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Staff Updates

A familiar face from the Registrar's Office will say goodbye this month. Sandra Mendoza has been working in various roles at the College for the past 27 years and this month she is retiring.

Sandra began working for Okanagan College in November 1991 as a part-time Coordinator in the Volunteer Literacy program at the Vernon campus. In January 1992, Sandra headed to the North Campus - what is now UBCO - to work part time as a Disability Services Clerk in addition to the job at the Vernon campus.

In 1992, Sandra took a position with the Kelowna Volunteer Literacy program and then moved into a full-time position with Disability Services in 1993.

In 2000, Sandra began working at the Penticton campus in registration and admissions before joining the Kelowna team in her current role of Client Services Assistant in 2009.

We wish Sandra well on this next chapter of life, however, we will all miss her smile and friendly demeanor working with students and staff.

On January 2, 2019, the Registrar's Office will welcome Bobbie Wyatt to the scheduling team.

Bobbie comes with a wealth of scheduling experience from her time working in Facilities where she was responsible for coordinating internal and external events along with room requirements/assignments. During her time in Facilities she worked closely with the Registrar's Office scheduling team.

Also joining the Registrar's Office this month is Alana Wright who will be filling the role of Graduating Student Assistant when Charly Leach heads off in January on maternity leave. For the past two years, Alana has been traveling around B.C. and the Yukon, and to Asia and South America. Alana is originally from Trinidad and Tobago and lived in Washington D.C. for 13 years where she earned her PhD in Personality Psychology, and worked in academic advising at Howard University and The Catholic University of America.

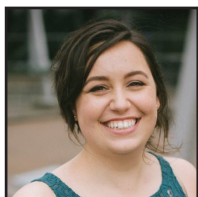
The recruitment team is welcoming Dani Valgardson as recruiter on a part-time basis at the Salmon Arm campus. She will share the job with Kristine Wickner until May 31, 2019.

Dani has worked as a Success Centre tutor in math and sciences since September 2018 and will continue on a part-time basis during her time as recruiter.

In her spare time, Dani is working on completing her Masters of Science, Zoology and is an avid skating coach.



Alana Wright



Dani Valgardson



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Education Council News

Below is a brief update on items approved at Education Council in December. Please view the *Items Approved* or *Minutes* for details.

New Program

Automotive Service Technology Diploma

This two-year diploma will provide technical and business and management training not currently offered in a certificate or apprenticeship.

Proposed date of implementation is September 1, 2019.

Program Revision

Associate of Science

Graduation requirements will be changed to remove the phrase "at least one course in a laboratory science."

Proposed date of implementation is January 2019.

Practical Nursing Diploma

Changes will be made to admission requirements and courses to reflect changes to the BC curriculum.

Proposed date of implementation is January 1, 2019.

New Courses

- CMNS 102 - Communications for Viticulture
- PHYS 290 - Directed Studies in Physics & Astronomy

Course Revisions

- PNSG 214 - Pharmacology II
- PNSG 416 - Integrated Nursing Practice IV
- PNSG 417 - Consolidated Practice Experience

The next regular Education Council meeting is scheduled for January 17, 2019.

Details of EdCo approvals can be found at: www.okanagan.bc.ca/edco.

Please note that all new programs and all program changes require Board approval.

Donations for Students

The Kelowna International Department is looking for gently used items to give away during winter orientation events in January. These items will find a second home with students. Items needed include: warm clothing, bedding and bathroom items, blankets, kitchen items, school supplies, new toiletries and school bags. Please do not drop off summer clothing.

Items can be dropped off with Cynthia Garcia in the International Office. Any items leftover following the event will be donated to the Salvation Army and the Women's Shelter in Kelowna.

Winter Events for Students

Each campus will welcome students in January with Winter Welcome events.

Salmon Arm will have free coffee and treats for AACP students Jan. 3 and 4. On January 7, there will be a winter welcome table in the foyer with free coffee and treats for new and returning students. Lunch will be provided on Jan. 9 in the student lounge and an Ask Me table will be set up in the foyer on Jan. 10 to answer questions about adding and/or dropping classes. And finally, students are invited to Lakeside Bowling on Friday, Jan. 11 for free bowling and pizza.

