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NC strikes gold on world stage

Niagara College wins the Gold Award of Excellence in Applied Research and Innovation from the World Federation of Colleges & Polytechnics.

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NIAGARA COLLEGE EARNS INTERNATIONAL AWARD FROM WORLD FEDERATION OF COLLEGES AND POLYTECHNICS

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Niagara College has received an international accolade for applied research and innovation. During a ceremony in Australia, the college was announced as the winner of the World Federation of Colleges and Polytechnics 2018 Gold Award of Excellence in Applied Research and Innovation. The latest recognition is on top of a silver award for Applied Research and Innovative Excellence from Colleges and Institutes Canada, and Niagara College's Research and Innovation Division earning seventh place in the Canadian Top 50 Research Colleges standing for 2017 and 2016. "This award is a tremendous honour for our division, as it validates Niagara College's place as a leader in applied research," Niagara College's vice president of Research and Innovation Marc Nantel says. "We are proud of the strides we've made providing solutions for key industry sectors, while training today's students to become tomorrow's innovative workforce. And we are encouraged to continue evolving the best practices that have placed us on this world stage."

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Marc Nantel, PhD (Associate VP, Research & Innovation at Niagara College) receives the Gold Award of Excellence in Applied Research and Innovation from Jang Yu (WFCP deputy chair, Asia) at the WFCP 2018 World Congress in Melbourne, Australia on Oct. 9.

A global Awards of Excellence ceremony 'Down Under' catapulted Niagara College straight to the top when it comes to research and innovation.

On October 9, the [World Federation of Colleges and Polytechnics](#) (WFCP) announced Niagara College as the winner of its 2018 Gold Award of Excellence in Applied Research and Innovation. The Awards of Excellence were presented at the WFCP 2018 World Congress in Melbourne, Australia.

It was the third Awards of Excellence event for the WFCP, recognizing leaders in the field of professional and technical education and training. Recipients were recognized in seven categories – with a gold, silver or bronze awarded in each category – based on the international value of the award-winning institutions, individuals, and programs, as well as their achievements, benefits to

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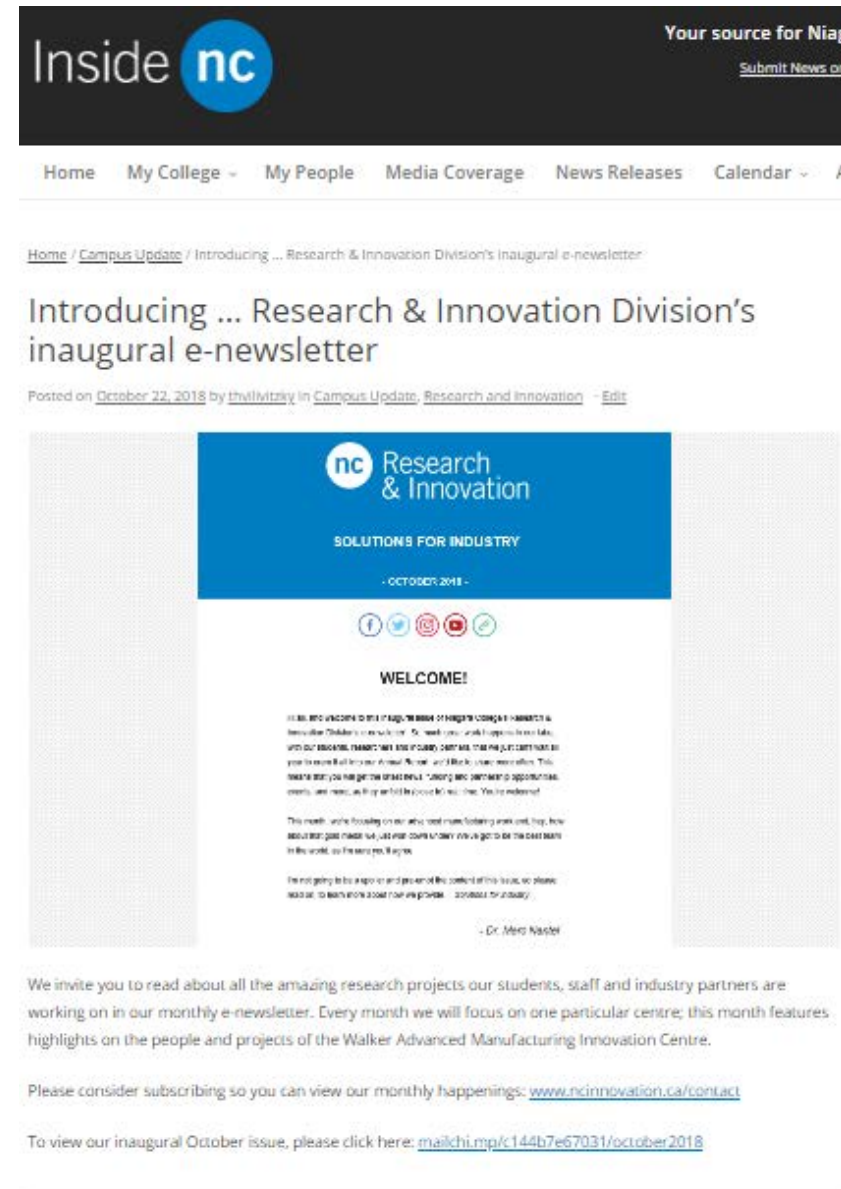
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Staff Writer

