



# Independent Learning Centre The ILC Notebook

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Noteworthy news from the ILC

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## Happy New Year!

As you review your 2010 study plan, please be reminded of the following:

- Before you can receive your high school diploma from ILC, you must request a diploma assessment. [How do I request a diploma assessment?](#)
- Planning to attend the annual ILC Graduation this Fall? To qualify, the deadline to complete your diploma requirements is August 31st, 2010. [What are my diploma requirements?](#)
- You are required to inform ILC of any changes to your primary contact information (phone or address or email). Call 1.800.387.5512 or send an [email](mailto:ilc@tvo.org) to [ilc@tvo.org](mailto:ilc@tvo.org).

## A Celebration of Determination and Success

On November 21<sup>st</sup> ILC welcomed members of the 2009 graduating class to the Royal Ontario Museum for the Annual ILC & GED Graduation & Awards Ceremony. Attendees of all ages and backgrounds, from across the country, travelled to Toronto to receive their honours from the then Minister of Education, the Honourable Kathleen Wynne and ILC Managing Director, Sarah Irwin. This exciting event is the first time ILC students – a class of independent learners – get to meet one another, but they quickly discover an important connection they all share: they are successful self-determined learners who have achieved their high school credentials through hard work and dedication.

Members of the 2009 graduating class offered these words to current ILC students:

“Earning my diploma changed my life because it’s been sitting on my head for the last 17 years, and now that I have it I can go on with what I want to do.”

– Annalee Howard, Lefroy, Ontario

“I stuck with it and now I’m here graduating and I’m pretty happy about that.”

– Samantha Doraty, Conn, Ontario

“I would encourage everyone to have a diploma because it’s wonderful to have and it gives you a really really good feeling. I did hard work and here I am, I have a diploma. I can frame it, put it on the wall, and look at it many times.”

– Kirk Lugg, Toronto, Ontario



The Honourable Kathleen Wynne, addressing the 2009 graduating class.

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## Hot Topics:

New course releases:

**ENG4E-B**

Grade 12 English Workplace Preparation

**MDM4U-B**

Grade 12 Mathematics of Data Management University Preparation

**MEL4E-B**

Grade 12 Mathematics for Work and Everyday Life Workplace Preparation

**SNC2P-B**

Grade 10 Science Applied

**SNC1P-B**

Grade 9 Science Applied

## ILC Graduate Profile

### Meet Starr Campagnaro Student speaker at the 2009 ILC Graduation

Each day is an independent lesson for which I am now prepared." Starr Campagnaro



Once a budding musician and an avid volunteer worker, Starr Campagnaro faltered during adolescence. She struggled with a loss of confidence, and her favourite activities no longer held her attention. She battled an eating disorder both in and out of professional care. Attempting to transition into high school in the middle of these challenges did not go smoothly, or at all well. After a few years of poor attendance and poor academic results, Starr was officially dismissed from her high school in 2006, but fortunately, not without guidance. She was gently pointed in the direction of ILC, and it was here that Starr found an option "that afforded me the creativity and control that I really needed to succeed."

Starr began with ENG3UA, and with her first ILC course she also began a new routine of reading, writing, studying and reviewing, all at her own pace. It didn't take long for the hard work and extreme dedication to pay off. "I anticipated receiving my marks in the mail, marks that with the flexibility of ILC rose into the honours percentile."

Eight ILC courses later, Starr was awarded her Ontario Secondary School Diploma, and named Student Speaker at the 2009 ILC & GED Awards and Graduation Ceremony. She is a happy, healthy young adult pursuing her lifelong dream of a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Guelph. "The accomplishments that I have had through ILC have awarded me confidence and a new-found sense of fervour for life." With a renewed passion for music and volunteering, Starr once again finds joy in these activities. She returned to piano study and in 2008 earned her teaching certificate from the Royal Conservatory of Music.

*The 21 year old from Cambridge, Ontario is currently studying Spanish at the University of Guelph, and volunteering at the Community Mental Health Clinic of Guelph.*

## Resolving to Achieve an Educational Goal

January is traditionally the time of year for resolutions. This might mean a lot of looking ahead to the future and deciding what the picture should look like. People use the New Year as a launching point... a chance to organize, to change, or to wipe the slate clean and begin anew.

As an ILC student you've already done some thinking about your future. You decided that education was important to you and you made that choice to study, when and where you could, in order to attain your personal educational goal – be it an individual high school credit or to earn your high school diploma. That puts you ahead of the game. But resolutions are still useful tools for staying on target. How can New Year's resolutions be applied to your progress with ILC courses? Here are some suggestions:

- "I will ask for help when I find a lesson difficult, instead of putting it aside for a few weeks."
- "I will not miss any deadlines in 2010."
- "I will complete my last course(s) and request my diploma assessment, all by August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010 so that I can attend the 2010 ILC Graduation!"

However you chose to celebrate the New Year, remember to also celebrate your journey of learning – the ILC is proud of your contributions and wishes all ILC students a happy and successful 2010!

## Upcoming Course Releases:

### **ENG4C-B**

Grade 12 English College Preparation

**Yes! Tell me when this course is available!**

### **SCH3U-B**

Grade 11 Chemistry University Preparation

**Yes! Tell me when this course is available!**

### **SCH4U-B**

Grade 12 Chemistry University Preparation

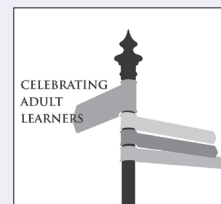
**Yes! Tell me when this course is available!**

If you can't use the above links to request course release notification, send an email to [ilc@tvo.org](mailto:ilc@tvo.org) and include your name and the course code in which you are interested.

## International Adult Learners' Week:

ILC is proud to support International Adult Learners' Week, March 1 to 7, 2010. ILC is a partner in adult education with the Canadian Commission for UNESCO.

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