Vernon students are invited to visit the Winter Welcome Table in the Lecture Theatre Foyer on Jan. 7 for coffee, cookies and information.

Kelowna students will be greeted on Jan. 7 with free coffee and treats at a welcome table in the breezeway. The following day is a second chance for coffee and treats at a student cafe in the atrium. The annual winter lunch will take place in the atrium on Jan. 9 with a ski resort theme. Students are invited to Pub Night at Mission Tap House Thursday evening and the week will end with a pep rally for the Coyotes basketball teams in the atrium Jan. 11 from 4-6 p.m. followed by games at KSS.

Penticton students can visit their Winter Welcome table the morning of January 7 to have a treat and ask questions and then attend a free welcome back lunch in the Community Hall between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

For all details, visit okanagan.bc.ca/orientation.

December 2018

- 8-19** Final exam period
- 17** Fees due for Winter 2019
- 21** Last day to submit final grades
- 24** College closes at 3 p.m.
- 25-Jan 2** Christmas closure

January 2018

- 7** [Winter Welcome Week events](#)
- 11** Last day to submit a grade appeal for a fall course
- 12** Winter convocation

Recruitment News

Penticton

The end of the year has been busy for Liana, Penticton recruiter. On November 13, Liana was at Merritt Secondary School for a three-hour mini fair for Grade 10, 11, and 12 students.

Twenty Grade 1 students from Queen's Park Elementary visited the Penticton campus on November 30 to learn about college and what happens within its walls.

The St. John Ambulance therapy dogs were on campus giving students much needed stress relief from November 27 – December 7 this year, assisting students during a very stressful time in the semester.

Liana visited Similkameen Secondary in Keremeos on December 3 and presented to a large group of Grade 11 and 12 students. The presentation was followed by a question and answer period and a mini fair in the library.



The campus hosted hundreds of the province's best volleyball players from November 29-31 during the AAAA Girl's Provincial Volleyball Tournaments. Each player received an OC backpack, viewbook, and Human Kinetics brochure.

Students at the Penticton campus celebrated the holiday season on December 4 at the annual Holiday Spirit Luncheon. Students enjoyed turkey soup, a photo booth with Santa, a hot chocolate station, cookie decorating, and lots of Christmas crafts to get everyone in the festive spirit.



Kelowna

Along with student ambassadors, Blake, Kelowna campus recruiter, has given over 20 school group tours, 50 general campus tours and hosted more than 75 students in the Student for a Day program since September. This month Blake has visited schools throughout the Central Okanagan giving 15 presentations to over 400 students and has hosted several schools on campus – showcasing OC's spaces and programs. During this year's Education and Career Fair in Kelowna, Okanagan College had five tables to showcase programs to the community and prospective students.

Vernon

December was busier than ever in the North Okanagan. On December 6 Tawnya, Vernon recruiter, hosted a group of students from AL Fortune. The students attended information sessions in Plumbing and Piping, Culinary Arts, Hospitality and Tourism, and Esthetics and Nail Technology. Before arriving, students visited Sparkling Hills Resort to see the real world side of each of these programs.

Tawnya is also helping with promotion of an information session for the February intake of the Health Care Assistant Certificate program, attending exit interviews at some of her schools, giving campus tours to new students, and planning presentations and a winter welcome event for January.

Salmon Arm

Recruitment efforts on the Salmon Arm campus continue this month. Kristine has been busy with office hours at SD83 high schools as well as presentations at Work BC in Salmon Arm.

The campus hosted a group of over 80 Grade 9 and 10 students from Salmon Arm Secondary (Jackson Campus) for a field trip experience on November 30. Students toured the trades facility and listened to a trades presentation by program administrator Brent Moffat. After the presentation they were bussed down to the main campus for hot chocolate, cookies and a more in depth look at OC's other programs and on-campus services. This is a bi-annual event with the next one happening on March 15, 2019.

Kristine has begun a partial leave from November 26 - May 31 to spend more time with her one year-old son. She will be working Tuesdays and Thursdays and Dani Valgardson will work Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Kristine and Dani are currently busy planning winter welcome activities for students in January.