Niagara College had a "Golden October," winning two international awards last month.

R&I division releases inaugural e-Newsletter

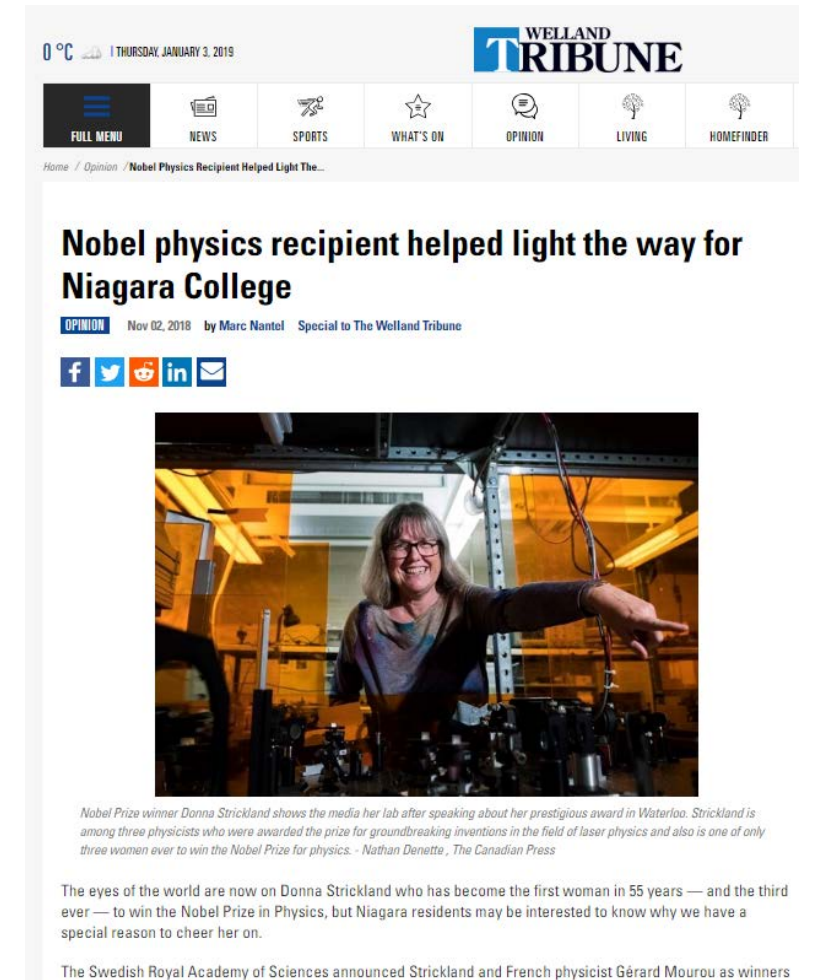
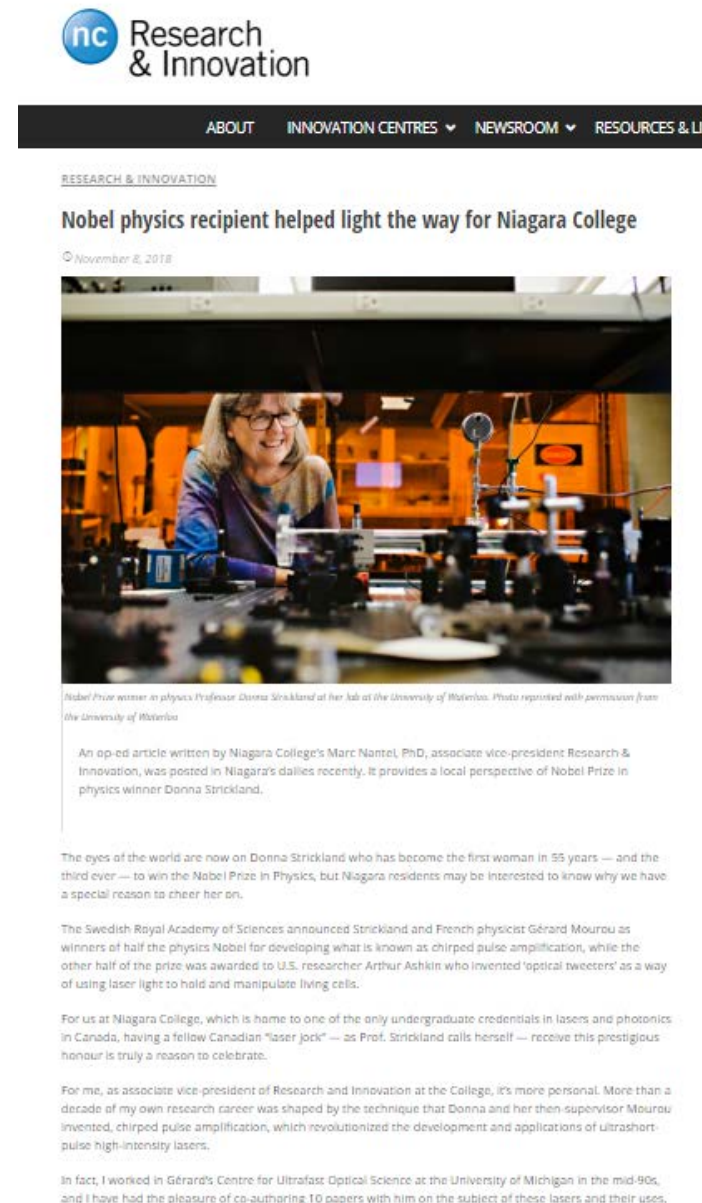
