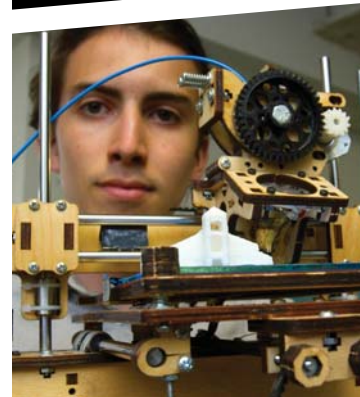




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A MESSAGE FROM THE HONOURABLE DR. ERIC HOSKINS

MINISTER OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TRADE AND EMPLOYMENT

Entrepreneurship is a key driver of economic growth and innovation, and the Province of Ontario strongly supports the entrepreneurial spirit in youth.

Summer Company is a program my ministry delivers to support youth entrepreneurship. It offers students aged 15-29 mentoring, coaching, and start-up funding to create and launch their own summer businesses.

Since the program's inception in 2001, more than 5,000 young entrepreneurs have started summer businesses, and many are still going strong today. In 2013 alone, the program launched 661 business startups across the province. This is something to celebrate!

Through the Summer Company 2013 Yearbook, you'll discover how the program is helping Ontario and, in particular, Ontario's youth. You'll learn how 28 ambitious students turned their big ideas into summer jobs. It's a celebration of youth entrepreneurship in many forms, including social innovation, software/application development, Information and Communications Technology (ICT), green initiatives, and social media consulting.

This yearbook would not be complete without acknowledging the many local mentors who offer their invaluable business knowledge and coaching to Summer Company participants. They are true champions of entrepreneurship.

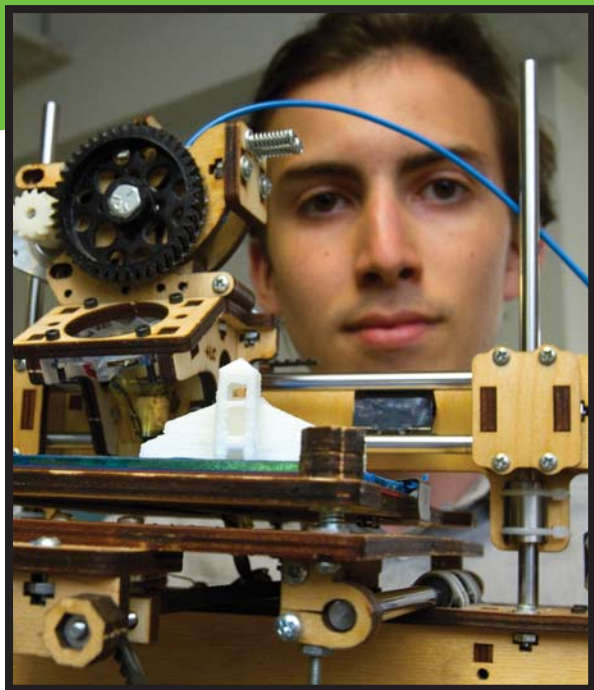
Summer Company offers a glimpse of a generation enthusiastic about entrepreneurship. Through the province's Youth Jobs Strategy, announced in April 2013, even more young people of all abilities and backgrounds will gain opportunities to experience entrepreneurship and start and succeed in business.

Congratulations to the 2013 participants on your achievements so far and for what I know you will continue to achieve.



Dr. Eric Hoskins

Minister of Economic Development, Trade and Employment



JORDAN BOWDEN
3D CO.
LONDON

GETTING IN ON THE GROUND FLOOR

3D printing can do incredible things, from building scale models of structures to creating prototypes — and all in just a few hours. It's an exciting new technological development, and many industries are benefitting from it.

But a commercial 3D printer costs thousands of dollars.

Enter Jordan Bowden. The University of McGill urban planning and global science student had the idea of providing 3D printing services at affordable rates, without sacrificing quality. Through Summer Company, he created **3D Co.**, London's first 3D printing service. Using inexpensive, hand-assembled 3D printers, Jordan created results as impressive as any commercial printer — at a fraction of the cost to consumers.

Over the summer, Jordan worked with several companies doing prototyping and architectural models, but he enjoyed working with individual clients the most, creating objects up to 98 cubic cm. "I gained a lot of publicity and hopefully added a few leaves to the tree of knowledge in the process," he says.

Back at university, Jordan is operating 3D Co. part time while he considers entrepreneurship as an option for the future.



