

## 2006 Ontario Premier's Awards for College Graduates Recipients



**Jeffrey S. Boyce**  
**Business**  
**Durham College**

After obtaining his diploma in General Business - Marketing in 1980, Jeffrey Boyce has gone on to achieve incredible career success. In 2003 he founded Clear Energy Inc., a corporation in the oil and gas sector that has a value of \$250 million and is traded on the Toronto Stock Exchange. In 1994, he co-founded Vermilion Resources, helping the company to success domestically as well as overseas, with its value now at \$1 billion. Jeffrey has given extensively to his community over the years, including leading a United Way campaign to build a \$3-million family centre for those most in need.



**Marni Flaherty**  
**Community Services**  
**Mohawk College**

Deeply committed to serving the needs of families and children, Marni Flaherty is Chief Executive Officer of Today's Family - Caring for Your Child. Under Marni's leadership, Today's Family has grown to become a major social service agency with a budget of \$7.5 million and a mission to improve the quality of life for more than 4,000 children and families every year in the Hamilton and Halton region. Marni is also sought after as an Early Childhood Education advocate and expert to serve on regional and provincial committees and task forces.

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**Peter Wintonick**  
**Creative Arts & Design**  
**Algonquin College**

Peter Wintonick is Canada's most accomplished documentarian. He made international waves in 1992 with the release of "Manufacturing Consent: Noam Chomsky and the Media", which earned multiple awards and has been distributed worldwide. He received the Ecumenical Prize at the prestigious Berlin Film Festival for his 2000 release, "Cinema Verité: Defining the Moment". Wintonick is co-founder of the Documentary Organisation of Canada and a frequent lecturer, workshop instructor, and film festival jurist. A pioneer in the exploration of the Internet as a medium for creative expression, he sits on the board of DigiMart, the international forum on the digital

cinema market. In 2006, Wintonick was honoured with a Governor General's Award for Visual and Media Arts.



**Kerry Smith**  
**Health Sciences**  
**Algonquin College**

After identifying the need for a more reliable cornea-retrieval protocol for Eastern Ontario, Kerry Smith, a registered practical nurse, enrolled in a cornea-retrieval training course and then single-handedly established what has become the most successful retrieval program in Canada. While holding down a full-time job as an ophthalmology nurse, Smith for three years ran her fledgling Ottawa Cornea Retrieval Program on a voluntary basis before securing funding. Smith also acts as the Coordinator for the Eyebank of Canada, Ontario Region and sits on the Kidney Foundation Donation Committee.

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**Andrew R. Crow**  
**Technology**  
**Seneca College**

Andrew Crow graduated from Seneca College's Biological Research Technology program in 1988. In 1994, he began working with Dr. Alan Lazarus at St. Michael's Hospital. Crow helped develop synthetic IVIg, a breakthrough treatment for people who suffer from ITP, an autoimmune disease that can cause bleeding and death. Crow's synthetic IVIg is more effective and can be made in unlimited quantities, unlike current treatment. Andrew has authored more than 24 articles and, along with Dr. Lazarus, holds six patents. What makes Andrew special is his willingness to help others. "I'm trying to make a difference in the world," he says.



**Vicky Cheng**  
**Recent Graduate**  
**George Brown College**

Just 21 years old and recently graduated from the Culinary Management program at George Brown College, Cheng has won a number of culinary competitions, including a bronze award in the national television competition, "The Next Great Chef", and gold awards in the Ontario Challenge Cooks Competition and Sobey's Hot and Spicy Iron Chef Competition III. Born in Hong Kong, Cheng is the tournant/saucier in the kitchen of Toronto's Auberge du Pommier, one of the city's top 10 restaurants. Cheng is also apprentice to Auberge's Executive Chef, Jason Bangerter. Cheng plans to follow in the footsteps of his mentors, Bangerter and George Brown's John Higgins, and move to London next year to further develop his culinary skills.