

NEXTcast 2.17: Humber Showcase 2019

In our final episode of the season, we're at Humber Showcase 2019 with a live-off-the-floor special, chatting with faculty about their Showcase experience.

[As we note in the intro, the sound on this one is a little more raw.]

Nathan W.: Welcome to *NEXTcast*, a podcast about teaching and learning at Humber College. I'm Nathan Whitlock, an editor at Humber Press.

Kristin Valois: And I'm Kristin Valois, editorial assistant with Humber Press. For the past two seasons of *NEXTcast*, we've spoken to the faculty and staff who are leading innovation at Humber, both inside and outside the classroom.

Nathan W.: And for this, the final episode of our second season, we're doing things a little differently. We're here at Showcase 2019, the annual educational event hosted by The Centre for Teaching and Learning. Humber Press is here, talking about what we do and where we're going. But we're also here to talk to some of the people putting on workshops today. We're recording right off the showcase floor, so things might be a little noisier than usual.

Kristin Valois: But before we get to that, we have an announcement. The spring / summer edition of *NEXT Magazine* is now available online. Physical copies made their debut today at Showcase but you'll be able to get copies at the CTL's North and Lakeshore offices. You can always find the issue on our website as well. Visit humberpress.com to read the magazine.

Nathan W.: And now let's go to the Showcase floor.

Philip Burge: My name is Philip Burge, Faculty of Social and Community Services. Today, I'm for the first time ever on the organizing committee for Showcase. I've been at Humber for about seven years and this is the first time I was asked by an Associate Dean to help out in this capacity, so I took the opportunity. Very early start and I met up with a bunch of the early start crew at 6:00 AM and we started prepping, a whole bunch of things that had to be moved to different parts of the college and I've been helping out in a whole bunch of things, helping people way-find around the B building and their sessions, doing a little bit of identifying when there's IT issues that I can go get support for, and helping move tables and a whole bunch of things, really.

Alexandra Link: Alexandra Link, Director of the Humber Arboretum and Centre for Urban Ecology, Faculty of Health Sciences and Wellness. First of all, I want to give a shout-out to the showcase crew and leaders because it's one of my favorite events, I love both showcasing what we're doing next at Humber Arboretum and also learning from all of our colleagues across the college and all the amazing things that everyone is doing. The one workshop I had a chance to attend this morning was Christine Zupo, who's a faculty member in the Faculty of Health Sciences and Wellness, and she was sharing the results of her research about positive psychology in nature and the results essentially were that if you take these positive interventions for mental health and you bring them out to nature, it amplifies the results for improving mental health of students.

Alexandra Link: And in terms of the workshops that I've been co-leading today, this morning we were showcasing an innovative new experiential learning program that we started at the Humber Arboretum and that's called Learning by Leading. It's all about connecting Humber College students with hands-on experiences that have this ladder approach to leadership. They start off by learning, and then they participate, and then they lead and they actually lead other groups of students. Through doing that, we're trying to develop citizens who have these career-ready skills and also who can go out there and make the world a better place. So we had a number of our students from the program present, and they were amazing. You know, I'm saying that, I know myself and our team we've learned a lot from the students themselves and we really see this as a co-creation with our students. So I'm really excited about it and I'm excited about where we're going to take this program going forward.

Vivi Tsoukalas: My name is Vivi Tsoukalas. I am from faculty of Liberal Arts and Sciences and Innovative Learning. Today at Showcase we're hosting a table, myself and two of my colleagues, and we are basically there to answer any questions faculty might have about how they can support multilingual learners in their classes. So, we're here to provide tips on what they can do to support them, some training options that we have at the college for anyone who's looking to further their teaching expertise.

Tayler Buchanan: Hi, my name is Tayler Buchanan. I work for the Office of Sustainability as the Communications and Events Coordinator. I was hosting a workshop this morning about Sustainable Events 101. It's a perfect opportunity, since we're at SHIFT, the large showcase event for faculty. Really want to highlight how we can have large events like this one and be more sustainable, so I'm

sure as you're walking around you'll notice we did event specific signage for the menus, trying to encourage everyone to recycle and compost their food properly to have less impact on the environment because large events generally generate a lot of waste. Generally generate.

Kristin Valois: And so you are eating a delicious, healthy snack, a banana.

Tayler Buchanan: Yes.

Kristin Valois: So why are bananas synonymous with the Office of Sustainability? Was it just a great fit...other than they make a great snack.

Tayler Buchanan: No, so we always want to find things that are kind of like swag items that we can give away but that don't really add to the waste we have, so we choose products like a banana. You can eat it, you can compost it, there's not a package left over. They're also fair trade bananas, so we are a fair trade-designated campus at both North and Lakeshore, which basically means that when you purchase these bananas you're supporting farmers and workers in developing countries. So that's why specifically we like to highlight the banana industry and fair trade bananas that were generously donated by the fair trade company.

Deb Singer: My name is Deb Singer.

Kristin Valois: And you're from the faculty of?

Deb Singer: Health Sciences and Wellness.

Kristin Valois: Amazing. And today, you delivered a workshop.

Deb Singer: I did. I just did mine right before lunch, as the values assessment. So the whole objective of the workshop was to help people to understand their top values and why that's important, so how does that them in their own lives personally, in their career, and then how can they take that knowledge and apply it back to their students. It's pretty exciting, it was really great and a lot of people felt like it was both revealing for themselves but also something that they can really see value in using with their students or in a team work environment, create a better understanding of their morals.

Gina Antonacci: My name's Gina Antonacci, from the Associate Vice President of Academic here at Humber. I co-presented a workshop with Scott Briggs, our CIO, and we did a workshop on the digital plan, and basically what we did is we talked about the digital campus plan

that we are working to make a reality for the college. It was wonderful because we heard from faculty who shared their suggestions with us, things they've experienced with students from a digital perspective, things that I hadn't heard before in that same way. And we really learned from the experience and also made some connections with some faculty who've said that they want to be engaged even more so as we move forward. And so it was a really positive experience.

Nathan W.: *NEXT*cast is produced by Kristin Valois for Humber Press. Special shout out to Santino Pannozzo who always makes us sound professional. This will be our last podcast of our second season, but don't worry, we'll be back at the end of August with a whole episode of amazing teaching tips from faculty, staff, and some students.

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Nathan W.: Thanks and see you next time. That's still not a pun.