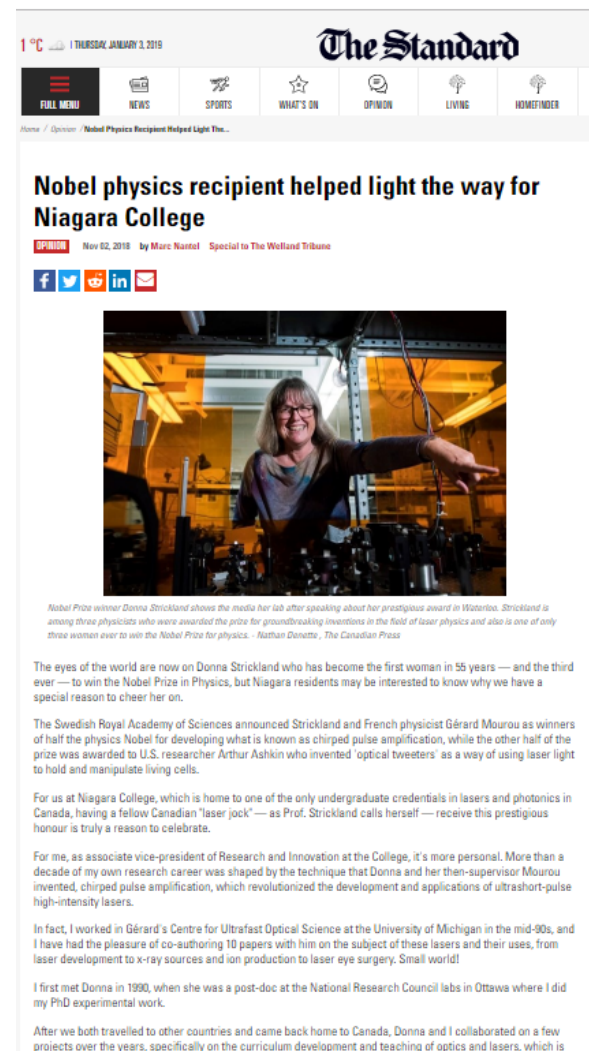
Research & Innovation launches an e-Newsletter for stakeholders to provide information about the research projects being worked on by NC's students, staff and industry partners.

