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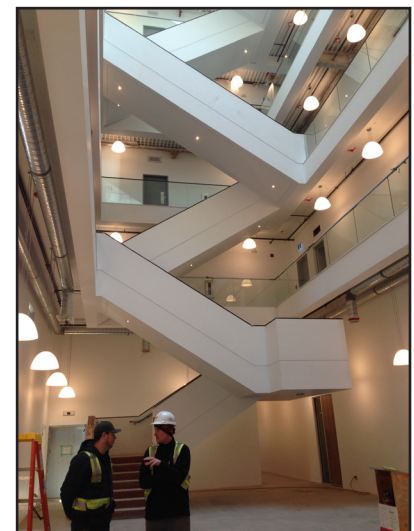
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New Animation Diploma Update

Applications are steadily coming in for the new Animation Diploma program, set to start this September at the brand new Innovation Centre in downtown Kelowna.

Kelowna recruiter Steph Bodden will be attending a number of events to promote this program in the community, including: Kelowna Fan Expo on March 25 and TeenFest in Kelowna on April 1 and Kamloops on April 22. Steph has also been busy visiting local fine arts and media classes in the school district to provide students with information about the opportunities available in this industry as well as information about the diploma program at OC.



A sneak peek inside the new Innovation Centre in Kelowna.

Recently Steph was given a tour of the Okanagan Innovation Centre to see where students will be studying while in this program. The building is still under construction but will be ready for students when they start in the Fall!

One of the admission requirements for this program is a portfolio. Those students who don't already have a portfolio might want to consider taking the course [Animation: Building Your Portfolio](#), offered through Continuing Studies beginning in March. Portfolios will be reviewed after April 25 for September 2017 admission.

Governance Opportunities

Faculty and vocational instructors are encouraged to participate in the governance of Okanagan College. The Education Council is looking for nominations from the Faculty and Vocational groups for four regional positions, one from each region. Positions are for a two-year term.

The Education Council considers curriculum and education policies relating to students, standards, planning and operations.

Meetings are held once a month, except in July and August, at the Kelowna campus (mileage can be claimed if this is not your home campus).

Nominations are open from Feb. 6 to 19. Elections will take place from Feb. 27 to Mar. 12 online. For more information, to submit a nomination, and to vote, visit the Elections tab in myOkanagan.



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Education Council News

Education Council did not meet in February but will resume its regular meeting schedule March 2, 2017.

Experience OC

Over 500 Grade 11 students from the Central Okanagan have registered for Experience OC at the Kelowna campus. The event, held each year during the mid-semester study break, will introduce students to life as an OC student. Between 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 16 high school students will attend four different College classes in Arts, Science, Business, Health, Engineering, Continuing Studies and Trades.

If you see any students looking lost that day, please stop and ask if they need help finding their classroom.

A huge thank you goes out to those who are offering sessions that day!

Similar events will be held in Vernon, Salmon Arm and Penticton in May.

Technology Meet Up in Salmon Arm

On February 21, Salmon Arm recruiter Kristine Gick will attend the Technology Meet Up, a collaborative initiative between School District 83 and the Salmon Arm Economic Development Society.

This event has been designed as a way to bring local post-secondary institutions and the tech industry under one roof in a trade-show

style setting. Students will be exposed to the many technology industry's career opportunities and the educational opportunities that are available to get them into those careers.

Okanagan College will be setting up a booth highlighting all of our Technologies programs. After this event, students will be given the option to attend an OC event offering a more in depth look at our programs during Pizza and Presentation.

Info Sessions at the Vernon Campus

The Vernon campus will be holding their annual info sessions on Wednesday, Mar. 1, 2017.

Anyone considering Okanagan College for their post-secondary education is encouraged to attend. Attendees will learn about:

- The 15 most important things students and parents should know before starting post-secondary;
- the value of an Arts and Science degree;
- how to start your Bachelor of Arts or Science degree at Okanagan College and then transfer to university; and
- business degree program options, study abroad options and opportunities for graduates.

The Freshman 15 Seminar takes place in the Lecture Theatre at 6 p.m. followed by the Arts and Science spotlight session in the Lecture Theatre at 7 p.m. and the Business Spotlight Session in Room E102/103 at 7 p.m.

Those attending will have an opportunity to meet professors and

current students and ask questions. Refreshments will be provided and parking is free. Further information can be found at okanagan.bc.ca/VernonInfoSessions or by calling Tawnya Cameron at 250-545-7291 ext. 2309 or email tcameron@okanagan.bc.ca.

February 2017

- 14-17** Mid-semester study break
- 16** Kelowna Experience OC
- 21** BC Lions presentation: Be More Than a Bystander
- 22** Potluck Series (Penticton)
- 23** Throwback Thursday games event (Penticton)
- 24** Kings Court Volleyball student tournament (Penticton)

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- 3** Last day to withdraw from a course without penalty, change registration status from credit to audit
- 8** Are you Smarter Than an Okanagan College Student trivia event (Kelowna)
- 9** Take a Break student appreciation event - H and C buildings
- 15** Are you Smarter Than an Okanagan College Student Trivia event (Vernon) and Student Appreciation event (Penticton)
- 21** Technology Meet Up and Pizza and Presentation (Salmon Arm)
- 21-23** Drop-in Ping Pong tournament (Kelowna)