

## Student gives teacher A

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St. Edmund Campion Secondary School teacher Sergio Costa is one of this year's winners of the Humber College Greatest High School Teacher Contest.

Costa teaches Calculus and was nominated by former student Chris Dela Cruz, who is now a first-year civil engineering student at Humber. Contest winners were honoured during a March 30 dinner at the college.

Humber students are asked to write and submit an essay nominating a teacher who influenced them and made positive changes in their lives. A panel of judges selected the winning entries. In addition to honouring the winning teachers, the college will award tuition for one year to a Humber student from St. Edmund Campion for fall 2010.

"I was surprised, but elated to hear that one of my students would think of me in such a positive light," Costa said. "This award is extra special for me because it came from a student who did not have the strongest academics, but still gained something of value from being in the class."

The fifth annual awards were established to support teaching excellence and honour teachers making a difference in the lives of students.

"Mr. Costa inspired me to pursue engineering because he was a mechanical engineer himself," Dela Cruz said in his nomination essay. "The more we talked, the more I wanted to pursue engineering in college. I wanted to stop being the lazy, socially obsessed student, and start becoming the hard worker that (Mr.) Costa was."



**High marks.** Student Chris Dela Cruz (left) nominated former teacher Sergio Costa for the Humber College Greatest High School Teacher Award. The St. Edmund Campion calculus teacher was recently honoured as one of the this year's winners. *Humber College*