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NC's link to Nobel physics recipient

Marc Nantel, PhD, Associate VP, R&I, pens an op-ed article about his and NC's association with Nobel winner Donna Strickland. It is printed in Niagara's three daily newspapers.



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R&I's precision ag research gets boost

Minister of Science Kirsty Duncan announces NSERC funding for NC's smart farming tech and R&I's RoamIO Jumbo land rover is demonstrated at the NOTL campus media event.

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RoamIO Jumbo will be outfitted with sensor capabilities to monitor weather and temperatures, and ultimately

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By TALA MUHTADI Staff Writer

The federal government is investing \$48 million to support 94 innovative projects, including one at Niagara College.

The money is to come from the College and Community Innovation Program (CCIP) and the College and Community Social Innovation Fund (CCSIF).

Budget 2018 allocated \$140 million in additional funding for the CCIP program over five years and \$30 million each year thereafter.

The announcement was made by Minister of Science and Sport, Kirsty Duncan, on Nov. 5 at Niagara College's Niagara-on-the-Lake Campus.

"On campuses across the country, colleges are pursuing exciting research opportunities and at the same time helping companies enhance their products and processes, bringing promising ideas to the marketplace," said Duncan.

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NSERC grant for smart farming technology advances NC's precision ag strategies to help industry

November 6, 2018

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There's a new member of the team at Niagara College's Agriculture & Environmental Technologies Innovation Centre. It goes by the name RoamIO Jumbo, and it is an advanced, rugged land rover, able to patrol vineyard rows with ease, helping farmers increase profitability or even save their crop from damaging weather.

This new addition, along with a complement of unmanned aerial systems (UAS) and modern high-performance computing, have joined the team thanks to \$44,000 in funding from the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada's (NSERC) College and Community Innovation (CCI) Program. The grant was part of a national funding announcement made today (11:5) from Minister of Science and Sport Kirsty Duncan at Niagara College's Wine Visitor & Education Centre in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

"On campuses across the country, colleges are pursuing exciting research opportunities and at the same time helping companies enhance their products and processes, bringing promising ideas to the marketplace," said the Honourable Kirsty Duncan, Minister of Science and Sport. "With research areas ranging from advanced manufacturing to artificial intelligence, the projects being funded today will have real-life benefits for all Canadians."

The Applied Research Tools and Instruments (ARTI) program helps NC's Research & Innovation division advance its precision agriculture strategies and collaborate with industry partners to help them farm smarter. Precision agriculture provides solutions to cut costs, increase productivity, and to support environmental stewardship, and it involves using modern hardware and data in support of farm management practices.

An important investment into this specialized equipment will enable current partnerships to advance significantly, and create opportunities for new collaborations, said Alan James, PhD, associate vice-president, Research & Innovation.

"We are so pleased to get this money to help us help industry," said James. "Sophisticated technologies like these will allow our farming partners to optimize their processes and produce healthier crops."

The College's array of smart farming technologies help farmers better predict weather, generate accurate forecasts for regions as small as a single farm field — all in a day or two in advance of harmful events. This can be the difference between life and death for the crops.

Nat'l science database adds NC researchers

Video interviews of four Research & Innovation researchers showcasing their work was uploaded to the national science research database: 5minofscience.com.

COVERAGE TYPE Digital

NOVEMBER 2018: 5minofScience, ncInnovation, InsideNC

Science minister Kirsty Duncan talks women in science with R&I reps



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From left: Niagara Centre MP Vance Badawey; federal Minister of Science and Sport Kirsty Duncan; VP Corporate Services Pam Skinner; St. Catharines MP Chris Bittle and Arden Metcalfe-Roach, Computer Programmer Research Associate with Agriculture & Environmental Technologies Innovation Centre.

