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### SPECIAL FEATURE ARTICLE:

**A Follow-up Story from the [April 2020 "Capturing the Student Voice" article](#) "CO-OP WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH GRYPHONS MEN'S HOCKEY TEAM"**

Cole Keating was hired on after his Co-op placement with the University of Guelph's Men's Gryphons Hockey and was with the team when they won the OUA championship, the Memorial Cup, in March 2020. Later that month, they were headed to the 2020 U Sports University Cup in Halifax, NS when it was cancelled due to the pandemic.

Cole is now the Head Equipment Manager for the university's Men's Varsity Hockey Team. Although games are cancelled for the season, the team continues to practice twice per week and they also work out twice per week. Cole's responsibilities now include ordering equipment and managing the budget, as well as all skate sharpening, and repairs to skates and equipment. The laundry duty, that was a big part of the job in his Co-op placement, is all his now too!

Cole is really enjoying his new role and hopes to be with the team for the foreseeable future. His dream to be an equipment manager with the Guelph Storm, the Halifax Mooseheads or the Vancouver Canucks is a long-term goal. Nothing is out of reach for a person with Cole's drive, passion, and work ethic.

Submitted by: *Claire McCusker, Co-op Teacher, Guelph CVI, Upper Grand DSB*



### MESSAGE FROM THE OCEA CHAIR 2020-21

On behalf of the OCEA Board of Directors and the Provincial Representatives, I would like to wish all our OCEA members and colleagues a safe, happy, and relaxing holiday season.

As we say goodbye to 2020, I reflect on the challenges our members and colleagues have faced during this unprecedented year, and the extraordinary accomplishments we have achieved in providing quality Experiential Learning to our students despite the limitations imposed on us. OCEA continues to respond to these challenges with new resources and supports, and we look forward to offering new virtual learning opportunities in 2021. Our conference planning team is working hard to organize two virtual professional development events in the upcoming year, so keep an eye on our e-NEWS as details will be coming soon!

Congratulations on the amazing work you have done, and I hope you can rest and recharge over your holiday break.

Yours in Cooperative Education,  
*Barb Omland*  
 OCEA Chair 2019-2021

**May the holiday season sparkle with moments of love, laughter, and goodwill.**  
**Wishing you peace and joy this holiday season and throughout the coming year.**