ROSA ALAIMO
ECO GIRL
NEWMARKET

TURNING TRASH INTO TREASURES

What started as a hobby for 16-year-old Rosa Alaimo became a thriving Summer Company. Through her green company, **Eco Girl**, Rosa took used inner bicycle tubes and other items destined for landfills and turned them into reusable, fashionable handmade crafts.

Rosa's Eco Girl product line included wallets, change pouches, key chains, bracelets and make-up bags, which Rosa sold at local festivals and farmers' markets. She also created a website, ecogirl.ca, for online sales.

Eco Girl caught on, and Rosa was featured in a number of media outlets and the local newspaper. She continues to run her business online. Also important to Rosa: in the summer alone, she prevented 5,000 inner tubes from taking up landfill space.

Rosa's advice for other students thinking about starting their own company? Have fun, be committed and passionate, and don't give up when the going gets tough.



NATHAN JERVIS
**NVC SOFTWARE
SOLUTIONS**
HAMILTON

PROGRAMMED FOR SUCCESS

Nathan Jervis knows how to design software, so he used his experience, together with help from the Summer Company program, to build a company that delivered software development services.

NCV Software Solutions provided clients with custom-built software tools for desktop, servers or mobile devices. What set Nathan's business apart from the competition was that he had a second developer check his source code to ensure top quality.

Nathan credits Summer Company with teaching him about the "behind the scenes" side of business, from planning to bookkeeping, marketing to meeting deadlines. He also learned the importance of networking to attract new clients.

Now back at McMaster University, the computer science student is continuing to operate NVC Software Solutions and is using the profits to help pay for his education.



POLLY TRIMBLE

LOTUS LIVING WALLS

TORONTO

BRINGING WALLS TO LIFE!

Living walls — also known as vertical gardens — are a hot new trend in architecture, and more and more buildings are installing them. That gave 23-year-old University of Guelph student Polly Trimble an idea for a Summer Company. Why not introduce the concept to homeowners and small businesses?

Polly created **Lotus Living Walls**, a company that designed, built, installed and maintained green walls. Polly's walls were soil-free, self-watering, low-maintenance, long lasting and beautiful. People liked them so much that orders came in through the fall, and Polly decided to continue the company.

Polly says she learned a lot from the Summer Company program on how to build and run a business. She found the advice and support she received from other students and mentors particularly helpful.



ROHOLLAH DOLATABADI
DOLATABADI
DESIGN STUDIO
LONDON

A SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS BY DESIGN

Seven years ago Rohollah Dolatabadi arrived in London, Ontario from Afghanistan. He didn't know anybody and he couldn't speak English.

Today, he's a computer science student at Western University and the founder of **Dolatabadi Design Studio**, a company he established with help from the Summer Company program. He designed, published, and hosted websites for small businesses at a competitive cost.

"My long term goal is to be an entrepreneur," Rohollah says, "so Summer Company was a good experience. I learned so much about business planning, the importance of being organized and how to advertise and market myself."

Rohollah is continuing his business on the side during the school year, and plans to run it full time next summer.



INAS ETTAYEBI
**SUSTAINABLE
TRADE CO.**
HALTON

THINKING GLOBAL, SELLING LOCAL

A holiday to Morocco was the inspiration for 23-year-old Inas Ettayebi's Summer Company. While there, she discovered Argan oil, which is sourced from a tree that's native to Morocco. Rich in antioxidants, it's used for cosmetic and food purposes.

Inas decided to create a social enterprise called the **Sustainable Trade Co.** to import Argan oil. She identified a fair trade women's cooperative in Morocco to supply the oil — providing meaningful employment for women who might otherwise have none — and worked with Health Canada to get approval to sell it. Then she made the rounds at farmers' markets and approached health food stores and hair salons.

At the end of the summer, Inas headed back to the University of Waterloo for a master's program, but she's continuing the business part time and setting up a website to sell her product online.



TAWSIF HOSSAIN
AMPLIANT
MARKHAM

CRACKING THE CODE TO BUSINESS SUCCESS

For Tawsif Hossain, a finalist in the Province of Ontario's Young Entrepreneurs, Make Your Pitch competition, the phrase "go big or go home" takes on new meaning. From the start, the grade 11 student aimed to have a global business, and Summer Company helped him make it happen.

An experienced web developer, Tawsif established an internet marketing company, **Ampliant**. Then he got a .com URL and started advertising online, offering website building and search engine optimization (SEO) aimed at increasing clients' sales. Business grew steadily and before long, Tawsif was so busy, he was outsourcing work.

Now in his final year of high school, Tawsif is operating Ampliant part time, focusing on SEO, which proved much more profitable than website building. Eighty percent of his clients are foreign-based.