Niagara College's Research & Innovation division was in the spotlight today when federal Minister of Science and Sport Kirsty Duncan visited the Niagara-on-the-Lake Campus where she talked to the R&I team. Duncan also attended the Greater Niagara Chamber of Commerce's Niagara Business Leadership Series event where she highlighted the work being done by Dr. Mike Duncan, the NSERC Industrial Research Chair for Precision Agriculture & Environmental Technologies. [Read more on InsideNC](#)

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During her visit to the NOTL Campus on Aug. 16, science minister Kirsty Duncan gets a sneak peek at the Strategic Investment Fund (SIF) building underway, which will include agri-business research space. Duncan (centre) is pictured with associate VP Research & Innovation Marc Nantel (left), VP Corporate Services Pam Skinner (second from right), and St. Catharines MP Chris Bittle.

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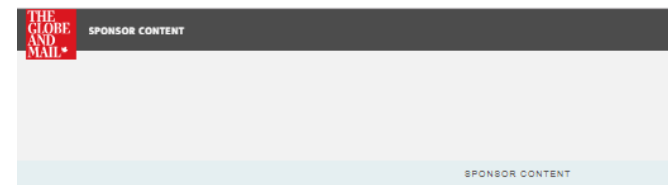
The visit drew MPs Vance Badawey (Niagara Centre) and Chris Bittle (St. Catharines). They joined NC's VP Corporate Services Pam Skinner, VP Academic and Learner Services Steve Hudson, associate VP of Research & Innovation Marc Nantel, and Student Administrative Council president Ryan Huckla, along with several members of the College's research team.

Duncan was provided with an overview of research and innovation at the College and had an opportunity to view progress on the Strategic Investment Fund (SIF) building underway, which will include agri-business research space, before leading a roundtable discussion which focused on research and innovation at the College.

SONAMI makes national headlines

The NC-led Southern Ontario Network for Advanced Manufacturing Innovation (SONAMI) consortium is featured in an article in Canada's *Globe and Mail* newspaper.

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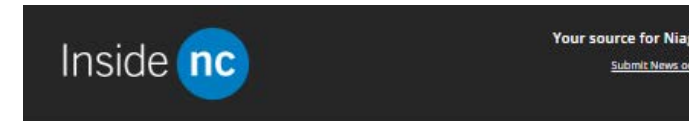
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A write-up appeared in the November 24 issue of the *Globe and Mail* which discussed the benefits of the Southern Ontario Network for Advanced Manufacturing Innovation (SONAMI), a Niagara College Canada-led consortium funded by FedDev Ontario to support the R&D needs of SMEs, like Hamill Machine Company & Blake Medical. [View it here or view content below.](#)

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"Colleges and institutes have the equipment and expertise that is reflective of the needs of industry in their region," says Marc Nantel, associate vice-president, research and innovation, Niagara College.

"By doing applied research, we help companies create new products and services, which then can generate new jobs and wealth."

In order to serve companies like OKE Polymer Systems even better, Dr. Nantel was instrumental in establishing the Southern Ontario Network for Advanced Manufacturing Innovation (SONAMI), which includes facilities at

NC lauded as benefit to living in Niagara

In a *Toronto Life* magazine story touting the benefits of the Niagara Region, it specifically mentions NC's Agriculture & Environmental Technologies Innovation Centre.

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Thinking of leaving Toronto? The Niagara region is super-hot right now

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In Toronto, it's impossible to get through a dinner party without a rousing rant about the insane traffic on the DVP or the complete chaos of the rental market. Many longtime citizens are considering an exodus—opting for the fairer grounds of surrounding, slightly more suburban cities. The Niagara Region is particularly appealing these days, and not just for its wine tours. The place is perfect for anyone looking to set up a business, get into agriculture, go back to school or raise a family. The area is growing like crazy, and there are actually even monetary incentives in place for anyone who wants to develop, invest or start a business. Here, a few reasons you may want to make the move.

