



IMPACT REPORT

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CIBPA EDUCATION ENDOWMENT FUND



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Fund Summary

The CIBPA Education Endowment Fund is dedicated to supporting students enrolled in the Augmented Education Program for Culinary Arts at George Brown College who demonstrate a strong passion for their field of study, a commitment to academic excellence, and express financial need.

As of April 1st, 2025, the CIBPA Education Endowment Fund has raised a principal balance of over \$32,000. An additional gift of \$15,000 donated in April (the Foundation's new fiscal year) has also been directed to support students and partners in education. We are pleased to share that this endowment fund will be ready to award scholarships as of the 2025-2026 Academic Year. A full Endowment Report, with financial details, will be available in August 2025.

On behalf of the students, GBC Foundation, and George Brown College, we thank you for making a meaningful difference.

If you have any questions about this report or the status of your award, please reach out to Allan Penning, Executive Director, at allan.penning@georgebrown.ca.

Augmented Education Program Snapshots

Program Outcomes (From 2004 to 2025)

Total Graduates Since 2004	605
Graduation Rate	70%
Employment Rate (6 mos.post-graduation)	80%

Enrollment Overview (2023/24 and 2024/25 Academic Years)

A110 Culinary Skills – 2023/24	17 students
A110 Culinary Skills – 2024/25	23 students
A106 Construction Craft Worker Foundations – 2023/24	17 students
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Student Testimonials

Lucas Dutton

Student of the Culinary Skills (A110), Augmented Education Program

“My overall experience was amazing, I feel blessed to have found this program. From day one I was showered with presents including a fully stocked knife kit, non slip shoes and chef outfits. It taught me so much in such a short time without it feeling rushed. When I started I only knew the basics and now I feel confident that I am now a professional chef.”



This program has prepared me in all aspects of the culinary industry, from different terminology to knife skills to timing to using different equipment to baking breads and desserts to making jellies to making soups, rouxs, sauces to making salads and dressings to making fresh pasta to butchering meat and turning it into amazing food. I truly feel confident that my new learned skills will make me a great chef and I owe that to this program.

After graduation, my goal is to continue on my culinary mission to become a Michelin recognized chef and open my own restaurant. To also motivate others to do the same and pass on the knowledge I have learned from the program.

This program sets itself apart from others because they help people that may not be in the best situation and give them extra supports and a stepping stone to a better life. They take care of all expenses so you don't have to worry about anything except doing your best in school.”

Uzoma Igwe

Student of the Construction Craft Worker Foundations (A106), Augmented Education Program

“The education I received at George Brown College equipped me with the necessary knowledge to excel in the construction industry. I was exposed to various aspects of construction management, including project planning, site supervision, and team collaboration. I worked closely with experienced professionals who mentored me and provided valuable insights into the industry. This hands-on experience not only deepened my understanding of construction principles but also taught me the importance of effective communication, problem-solving, and adaptability in a fast-paced construction environment.”



The experience greatly benefitted me in several ways. Firstly, it bridged the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical application, allowing me to apply concepts learned in the classroom to real-world scenarios. Secondly, it boosted my confidence and self-esteem, as I was able to contribute meaningfully to project discussions and site operations. Finally, the experience broadened my network and exposed me to potential career paths within the construction industry.

Overall, my work placement experience at Edgegroup Company was an invaluable learning experience that has prepared me for a successful career in the construction industry.

I am currently employed with the company, and I am happy that my hard work during my academic year has paid off.”

We are truly grateful to the CIBPA Education Fund for their ongoing support of students in need at George Brown College!

Thank you!



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