



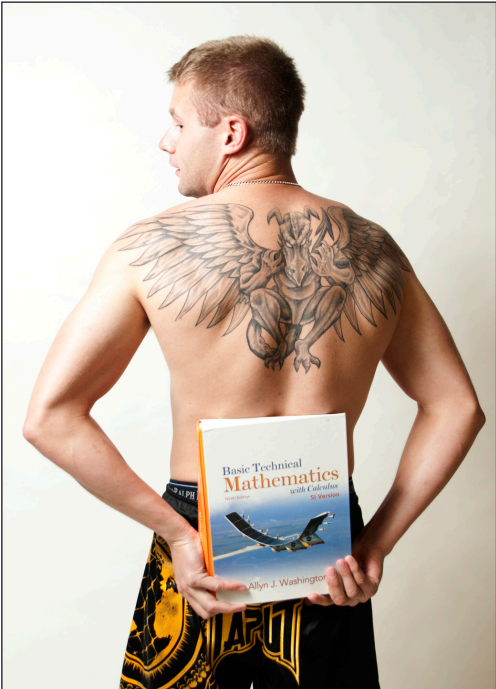
Top: Twenty-three-year-old Caitlin Gauweiler has spent her life as a dancer, but after a knee injury, was forced to stop. She now works as a line cook and server. Growing up, Gauweiler wanted to be Karen Kane, the prima ballerina of the National Ballet of Canada.

Above: Twenty-nine-year-old Jef Kirkland is a culinary arts student at Loyalist College, and works part-time as a line cook and server. Growing up, Jef wanted to be a fireman.

Right: Twenty-three-year-old Justin Young is a self employed tattoo artist from Belleville, Ont. Growing up, he wanted to be an auto-body technician.

Below: Twenty-seven-year-old Calvin Marshall is an Environmental sciences student from Loyalist College. Growing up, Calvin wanted to be a mechanic.

Below, right: Twenty-nine-year-old Ocean Sullivan is a line cook and a proud mother of two daughters, and one step son. Growing up, Sullivan wanted to be a chef or an aircraft mechanic.



Under My Skin

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The reasons for people to get tattoos are varied, ranging from sentimental value, to artistic expression, to the purely decorative.

It is a common misconception and stereotype that if someone has a tattoo, they are a certain type of person. Usually, the stereotype is that they make trouble, commit crimes and do drugs.

In fact, according to Ledger Marketing, 18 per cent of Canadians have a tattoo, or body piercing.

Often it is difficult to look past what is on someone's skin, and look underneath to see who they are, and who they have aspired to be.

Caitlin Gauweiler, a 23-year-old from Belleville, Ont. has always aspired to become a famous dancer. She may have gotten her wish had an injury not gotten in the way. Now she works as a server, though she hopes to try dancing again soon.

"I doubt I'm going to have a career in dance anymore. I'm just past the age."

Justin Young, a self-employed tattoo artist and soon-to-be father used to dream of being an auto body technician. He supports his family with his tattoo business, but also works as a line cook to supplement his income.

Jef Kirkland, a 29-year-old culinary arts student from Loyalist College who is soon to be married, dreamed of being a firefighter when he was a child. He has worked several high profile chef jobs, and takes great pride in the work he produces.

Ocean Sullivan, a mother of two daughters, Jasmine and Olivia, works as a line cook to support her family. When she was a child, she wanted to be either an aircraft mechanic, or a chef, which is the career path she ended up choosing for herself.

Kalvin Marshall is a 27-year-old environmental sciences student, from Loyalist College. He wanted to be a mechanic as a child, but admits as he got older, he became disenchanted with the prospect.

As it was once said by George Elliot, "You can't judge a book by its cover."