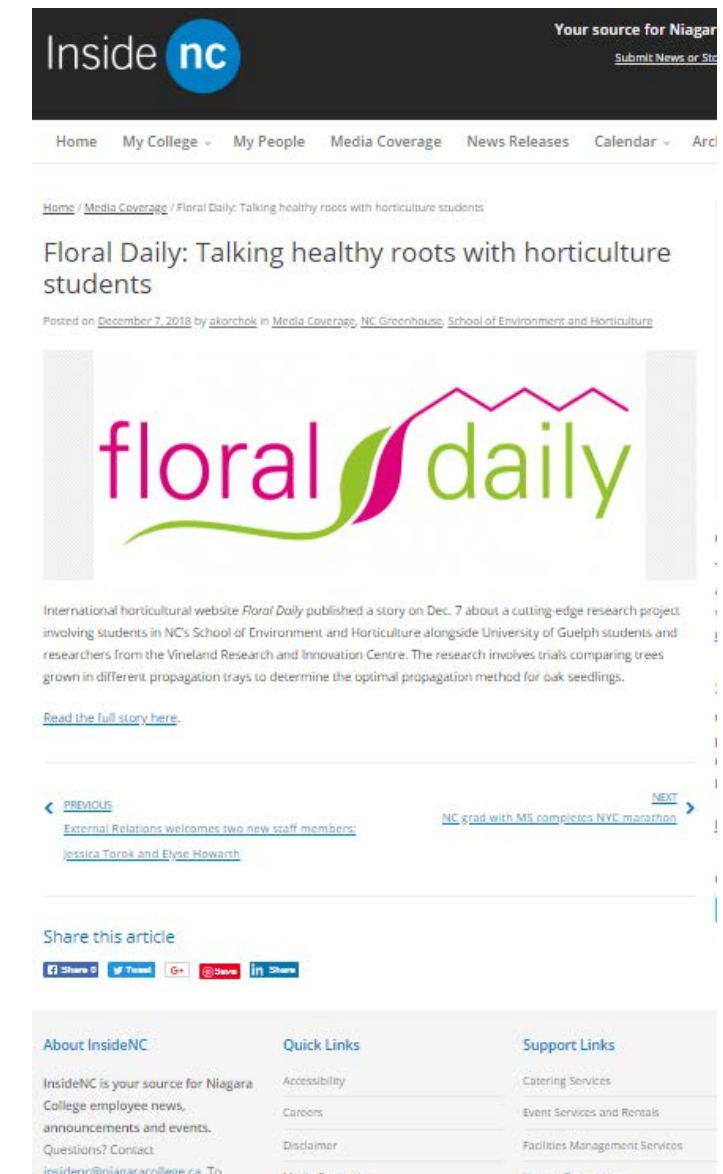
Jobs are everywhere

Over the past 3 years, 8,000 new jobs were created in Niagara in high-growth sectors like health care, construction, manufacturing, professional services and hospitality. The tourism industry is thriving, with 12 million people visiting annually, bringing in nearly \$2 billion in revenue. The region also has over \$100 billion in trade shuttling between its borders each year. (For facts on Niagara

NC's horticulture research highlighted

International horticulture website Floral Daily includes a story about applied research trials through R&I in oak seedlings using new propagation tray RootSmart.

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Centre manager presents to senate committee

Lyndon Ashton, centre manager, Canadian Food & Wine Institute Innovation Centre, presents to Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry and outlines work that NC does to assist SMEs while providing applied research opportunities to students.

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CANADIAN FOOD & WINE INSTITUTE INNOVATION CENTRE

Parliamentary committee hears from NC Centre Manager on value-added food sector



December 17, 2018

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Lyndon Ashton, Centre Manager for the Canadian Food & Wine Institute (CFWI) Innovation Centre, was recently asked to visit Ottawa to make a presentation regarding the food sector to the Senate Committee on Agriculture & Forestry.

In particular, the federal committee sought input on the work that colleges do to assist business while providing applied research opportunities to students. The committee is currently examining how the value-added food sector can be more competitive in global markets.