"Summer Company taught me how important business skills are," he says. And that's a good thing, because Ampliant is just the first of many companies Tawsif intends to create.



ABENA ADDO

ASPIRE FOR HIGHER ELITE BASKETBALL BRAMPTON

IT'S A SLAM DUNK

Abena Addo is a McGill University basketball star who turned her passion for the game into a successful Summer Company. She launched a summer camp, **Aspire for Higher Elite Basketball**, in her home town of Brampton. Aspire for Higher offered a youth camp for ages 5 to 9 and a junior training camp for ages 10 to 14. Both were taught by top-level college and university players.

Basketball wasn't all the young campers learned. "I think what was most beneficial for them was learning self-expression, goal setting, teamwork and leadership," says Abena.

As for Abena herself, she discovered a lot about being an entrepreneur and decided she liked it so much that she's set her sights on running another Aspire for Higher Elite Basketball camp next summer.



BEN KIEFFER

CAMPUSSPACE

WATERLOO

FINDING A PROFITABLE SPACE IN THE MARKET

Office administrators are always looking for ways to save money by allocating and using company resources more efficiently — which is what gave Ben Kieffer an idea for a Summer Company.

An engineering student at the University of Waterloo, Ben developed an interactive software program that assigns office space and tracks phones, computers, copiers and other assets. He launched **CampusSpace** at the Communitel Hub in Kitchener. He pitched his product to Waterloo's engineering school, which snapped it up.

Although Ben had never really considered entrepreneurship before, he now thinks being his own boss might be the way to go. The most important lesson he learned from his Summer Company experience? "To run a successful business you need to take advantage of the luck you're handed and the talent you've been given."



ANDREA MCINTOSH

RED CHICKADEE HENNA

SUDBURY

PROFITS PROVED MORE THAN SKIN DEEP

A life sciences student at the University of Ottawa, Andrea McIntosh started her Summer Company to get experience that would help her set up a medical practice in the future.

Red Chickadee Henna provided henna tattoos and face painting on weekends at the Sudbury Farmers' Market and at special events and festivals throughout the summer. Andrea got customers through foot traffic, word of mouth and via her Facebook page. Her professionalism and ability to form good relationships with suppliers and customers proved a winning combination.

"Without my customers, there would have been no Red Chickadee Henna so I knew it was extremely important to treat people with respect," she says.

Andrea loved being her own boss. The Summer Company experience taught her that it's "up to you, the business owner, to ensure success."



MATTHEW WALMSLEY
EDIBLE BEDS
KAWARTHA LAKES

A PERENNIALY SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS

A graduate of EcoSystem Management and a current Applied and Community-Based Research student at Sir Sandford Fleming College, Matthew Walmsley quickly put his education to work when he started his Summer Company, **Edible Beds**. It supplied two types of contained garden beds — ground level and raised.

Both are perfect for growing vegetables and herbs because they deter weeds and prevent animals from getting at the plants. With the raised beds, there's no need to stoop or kneel, making it possible for people with physical disabilities to garden.

To help promote his business, Matthew gave four Edible Beds to a local church. Members used them to create a community garden and donated their produce to the local food bank. Both the local newspaper and television station covered the story.

Business is flourishing and Matthew is continuing it online at ediblebeds.com, with plans to add more features to his beds to extend his customers' growing season.



KEREN CHEN

URBAN RANCHER

TORONTO

BULLISH ABOUT BUSINESS

A passionate cross-fitter and weight lifter, Keren Chen needs lots of protein to fuel her intense training and workouts. To make sure the meat she's eating is all natural and top quality, she took things into her own hands.

Through Summer Company, the Ryerson University Food and Nutrition Science student started **Urban Rancher**, a meat distribution business that sells affordable cuts of 100 percent, pasture-raised, grass-fed, hormone-free beef.

"I saw a niche in the market," says Keren, who targeted like-minded fitness buffs, and built a strong and dedicated customer base.

Urban Rancher was so successful, Keren is continuing the business during the school year and looking to expand to include other meats, including pork and poultry. She recommends Summer Company to other aspiring entrepreneurs. "Nothing beats hands-on learning!"



GUILLAUME DE MILLEVILLE

WAIT FOR IT RECORDS

ALLISTON

RECORDS A SUCCESS

Guillaume de Milleville was determined to create a record label that would give local indie and alternative rock bands a home — and with Summer Company's help, he succeeded.

