



Definitely Durham





Definitely Durham 2017



The Durham District School Board's Hall of Fame

Welcome

Emcees Donna Edwards and Linda Lowery

Greetings from the Durham District School Board of Trustees

Michael Barrett, Chair of the Board

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Lisa Millar, Director of Education

Inductions into the Durham District School Board's Hall of Fame, Definitely Durham

 Nikki Shaffeeullah

 Gail Elliott

 Larry Jacula

Unveiling of the Definitely Durham plaques



Nikki Shaffeullah

Nikki Shaffeullah attended Glen Dhu Public School, E.A. Fairman Public School, and Sinclair Secondary School.

Nikki Shaffeullah is an artist, facilitator, cultural leader who supports people in telling their own stories, and facilitates the development of creative communities. Since 2015, she has been Artistic Director of The AMY Project, a theatre creation and mentorship program for young women

and non-binary youth, which in 2017 won the Toronto Arts Foundation's "Arts for Youth Award". She has worked with Jumblies Theatre as an artist, facilitator, and producer on local, regional, and national community-engaged arts projects. As a social justice trainer, Nikki develops and facilitates workshops on equity and inclusion for Arts organizations across Canada. She is currently honing her facilitation practice as a fellow in the Judith C. Jones Fellowship for Trainers of Colour with Philadelphia's Training for Change.

In 2017, Nikki launched Parallel Tracks, a national training program for Black, Indigenous, and People of Colour artists to develop skills in producing community-engaged projects. She has also been editor-in-chief of alt.theatre magazine, Canada's only professional journal dedicated to the intersections of politics, cultural plurality, social activism, and the stage.

Nikki holds a Master of Fine Arts degree in Theatre Practice from the University of Alberta and her thesis won the 2013 Canadian Association for Theatre Research award in Intercultural Theatre.

She trained in puppetry at Humber College and studied with Peru's Teatro Yuyachkani and Thailand's Makhampom Foundation. She has been recognized with a Nextfest Emerging Artist Award, as one of Cahoot Theatre's 30 for 30: 30 Artists shaping the next 30 years of Canadian Theatre.

Nikki was invited as one of "fifty of the world's most talented young innovators from the Culture and Arts sector" to be a 2017 Fellow of the Salzburg Global Forum for Young Cultural Innovators at Schloss Leopoldskron in Austria.





Gail Elliott

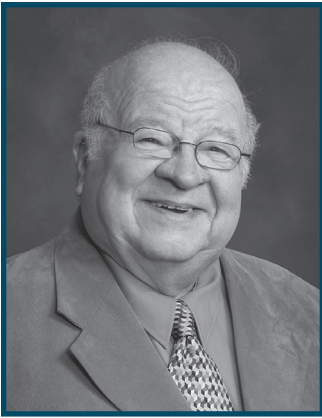
Gail Elliott is a former student of Dr. C.F. Cannon Public School and Oshawa Central Collegiate & Vocational Institute.

After attending Durham College and the University of Toronto for post-secondary studies, Gail became a teacher in 1971 and taught and served as an administrator at several schools including Raglan PS and Conant PS, as Vice Principal at Parkside PS and Gertrude Colpus, and as Principal at Claremont PS and Lord Durham PS.

Gail ultimately served as Superintendent of Education at the Durham District School Board from 1999 to 2002.

Gail has been a worker and advocate for many causes including the Juvenile Justice Board, Meals on Wheels, and her church's Food Bank. She also served on the Board of Directors for Parkview, a not-for-profit housing corporation for seniors, and has served with the Retired Teachers of Ontario District 28 as President and in several other roles. She is an active member of Probus, an association of retirees, a tireless advocate for the Terry Fox Foundation, and a participant in the annual Terry Fox Run for more than thirty years. She has always been active in sports including coaching basketball, volleyball and cross-country throughout her educational career. She is a supporter of the Arts, including the Oshawa Little Theatre.

Gail has been honoured numerous times in her career including "Educator of the Year" in 1992-1993, and the Durham College Alumni Award. The Terry Fox Foundation has recognized her life-long dedication and fund-raising contributions.



Larry Jacula

Larry Jacula attended O'Neill Collegiate & Vocational Institute and R.S. McLaughlin Collegiate & Vocational Institute.

Larry was an individual who served his community with pride; first as a student within our school system, and later as a teacher/guidance counsellor for more than three decades. With that role, he coached basketball, worked with student councils and enjoyed helping with the annual graduation trip. Larry also coached park league soccer and served as a leader on the Board of the Centennial Albert United Church.

Larry was a trustee for the Durham District School Board from 2006 until his death in 2017. He served as Chair of the Board for three years. Larry is well known for his twenty-four year contribution as the “Voice of the Oshawa Generals”. His voice was well-known in our community. Larry used his gift to announce for many organizations, tournaments and benefits. He was a quintessential contributor to the City of Oshawa.

Larry did not intend to be a teacher – he commenced his employment at the “Motors” and returned to school to continue his education to teach. In doing so, he touched the lives of many students. Larry was an educator, a trustee, the Voice of the Generals, a storyteller, a comedian, an emcee, a coach, a counsellor and a booster of our schools and our community.



With Thanks...

The Definitely Durham Selection Committee

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The Durham District School Board
congratulates all of our honourees.

We thank all of the members of our
community who submitted nominations
to our Hall of Fame, Definitely Durham.

Thank you for joining us!

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