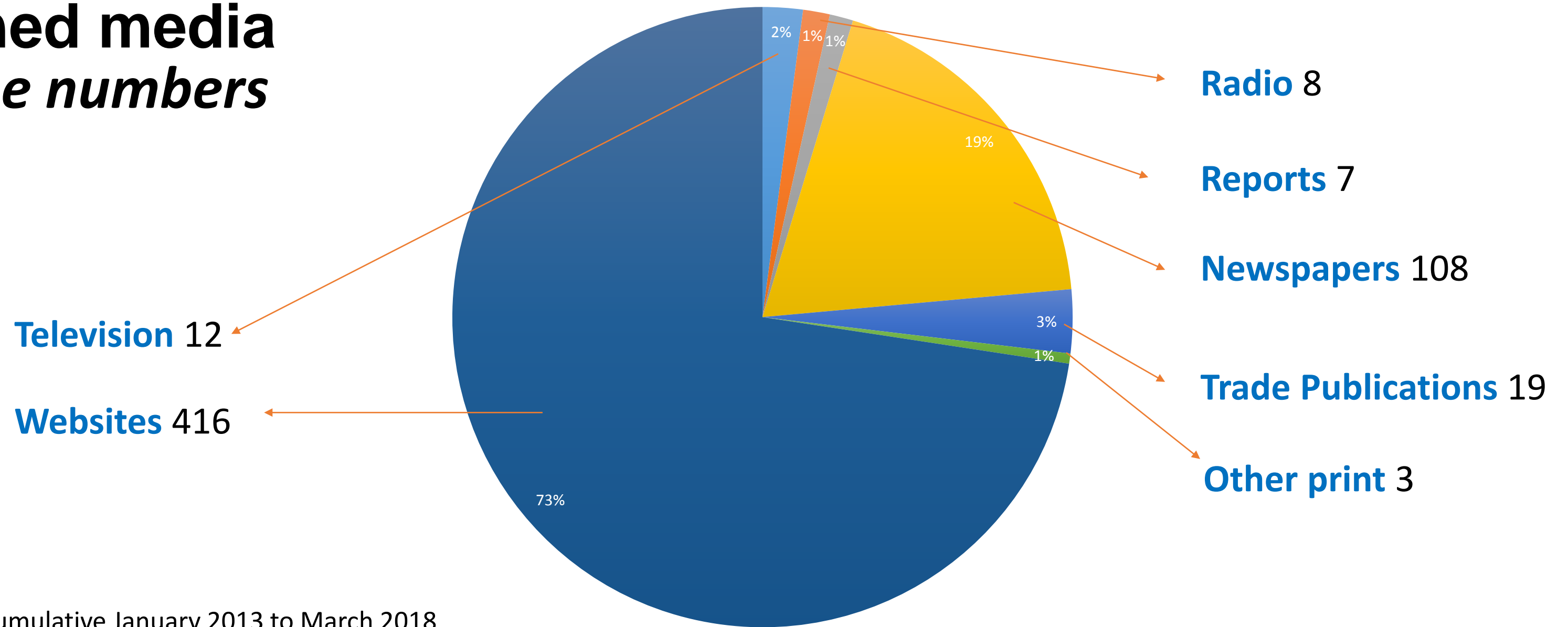
During the Nov. 29 presentation, Ashton outlined how SMEs engage with the CFWI Innovation Centre by partnering on projects in a number of key areas that allow them to scale up, innovate, grow, etc.

For example, he spoke of a project with Reinhart Foods, to develop a light hard apple cider. In partnership with the college's Teaching Winery, and using the expertise of faculty and student researchers, Reinhart's Red Apple Light Cider was launched, and has been steadily increasing in sales month over month since it was launched in 2017.

Broya is a company focused on holistic living and eating nourishing food. They partnered with the college to refine their products, including their nutritious bone broth product, as well as to develop new types of products, including meat bites that are now on grocery shelves and online sales across Ontario.

Miname came to the college as an importer of ethnic malt beverages facing challenges with finding consistent stable ingredients. After their partnership with the CFWI Innovation Centre, they now have made-in-Canada

