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## A Vote for Student Equity



Mississauga— Mississauga's Career College students are one step closer to obtaining the same transit fare discount as students attending publicly-funded post-secondary institutions.

The City of Mississauga's Budget Committee voted favourably on Wednesday to extend eligibility for the post-secondary fare category to career college students. If the recommendation is approved by City Council, the discount will take effect May 1, 2014 as part of the

MiWay 2014 Fare Strategy.

Career Colleges Ontario, the provincial voice for over 280 Career Colleges and their students, believes in student equity across the board and is pleased the recommendation is moving forward.

Mississauga's Career College students currently pay the adult fare, which is \$0.45 more than the post-secondary student fare. In December 2010, the TTC voted to

extend the eligibility for the \$99 Post-Secondary Student Metropass to career college students in Toronto after successful lobbying efforts by Ontario's Career Colleges, its member career colleges and their students.

There are currently 51 registered Career College campuses in Mississauga, which provide training to thousands of the 67,000 Ontarians who choose to enroll in a Career College every year.



## Tweet of the Month

Following CCO's successful fall Queen's Park Day, the Minister of Training, Colleges, and Universities tweeted this:



**Brad Duguid**  
@BradDuguid

@yourcco Thx for the good work you do for Ont students and for meeting with my colleagues. Stay in touch!

2013-09-25 6:24 PM

# QP Day



"All of the MPPs that we met with were very supportive of career colleges and acknowledged the service to our students that is provided." GEORGE HOOD, PRESIDENT, HERZING COLLEGE

After our highly successful Queen's Park Day last April, CCO decided to hold another series of meetings this fall. On September 25th, CCO representatives met with 15 MPPs and 5 MPP Staffers from all three provincial political parties.

The primary issues that were discussed in the meetings included the PCC Act Review and the association's key recommendations and the inequalities faced by Career College students, such as the inability to access the 30% off Tuition Grant and the Second Career funding cap.

CCO representatives were invited to attend Question Period by MPP Garfield Dunlop, Critic for Apprenticeship Reform, and the Honourable Brad Duguid, Minister of Training, Colleges, and Universities acknowledged our representatives in the Gallery.



# Photos



(Photos courtesy of CCO and CCO representatives)

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# Sponsor



Career Colleges Ontario was a bronze sponsor and exhibitor at this year's PC Convention in London, Ontario, from September 20-22. During the three-day event, CCO representatives had the opportunity to meet and converse with Party Leader Tim Hudak, several MPPs, PC Candidates, and other officials.

CCO Government Relations Consultant John Nunziata thanked the members who were able to attend and said the event was a great way to provide exposure for the career college sector.

"I am pleased to report that we made significant progress in our relationship building with the PCs," said Nunziata. "CCO enhanced its profile substantially with our presence."

CCO organizes and attends many political events throughout the year. If you are interested in learning more about our government relations efforts or would like to find out how you can get involved, contact John Nunziata at [john@johnnunziata.com](mailto:john@johnnunziata.com).



[Photos courtesy of CCO and John Nunziata]



(Photos courtesy of CORE)

The College of Renewable Energy (CORE) in Newcastle hosted a Solar Career Showcase at their school on August 17th.

The purpose of the event was to connect people with industry leaders and suppliers and highlight the latest industry technology. The event was open to CCO members, the general public, industry professionals, students, and graduates.

CORE's next open house will be held on December 7th from 10:00am-3:00pm.

CORE specializes in training students in solar installation and solar system design. For more information, visit their website at [www.COREcollege.ca](http://www.COREcollege.ca).

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