



SCWI

School College Work Initiative
Grand River Region Planning Team

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Laurier/Nipissing's student teachers 'go to college'

On September 29, 150 pre-service (student) teachers from the Laurier/Nipissing Concurrent Education Program visited the Brantford campus of Mohawk College for an event billed as "College Pathways: Exploring Opportunities for Your Future Students". Mohawk instructors welcomed the student teachers into their classes and showcased their programs, teaching styles and resources.

This event, funded by the local planning team of the provincial 'School College Work Initiative' is part of a program which will prepare the student teachers to more effectively assist their future students in making appropriate, informed choices of courses, programs and careers. The aspiring teachers also heard stories from current college students – why and how they chose college after earning a secondary school diploma.

'The School College Work Initiative' (SCWI) is a cooperative effort of the Council of Ontario Directors of Education and the Committee of College Presidents and is jointly funded by the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities. SCWI provides opportunities for district school boards and colleges to bring together faculty, teachers and administrators to work collaboratively to increase opportunities for student success. Locally the core partners are Mohawk College-Brantford, Fanshawe College-Simcoe, Brant Haldimand CDSB, Grand Erie DSB as well as Nipissing University-Brant, Grand Erie Training and Adjustment Board and St. Leonard's Community Services.



A student from the Police Foundations program at Mohawk College intrigues future teachers from Nipissing University with the story of her pathway to college.



Future teachers from Nipissing University experience college in a hands-on lesson by Dan McQueen, Graphics instructor at Mohawk College in Brantford.

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