Under the label, **Wait For It Records**, Guillaume's company offered recording, publishing, promotion and marketing services. A musician himself and well connected in the local music scene, Guillaume networked at concerts, used online ads and produced and sold promotional T-shirts to advertise his company.

Now back at the University of Guelph in his second year of Psychology, Guillaume isn't certain yet whether he will end up in the music business or be a psychologist — but he is sure he'll go into business on his own and says the Summer Company experience was invaluable “whichever direction he chooses.”



JANINE STEYN
SWEET N' SALTY
BROCKVILLE

A TASTE OF SUCCESS

It didn't take long for Janine Steyn to show that she has what it takes to be an entrepreneur.

Her Summer Company business, **Sweet n' Salty**, began by selling gourmet cupcakes, baked goods and popcorn at the Brockville Farmers' Market. But Janine quickly realized there were many other vendors with similar businesses. She switched gears and started making a gluten-wise, high protein cereal that can be eaten on its own or with milk or yogurt. The change in focus had immediate results, and sales took off.

Janine is now a Business student at the University of Ottawa, and plans to run her company next summer. She's even looking at getting her cereal into stores.

"I wanted to start a business for so long and Summer Company gave me the opportunity not to just 'talk the talk' but to 'walk the walk'," she says.



COEL FORSYTH
**TIGHT LINE
GUIDE SERVICE**
KENORA

HOOKED ON BEING HIS OWN BOSS

Adventure touring is a growing business sector in Northern Ontario, one Coel Forsyth tapped into with the help of Summer Company.

Experienced and passionate about fishing, Coel set up **Tight Line Guide Service** to provide summer residents and tourists with an affordable and memorable fishing experience. His motto was “if the line’s tight, you’ve got a bite”, and he offered half- or full-day excursions on Lake of the Woods, with the option of having a shore lunch at an additional cost. Well-known in the area from participating in fishing competitions, Coel advertised in the local paper and got referrals from established guides.

The 16-year-old is determined to build the business, with a view to running it full time. If he’s successful, he figures he’ll never have to “work” a day in his life!



KAYLEY KENNEDY

PRINCESS CHARMING

SMITHS FALLS

CASHING IN ON A CRAZE

Pandora bracelets are all the rage, but their prices are out of reach for many young consumers. That gave 18-year-old Kayley Kennedy a great idea for a business.

Kayley created **Princess Charming** to make and sell her own line of European style beaded bracelets. Economically priced, she sold them at flea markets, bazaars and craft fairs, as well online at etsy.com and through Facebook.

Kayley did so well with the business she kept it going when she headed off to the University of Ottawa to take Public Relations.

“Summer Company taught me that being an entrepreneur is hard work, but it’s worth it because you get to spend your time doing something you enjoy,” she says.



DAVID RAKOWSKI
KINGSTON BY CANOE
KINGSTON

PADDLING TO SUCCESS

David Rakowski has a passion for canoeing and history, so it was a natural to combine the two and create a Summer Company, **Kingston by Canoe.**

An experienced canoe tripper with a degree in politics and history from Queen's University, David rented a slip from the marina, bought the necessary insurance and negotiated a commission with Kingston's Visitor Information Centre to sell tickets and advertise his tours, which he also promoted via social media. His 45-minute canoe trip included Kingston's beautiful waterfront, the Royal Military College and Fort Henry.

Over the summer David showed people from 28 countries the Kingston he knows and loves. He also learned a lot from his Summer Company experience and enjoyed working for himself so much that he looks forward to starting another small business when he's finished teachers' college.



BLAIR MCMILLAN

GOLDEN LAKE RUSTICS

GOLDEN LAKE

EVERYTHING OLD IS NEW AGAIN

When his dad found a tree burl in the bush and asked him to make a table out of it, 18-year-old Blair McMillan never imagined it would lead to a successful business, **Golden Lake Rustics**.

But Blair enjoyed building the table so much, he applied, and was accepted, to the Summer Company program. Through Golden Lake Rustics, Blair took the rare wood he found in the bush and built beautiful, one-of-a-kind tables and stools that he sold by way of word-of-mouth, craft shows and local businesses to cottagers and residents.

"I enjoyed the Summer Company program," he says. "It's a great way to get young people to start up a business and I would recommend it to anyone thinking of doing something different."

Blair plans to continue his business in his final year of high school — and hopefully beyond.



