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The Year of Willis College

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Willis College is far from a newcomer on the Private Career College forefront. In fact, this private postsecondary education institution is one of the oldest in the sector, having progressed for over a century, achieving 113 years of business and success!

Established in 1896, as a single campus in Ottawa, Willis College has undergone extremely drastic expansion, opening nine new locations across Ontario in the last three months. Striving to provide consistency and quality standards as a large group, Willis College has collaborated with other small businesses to operate under the same umbrella.

"With an increasingly high demand for retraining, Second Career funding available for students and unique partnerships, Willis College has been able to expand to nine new locations across the province," said Rima Aristocrat, President and CEO of Willis College, who confirmed plans for further expansion in the future.

The new locations are set in Barrie, Cobourg, Sault Ste. Marie, Smith Falls, Thunder Bay and three campuses in Toronto, Willis has opened its doors to a wider population of students at the perfect time, economically speaking.

"The role of private career colleges is very proactive during tough economic times. The hands-on, vocational training we provide is very valuable in getting people back in the work force as quickly as possible," said Aristocrat.

On top of providing quality educational training for over a century, and the massive expansion plans, Willis College proves to be cutting edge and highly innovative in the unique programs they offer. For example, Willis College is the only private college in the world to offer complete Renewable/Clean Energy Project Analysis Certification.

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Willis College Graduate:

Second Chance Success

Corey Moore started working for Willis Transfer in the warehouse at age 14 and worked his way up to becoming a truck driver and further to a Transport Driver Instructor for Transport Training Centres of Canada.

After being laid off, Moore was given a second chance and took advantage of the Second Career Program offered through Ontario's Ministry of Training Colleges and Universities. With an interest in computers, Moore began researching Colleges which offered Microsoft Certification and was led to Willis College to put his plan into action.

"To date, I have achieved all my goals graduating from one of the best private career colleges, earning a well respected diploma in Network Systems Engineer and becoming Industry Certified by vendors like CompTIA and Microsoft," commented Moore.

Since graduating from Willis College, Moore was hired on as a Network Administrator for Willis College, Smith Falls Campus.

"I will be forever grateful to Willis College in helping me to achieve my goals that I set over a year ago to start my second career with the assistance of the Second Career Program sponsored by the Ontario Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities."



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