitful year, starting from frosh and ending soon with Formal. With all the grueling midterms, rock climbing, intramurals, and coffee houses in between, I can proudly say this year is on path to being one for the ages. As a college, we’ve come from trying to sell tickets at the last minute, to selling out Montreal in less than 72 hours and Blue Mountain in less than 90 minutes. Participation and the care-meter have skyrocketed this year and New College Council owes it all to the New College community. Thank you all for making this year such a joy to plan and execute.

As March rolls along, the school year is drawing to its finale, and we have saved the best for last. I am proud to introduce Formal 2017 to you all, where we soar To NEW Heights. With the event being held at the pristine Paradise Banquet Hall this year, holding a capacity of up to 270, I am proud to announce that this year will be the BIGGEST formal New College has ever seen. Ticket prices are at an all-time low, guest count is at an all-time high, and memories will be everlasting. To anyone who thinks they’ve seen it all, well you ain’t seen nothing yet!

Dominic Ong (4th Year, VP Social, New College Council)

Career Paths for Emergency Managers

In recent memory, there has been a steady rise in weather-related and geological natural disasters, such as the massive earthquake in Nepal, floods in India, and global heat waves. There have also been large-scale disasters of human-made origins, such as the 9/11 attacks.

While these situations culminated in staggering amounts of damage and the loss of life, many hard lessons were learned from them and a new urgency to save lives in future disasters is gaining momentum. For those who want to choose an altruistic and truly life-saving career path, there are many opportunities in the professional field of disaster management.

There are four federal agencies that oversee emergency management in Canada: The Office of Critical Infrastructure Protection and Emergency Preparedness Department of National Defence, Canadian Emergency Management College, Canadian Government Information of the Internet, and Centre for Emergency Preparedness and Response. On a National Level, there are 12 Canadian Organizations that assist with global disasters, the most well known being The Canadian Blood Services, The Canadian Red Cross, St-John Ambulance Canada, The Salvation Army, and The Society of St. Vincent de Paul in Canada.

What are the various career positions a student studying disaster and emergency management can hold in these organizations? Well, here are three that you may not have thought about:

1. Floodplain Management Specialist

Floodplain management is the operation of a community program of preventive and corrective measures to reduce the risk of current and future flooding, resulting in a more resilient community. These measures take a variety of forms, are carried out by multiple stakeholders with a vested interest in responsible floodplain management and include requirements for zoning, subdivision or building, building codes and special purpose floodplain ordinances.

2. Hazardous Materials Specialist

Hazardous materials specialists work to ensure that hazardous materials are handled and controlled in a safe manner and comply with regulatory requirements. They can be involved in a variety of activities, for example responding to emergencies, safely disposing of hazardous substances, reclaiming sites, or contributing to the development of legislation for hazardous materials. Hazardous materials specialists acquire their skills through formal education, specialized training, and work experience. Their expertise is essential to the protection of public health and the environment.

3. Fire Inspector and Investigator

One of the most well-known positions in regards to disaster management, fire inspectors enforce fire codes in all residential, commercial and government buildings, and develop evacuation plans. They also investigate and examine evidence in the wake of fires to find their cause.

Julianna Primiani (4th Year, BDEM)
Why Fail, When You Can PASS

I discovered the PASS (Peer Assisted Student Success) program in my second year at York University. ADMS 2500 (Introduction to Financial Accounting) was currently the bane of my existence. I had no idea what to expect on the first midterm and did horribly. After going home, and questioning my life choices (why did I sign up to do this again? I hate university, etc.), I knew I had to get some outside help because my study habits were not cutting it.

Online, I saw an advertisement for PASS sessions, a weekly session where students could go and work through a set of problems corresponding to the weekly lectures in a group setting. Most importantly, it was free, an important consideration for a second year student with large enough student loans, thank you very much. Clearly that advertisement was a life saver, because I ended up attending all the sessions, and finishing ADMS 2500 with a very respectable grade (My GPA would live to see another day). I continued to attend PASS for ADMS 2510 (Introduction to Managerial Accounting) and ADMS 3585 (Intermediate Financial Accounting), finding every visit very helpful. The PASS leaders, former successful students in that subject, were very patient and willing to answer any of my (extensive) questions.

At the conclusion of my second year, I saw an opportunity to work as a PASS leader myself, assuming a successful completion of that specific course. The application process was intense, including a recommendation from a professor and a three person interview. However, I am glad I went through with it, for I was selected as a PASS leader for ADMS 2510, a position I still hold to this day.

Overall, I have had a wonderful experience with the PASS program, both as an attendee and leader, and would recommend it for anyone wanting additional support in their most challenging classes.

For more information, visit http://newcollege.laps.yorku.ca/pass/ or https://www.facebook.com/NewCollegeYU/?hc_ref=SEARCH

March Madness in NC

Greetings Earthlings! The Eagles Athletics team is in the midst of ending the year with a huge bang, and we just wanted all of you to know what Madness we have in store for March.

March 10: Rage Volleyball. This is a 4-on-4 version of volleyball with two players of each gender on the court at all times. Sign-ins are from 6pm-7pm, and depending on how long you can rage for, you may be at Tait until 5am.

March 13: Broomball I. this is the final Broomball event before the Grand Championships. If you still haven’t been able to land a ticket to the Grand Champs, this is your last chance. The team name is Ice Ice Baby NC, in honour of some dude I work with.

March 20: Swim Meet. The much anticipated series of underwater races will take place in the Tait McKenzie swimming pool. Register on ImLeagues and see which race you feel you can get us points in.

March 31: SIRC Banquet. Speaking of Torch points, the most coveted prize in York University Sports, the Torch, will be presented to the winning college at the SIRC Banquet. All non-athletes and athletes are welcome to attend. Ticket prices and location will be announced very soon. Go Eagles!

March is the month of playoffs. New College has a tradition of bringing out all of our supporters to root for our Eagles. If you’re not playing, you should be cheering. If you’re not cheering, you should be playing. No excuses!

If any of you folks have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact myself or the VP Athletics, Ibabor-Obong Ekefre a.k.a. Ice.

Haile Wondwossen (2nd Year, Director Athletics, New College Council).

Eagles of the Month

March’s Eagles of the month are Veronica Rondinone, who put together a council retreat filled with team-building exercises, bonding activities, a wonderful breakfast and a visit to Sky Zone. and the Coed Intramural Futsal Team which was the only New College team to go undefeated in the regular season. What an accomplishment!

Robel Adugna (2nd Year, BAS Management)