APRIL BROWN
MY K9 NANNY
ST. CATHARINES

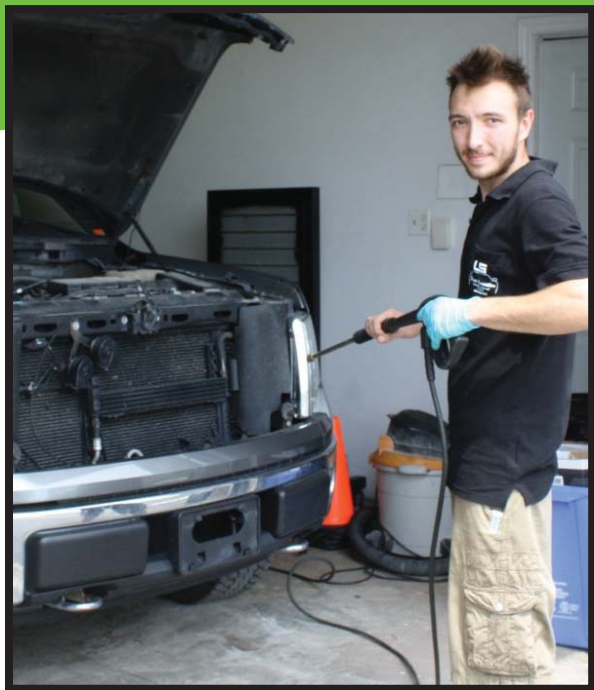
CAPITALIZING ON A GROWING TREND

April Brown always wanted to be her own boss, but it wasn't until she was working a 9 to 5 job that she knew what her business would be.

April needed someone to let her little dog Molly out during the day while she was at work — and she knew lots of other people in the same boat.

With the help of Summer Company, April launched **My K9 Nanny**. She offered dog walking and running, off-leash adventures, a canine taxi service for vet and grooming appointments and “staycations” at the client's home or her own. It wasn't long before demand exceeded her availability, so April contracted some of her work to a student.

April has now turned My K9 Nanny into a full-time business, which she's running while completing her studies at Niagara College. “Summer Company gave me the keys to success that helped me turn my passion into a career,” she says.



LASZLO SZEKELY

LS PAINT CORRECTION CORNWALL

IT'S ALL IN THE DETAILS

Laszlo Szekely has always loved making old cars look like new. With an automotive detailing certificate through the Automotive Training Centre, he went to work at the local Cornwall Honda dealership to get first-hand experience, with a view to starting his own business down the road.

Summer Company gave him the opportunity to see what being his own boss would be like.

Laszlo bought a cargo trailer, outfitted it to do mobile detailing, had it wrapped with his business logo — **LS Paint Correction** — and contact information and set up business beside a body shop on a busy highway. LS Paint Correction offered five reasonably-priced packages that were designed for specific stages of wear in a vehicle.

Laszlo did well and while he's now taking Business Administration at St. Lawrence College, he's still giving cars a showroom shine on weekends.



MICHELLE BOURASSA

A+ FRENCH TUTORING SERVICES

SARNIA

BUSINESS GOES TO THE HEAD OF THE CLASS

Having spent her last year at high school tutoring students in French part time, Michelle Bourassa thought a tutoring business would make a good Summer Company — and she was right.

With Summer Company support, Michelle established **A+ Tutoring Services** for young people 3 to 15. Operating out of her home, Michelle offered one-hour French lessons, customized to each student's capabilities — and she made sure the students had fun while they learned.

Michelle says Summer Company taught her important business skills, including marketing, advanced scheduling and payment, organization, time-management and the value of offering a quality service. The first year University of Ottawa arts student plans to continue A+ French Tutoring Services over the winter during school breaks.



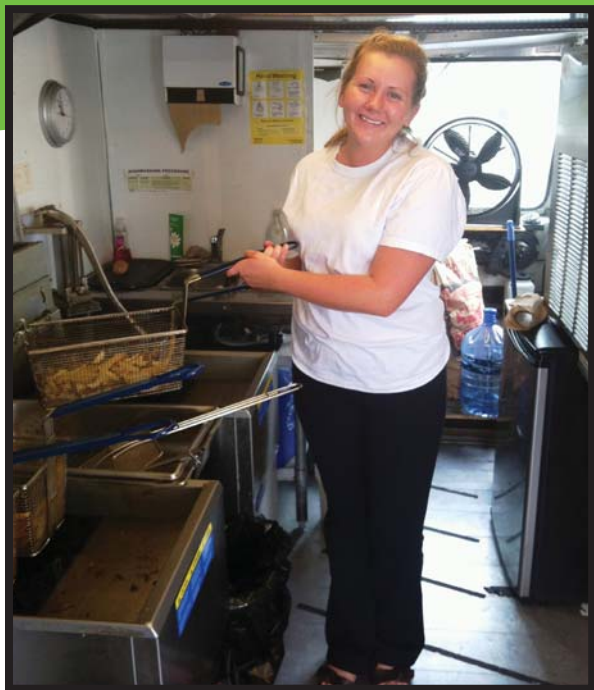
NOLAN KEWAGESHIG
BIG BOYZ CLOTHING
PORT ELGIN

T-SHIRT BUSINESS IS A 'BIG' SUCCESS

Summer jobs that last eight weeks are hard to come by for high school students on the Saugeen First Nations reserve, so when 15-year-old Nolan Kewageshig heard about Summer Company he jumped at the chance to start his own business.

