

**Don Lovisa**  
**President**  
**Durham College**

From the first day he was appointed president in 2008, Don Lovisa has been dedicated to Durham College's mission that the student experience comes first.

Durham College has thrived under Lovisa's leadership, realizing significant strategic growth in students, programs, buildings, learning spaces and reputation, while also launching a successful research operation that has generated millions of dollars in funding to support local small- and medium-sized enterprises. Most recently, the college announced plans to build a new three-storey Centre for Collaborative Education by 2018, only a few short years after opening its spectacular new Centre for Food, featuring a green-certified teaching restaurant and field-to-fork approach in all its operations.

Lovisa's career in the college system has spanned 30 years, beginning with Confederation College. Additionally, he has an extensive track record of post-secondary system involvement and development, including his former terms as founding co-chair of the Ontario Council on Articulation and Transfer (ONCAT) and his current role as Secretary/Treasurer for Colleges Ontario. In the community, he has worked with many different organizations and in 2013 was named the Ajax-Pickering Board of Trade's Business Person of the Year.

When not working to meet student needs, Lovisa can be found spending time with his family, including three young grandchildren who are his pride and joy.