Schooling a form of therapy for kidney transplant patient

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Harold Bertisson's reasons for going back to high school last year were different from those of his classmates. 50 years ago, school actually helped him recover from his kidney transplant. 

He moved to London a year later after being accepted at the University of Western Ontario. 

His wife got a job in the Admitting Department at the London Health Sciences Centre to help support them. 

Bertisson started with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and graduated from the University of Western Ontario in 1981. 

He worked as a nurse with the help of a friend who had given him a kidney transplant. 

After working as a nurse, Bertisson decided to go back to school to get his Grade 12 diploma. He plans to be back in the fall for "for his achievements in business education." 

The Dr. G.A. Wheatley Award, which is given to a student in English, went to Jack Rodriquez. 

Elizabeth Ann Evison received an award from the University of Western Ontario and the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International for her outstanding contributions to education in the fall. 

Carole Lynn Case received an award from an anonymous donor for her hard work under difficult personal circumstances. 

Student Council president Don McLean also received an Optimist Club award.

Bobbi Dunck, who received theBulk of Panshale College for her work, was the winner of the Governor-General's Academic Gold Medal. 

Corey Share Academic Community Educators Award and the Chapter Beta Alpha Phi Award will be attending Panshale Col.