

Globe, David.

After graduating in 1979, he lived in Belleville for almost three years. Then he decided to move to London, Ont. to be with some close friends.

He stayed in that southwestern Ontario city for eight years and held such jobs as tuning pianos and managing a snack bar.

Globe returned to Belleville in 1991.

He continued tuning pianos and joined the board of directors at the local branch of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind.

Then, in 1995, he decided to enrol in the social service worker program at Loyalist College.

"Social work is something I'm interested in and something I feel I have the skills for, like compassion and understanding."

During his three years at Loyalist, he took his own notes and used a tape recorder and braille device.

"I had a great experience at the college. Loyalist went out of its way to help me in my studies."

It was during his Loyalist studies that he

joined the board of directors for Belleville Non-Profit Housing (he lives in a two-bedroom apartment at its complex at Station and Brown streets) and did some study placements with Belleville Big Brothers and the Gleaners Food Bank.

Since graduating in 1998, Globe has also been on the board of directors at Volunteer and Information Quinte and Community Oriented Sentencing Program.

Since early this year, he's been working two days a week with Meta Vocational Services. As job counsellor, he does job coaching with clients and helps out with resume writing.

"They have a great staff and I like what I'm doing, helping others find jobs."

Globe recently reached another milestone in his life — he tied the knot.

Globe married Ana Barbosa June 3. Ana has been blind from birth and the two have

known each other since their elementary days at the Brantford school.

"The first three months of marriage have been perfect," he laughed.

Asked what he misses most about being blind, Globe didn't hesitate for a moment.

"Not seeing my wife's face because that's the most important thing in my life right now."

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