After brainstorming with his Mom, Nolan came up with the idea of selling XL to 5XL sized shirts. He found a supplier in Owen Sound, got the Band Council to contribute \$2,000 for a shed that he turned into his store, and set up shop as **Big Boyz Clothing** on a busy main road. He also made sure he was a presence at the band's annual Pow Wow, which brings in thousands of visitors.

"Summer Company was a real learning experience," says Nolan. "For now I'll keep Big Boyz Clothing open and see where it goes."



OLIVIA HALL

GOURMET FRIES & MORE — THIS SPUDS FOR YOU

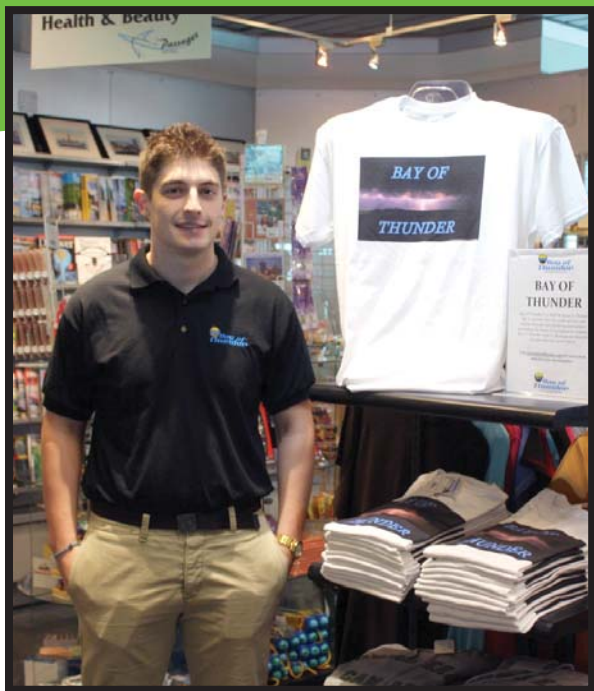
PARRY SOUND

A BLUE CHIP COMPANY

Parry Sound high school student Olivia Hall had a winning Summer Company idea. Get a chip truck, set it up in the parking lot of the Parry Sound Mall and supply hungry shoppers and tourists with gourmet fries, including chili fries, pepperoni pizza fries, garlic parmesan fries and poutine.

Gourmet Fries & More — This Spuds for You was an instant hit. Customers lined up to order from Olivia's unique menu and came back for more! Olivia quickly raised her prices to increase revenues and introduced new items to her menu — corn dogs and soft ice cream — in response to customers' requests. She got so busy she hired a part-time employee.

Olivia found the Summer Company experience very satisfying. She's at Wilfrid Laurier University now, and the money she made with her business has gone a long way toward covering her university expenses.



TAYLOR GREEN

BAY OF THUNDER

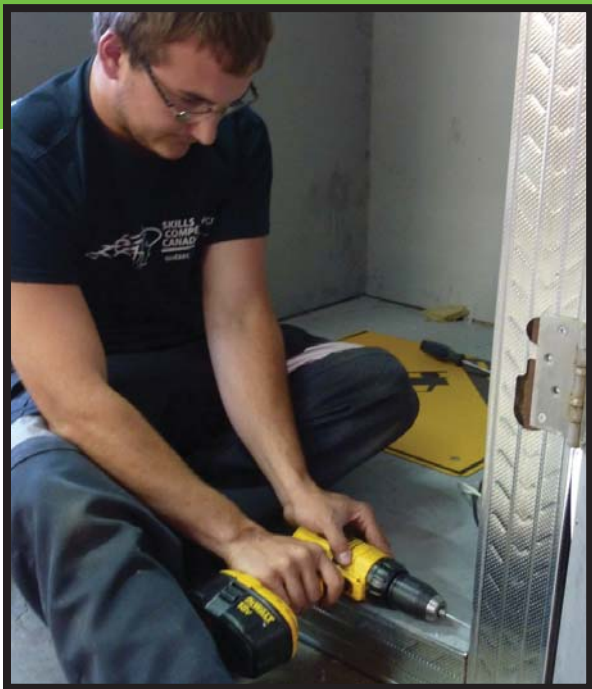
THUNDER BAY

A THUNDERING BUSINESS

For Taylor Green, perseverance paid off. The Lakehead University political science student had an idea to sell T-shirts promoting Thunder Bay and Lake Superior, but it “wasn’t met with a lot of enthusiasm initially”.

