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OC gears up for 50th birthday celebration

As Okanagan College prepares to celebrate the 50th anniversary of its start (the B.C. Vocational School opened its doors in September 1963), the institution is looking to bolster the ranks of already-honoured luminaries and contributors by acknowledging even more people—50 of them—who have contributed to the development of the college, or who have strengthened the connection between college and community (regional, provincial, national or global) through their efforts.

They can include current and former employees and students, supporters, board members—almost anyone who has a connection with the college or OUC.

Current employees are eligible but must be nominated by community members who are not in the employ of Okanagan College—OC employees can nominate fellow employees for the college's annual Employee Excellence Awards. Nominees can't include those who have already been honoured officially by Okanagan College.

The college is inviting residents, former employees, friends and the general public to nominate someone they know (or have known of) for consideration. Posthumous nominations are accepted.

For additional details, criteria and to access an online nomination form, go online www.okanagan.bc.ca/50 people. There is also a link there to a list of people who have already been honoured. The deadline for entries is Aug. 9, 2013.

The list of nominees will be reviewed, and the additional 50 people for acknowledgement will be chosen by an ad hoc committee of current and former employees of Okanagan College and Okanagan University College.

The names of those who will be acknowledged will be revealed Sept. 27 at a celebration of the 50th anniversary, to be held at the Kelowna campus.