

Student Association, a Big Part of Campus

At the Kalamalka Campus of Okanagan College there is an intimate, student centered environment that harbors a quality student population. Each student is granted membership with the Kalamalka Campus Student Association (KCSA) upon arrival to the Kalamalka Campus and the KCSA ensures them access to numerous services and events. The KCSA executive council is comprised of eleven student representatives who are passionate about being active in their student society and volunteer numerous hours every week to ensure the best possible academic and personal experience for the student population.

The KCSA takes pride in offering value-added services for students including a used textbook store, bus passes, photocopying and faxing. The student association is committed to a students-first policy. For example, the used textbook store operates with a minimal margin that allows students a better resale value than any other medium at the College.

The student association also owns and operates the Student Bodies Gym where unlimited access to the gym, plus personal fitness training by a qualified staff is available to students who purchase a membership. The cost of a membership equals roughly \$10.00 per month, if acted upon in September. As such, all students are encouraged to live a balanced lifestyle between exercising their minds and exercising their bodies. Therefore, students can burn off stress and stay in shape while they work with a personal consultant who would be happy to help develop a program.

Not only does the KCSA offer services to the student population, but to ensure a healthy social and cultural experience, the student association will host events throughout the course of the fall and winter semesters. This is to ensure that students get a break, (because even students need a break now and then). All students are encouraged to become involved in campus life activities, or even better, volunteering on a planning committee. Student life can include anything from a major concert to comedy nights and poetry slams.

The KCSA has organized renowned entertainers in the past such as Herb Dixon and Shane Koyczan. Dixon, a hilarious and engaging Canadian stand-up comedian has been a big hit with the student population in past years. Koyczan, an OUC alumnus graduated from the Creative Writing program and has developed into an international slam poet performer. Both Dixon and Koyczan will be revisiting the Kalamalka Campus this year. Historically, access to these performances has been open to the public, so call the student association at 545-7291 local 2213 for more information about this year's performances.

It is the goal of the KCSA to build strong relationships with the student population and the community at large. We encourage you to get in touch with the KCSA office and get to know the student council.

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