Still, Taylor thought it was a good idea and so did Summer Company when it saw his business plan. He hired a designer to come up with an eye-catching logo for his business, **Bay of Thunder**, and a photographer to take breathtaking photos of the lake and shoreline which he got printed on T-shirts and sold on consignment at a local tourist store.

Taylor did well with the business and learned a lot of valuable entrepreneurial skills, including product development. His biggest score? He convinced the gift shop at Thunder Bay International Airport to carry his T-shirts — and they’ve asked him to produce mugs and hats as well.



MAXIME MARINEAU
MAX SERVICES
TIMMINS

TAKING BUSINESS TO THE MAX

A student at École secondaire catholique de Hearst in Hearst, Ontario, Maxime Marineau took a course on energy last year through the Specialist High Skills Major program — and it gave him a great idea for a Summer Company.

His **Max Services** provided sand blasting and powder coating to clean and protect tools, equipment, snowmobile and motorcycle parts.

Maxime used his start-up money to buy a used oven to “cure” the parts, but it was small and limited what he could do. So, part way through the summer, using his profits, he built his own eight foot tall, four by four-foot oven, which allowed him to take on large items.

Max Services was a big success and so was the Summer Company experience. “It gave me firsthand knowledge on the life of an entrepreneur.” Once he’s completed his post-secondary education, Maxime plans to run his business full-time.



ANJA PINK

LEAPING BEAVER BEVERAGES

OWEN SOUND

BUSINESS IS IN THE PINK

If you're 17-year-old Anja Pink and someone hands you a lemon, you make lemonade — literally.

Through her Summer Company business, **Leaping Beaver Beverages**, the enterprising high school student bought a cart and a couple of blenders, added signage and got to work selling fresh lemonade and fruit drinks to locals and tourists. During the week, she could be found next to City Hall; on weekends she was at the Owen Sound Farmers' Market. And when the Tall Ships sailed into the harbour in August, Leaping Beaver Beverages was front and centre.

By summer's end, Anja's sales were more than triple her sales forecast!

Anja is back at school now, but if you're in Owen Sound next summer, look for Leaping Beaver Beverages because she plans to be up and running again.



KYLE LANDON
LANDON
LANDSCAPING
NIAGARA FALLS

A GROWING BUSINESS

Kyle Landon had been providing gardening and lawn care services to neighbours for years. Summer Company allowed him to take his business to a whole new level.

He created **Landon Landscaping** and over the summer, with help from his team of mentors, Kyle grew the business steadily. He even landed two commercial contracts in addition to his residential clients. By summer's end, Landon Landscaping had doubled projected sales!

The Summer Company experience was invaluable, Kyle says, particularly the mentorship aspect. "I didn't consider the importance of a business plan, insurance, legal waivers, proper bookkeeping or marketing skills."

The grade 12 student is back at school and is operating Landon Landscaping part time, with a view to "making a go of the business in the future."



ZACH CUTLER
AQUADUCKS
RICHMOND HILL

A SWIMMINGLY GOOD BUSINESS

Zach Cutler's Summer Company started as a hobby four years ago when a parent asked him to teach her autistic son how to swim. Before long, more parents were contacting Zach, who is a qualified swim instructor.

Through Summer Company he launched **AquaDucks** to teach swimming technique and safety to kids of all ages, including those with disabilities. Zach negotiated with a neighbour to use his pool in return for opening, closing and cleaning it, and marketed the company through pamphlets and flyers in local gyms and doctors' offices.

Now in his final year of Entrepreneurship at Seneca College in Toronto, Zach continues to grow and develop AquaDucks and has plans to build the business into a brand, selling AquaDucks towels, hoodies, bathing caps and other swim accessories.



JOANNE GORE
JOANNE GORE
COMMUNICATIONS
RICHMOND HILL

THE BEST OF MENTORING

A self-described “marketing geekette by day, fitness instructor by night, and mom 24/7”, Joanne Gore runs a successful marketing and communications firm in Richmond Hill.