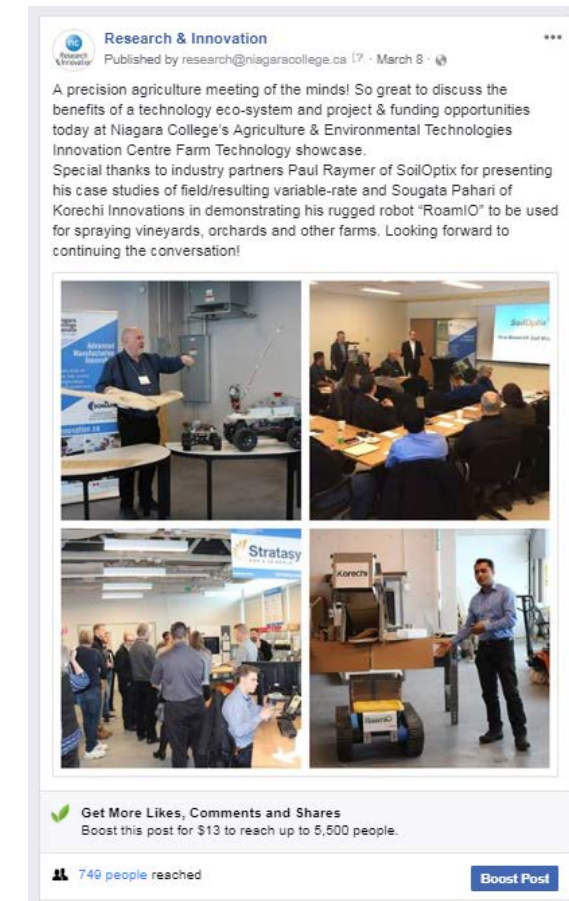
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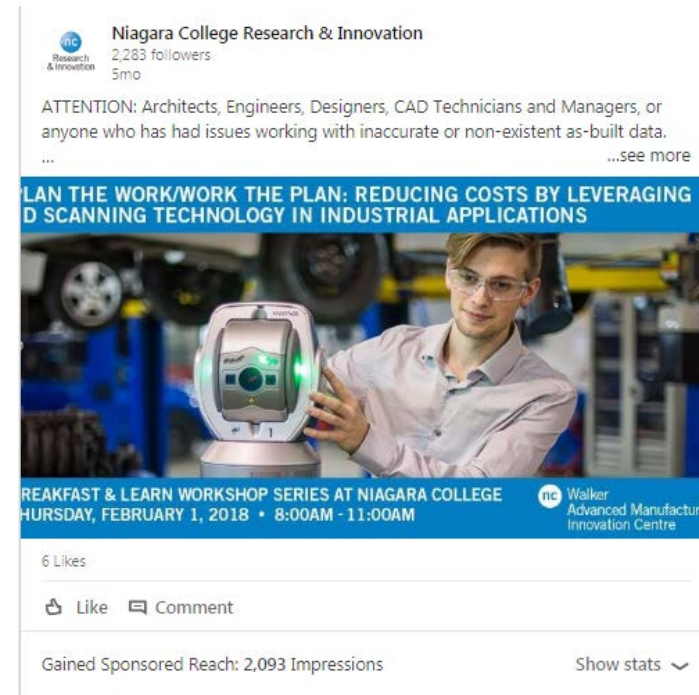
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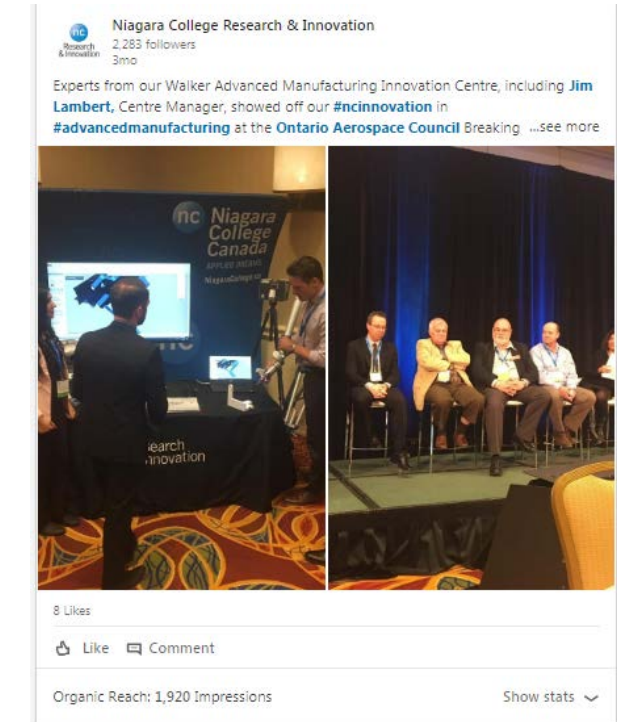
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