Her career began nearly 30 years ago when she graduated in graphic design from Dawson College in Montreal. She worked as a typesetter and art director before joining the marketing team at Delrina, a large Canadian software company. There, she implemented the company’s marketing program globally.

But Joanne was interested in being her own boss, so she left corporate work to become a freelance consultant. Her company, Joanne Gore Communications, provides targeted marketing and communications solutions that include lead generation and conversion programs, re-branding of product lines,

implementation of social media strategies, and development of PR, media relations and direct marketing campaigns.

A passionate entrepreneur herself, Joanne is a dedicated mentor with Summer Company, helping young entrepreneurs gain the skills they need to run a successful business — whatever it might be!

“This was the second year I’ve been a Summer Company mentor,” Joanne says. “It’s a really interesting and inspiring experience. The students are creative, full of energy and eager to learn, and it’s wonderful to see them grow over the summer.”



RYAN-O'NEIL KNIGHT
DETAILING KNIGHTS
BRAMPTON

PAYING IT FORWARD

Two weeks before his wedding, Ryan-O'neil Knight lost his job at a large company where he was a rising star. It was a blow, but it turned out to be a blessing in disguise.

Ryan-O'neil went back to school to finish his accounting diploma. Then, with the idea of starting an eco-friendly car detailing service, he applied to Summer Company in 2012 and was accepted. He founded Detailing Knights, a mobile, waterless car wash service based in Brampton.

A year later, Detailing Knights has two more locations in the GTA and recently released an Android and iPhone app, enabling customers to get their cars cleaned within an hour.

As successful as he is in business, Ryan-O'neil is equally committed to helping the next generation of entrepreneurs. He works with Sheridan College to encourage students to get involved in green projects like Detailing Knights, and he aims to create franchises for young entrepreneurs. He also acted as a mentor for Summer Company 2013.

"I knew how amazing Summer Company was from having participated as a student, so I was pleased to be asked to be a mentor this year," says Ryan-O'neil. "The kids I mentored were really ambitious, motivated and eager to learn — and it showed in their results."

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NIAGARA FALLS SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE CENTRE

Niagara Falls

THE BUSINESS CENTRE — NIPISSING PARRY SOUND INC.

North Bay

ENTERPRISE TORONTO

North York

HALTON REGION SMALL BUSINESS CENTRE

Oakville

ORANGEVILLE & AREA SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE CENTRE

Orangeville

INVEST OTTAWA

Orléans

INVEST OTTAWA

Ottawa

BUSINESS ENTERPRISE CENTRE

Owen Sound

THE BUSINESS CENTRE — NIPISSING PARRY SOUND INC.

Parry Sound

ENTERPRISE RENFREW COUNTY

Pembroke

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BUSINESS ADVISORY CENTRE

Peterborough

BUSINESS ENTERPRISE CENTRE SAUGEEN SHORES

Port Elgin

ENTERPRISE RENFREW COUNTY

Renfrew

RICHMOND HILL

SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE CENTRE

Richmond Hill

PRESCOTT-RUSSELL ENTREPRENEURSHIP CENTRE

Rockland

BUSINESS ENTERPRISE CENTRE OF SARNIA-LAMBTON

Sarnia

BUSINESS SAULT STE. MARIE

Sault Ste. Marie

ENTERPRISE TORONTO

Scarborough

YMCA OF GREATER TORONTO

Scarborough

HURON BUSINESS CENTRE

Seaforth

SMALL BUSINESS ADVISORY CENTRE

Smith Falls

ST. CATHARINES ENTERPRISE CENTRE

St. Catharines

ELGIN / ST. THOMAS

SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE CENTRE

St. Thomas

STRATFORD PERTH CENTRE FOR BUSINESS

Stratford

REGIONAL BUSINESS CENTRE

Sudbury

THUNDER BAY & DISTRICT ENTREPRENEUR CENTRE

Thunder Bay

BUSINESS ENTERPRISE CENTRE

Timmins

ENTERPRISE TORONTO

Toronto

JVS TORONTO

Toronto

RYERSON UNIVERSITY

Toronto

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TORONTO BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTRE (TBDC)

Toronto

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES (YES)

Toronto

VAUGHAN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE CENTRE

Vaughan

WATERLOO REGION SMALL BUSINESS CENTRE

Waterloo

BUSINESS ADVISORY CENTRE DURHAM

Whitby

WINDSOR-ESSEX SMALL BUSINESS CENTRE

Windsor

WOODSTOCK & AREA SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE CENTRE

Woodstock