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## Staff Updates



On January 7, 2019 staff in the Registrar's Office welcomed a new Registrar. Bob Burge arrived from Ontario to take on the role after holding a variety of leadership positions at Queen's University. With 20 years in the post-secondary sector, Bob has honed his skills in enrolment management, recruitment, admissions, registration, scheduling, policy development and data analysis and management.

As Bob settles into his new role and adjusts to life in the Okanagan, feel free to come by and give him a warm welcome to the College.

Also joining the office as part of the enrolment services team this month is Chelsea De Yaeger who comes to Okanagan College from Capilano University where she worked in several records and registration positions in their Registrar's Office. Chelsea is originally from the Kootenays and looks forward to exploring the Okanagan

and B.C. Interior after having lived away for a number of years. For recreation, Chelsea enjoys swimming, kayaking, and long walks with her dog.

The baby watch ended on January 18 as Charly Leach, Graduation Student Assistant, welcomed her daughter Ainsley to the world. Weighing in at six pounds, 10 ounces, Ainsley and mom are both doing well! The office is looking forward to a future visit from the pair.



## Applications Open

Please note, applications for both Fall 2019 and Winter 2020 programs are now open. Summer 2019 applications will open February 1, 2019.

## Inactive Course and Program Deletions

Once again the Registrar's Office will contact program Chairs and Deans in February to review a list of programs and courses that have not been offered in the past three years. In an effort to keep the Calendar as up to date as possible we will be asking if anything from the list can be deleted. This process eliminates the need for each department to fill out the paperwork required for Education Council for a course or program deletion.

Please note, all courses or programs that are deleted will always be available in the institutional electronic archives. We appreciate your attention to this email when it is sent out in February.



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### January 2019

#### Education Council News

Below is a brief update on items approved at Education Council in January. 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

##### Trades Technology Teacher Education Diploma

Reorganizing the course sequence will allow both those attending part time and those attending full time to better balance the course load.

Proposed date of implementation is November 2018.

##### Bachelor of Computer Information Systems Degree

New courses will be added, several courses will be revised and several courses will be deleted.

Proposed date of implementation is September 2019.

##### Tourism Management Diploma

Students will be required to complete a co-op placement.

Proposed date of implementation is September 2019.

##### Viticulture Technician Diploma

Several revisions will be made including changes to the Calendar description, admission requirements, graduation requirements, addition of courses, deletion of courses and

resequencing of courses.

Proposed date of implementation is September 2019.

#### New Courses

- BIOL 160 - Introductory Biology for Viticulture
- CHEM 151 - Introductory Chemistry for Viticulture
- MATH 125 - Mathematics for Viticulture
- COSC 316 - iOS Application Development
- COSC 326 - Android Application Development
- VITT 125 - Introduction to Viticulture and Wine
- VITT 135 - Grapevine Science
- ONOL 210 - Wine Chemistry and Microbiology
- ONOL 230 - Winery Operations

#### Course Revisions

- COSC 219 - Client-side Web Systems
- COSC 224 - Projects in Computer Science
- COSC 236 - Object-Oriented Systems Analysis and Design
- COSC 320 - Analysis of Algorithms
- COSC 331 - Middleware Development
- COSC 360 - Server-Side Web Systems
- COSC 417 - Topics in Computer Networks
- TOUR 200 - Tourism Co-op
- VITT 140 - Viticulture Technology
- VITT 150 - Vineyard Health and Nutrition
- VITT 160 - Irrigation and Trellis Systems for Vineyards
- VITT 170 - Vineyard Operations
- VITT 210 - Soil and Water Management for Vineyards
- VITT 220 - Grape Harvest and

#### Sensory Principles

- VITT 250 - Vineyard Management
- VITT 270 - Viticulture Capstone Project

The next regular Education Council meeting is scheduled for February 7, 2019.

Details of EdCo approvals can be found at: [www.okanagan.bc.ca/edco](http://www.okanagan.bc.ca/edco).

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



Pets and People will be back at the Kelowna campus during the Stress Buster event on Feb. 7 with their adorable dogs!

### January 2019

- 24** [Soup's On](#) (Vernon)
- 30** Cross Cultural Awareness session - China
- 30** Bell Let's Talk event (Kelowna)
- 31** Okanagan College Social Committee staff pub night - Mission Tap House

### February 2019

- 5** Lunar New Year student event (Kelowna)
- 6** Business Expo 2019
- 7** Stress Buster student event (Kelowna)
- 13** Stress Buster student event (Penticton)
- 18** Family Day (College closed)
- 19-22** Mid-semester study break
- 20** Experience OC (Kelowna)

### Winter Recruitment and Event News

#### Salmon Arm

Students at the Salmon Arm campus were welcomed to campus in January with treats and warm beverages and a new student orientation. With the arrival of the new year, recruiters Kristine Wickner and Dani Valgardson are looking forward to getting back into the schools and attending upcoming job fairs.

Last month on December 7, the campus welcomed 30 School District 83 students for a tour of the Salmon Arm trades campus along with additional companies located in the Industrial Park. The Sticks, Rods, and Bars Tour is a semi-annual event designed to introduce students to occupations available right in Salmon Arm. Students then learn which programs they can take at the College to get them into those occupations.

Dani spent the weekend of December 15-16 promoting winter program starts at the Silverbacks games. Their infamous Teddy Bear Toss and Skate with a Silverback games always draw a big crowd and everyone had an opportunity to take home the hot-off-the-press Continuing Studies Brochure!

#### Vernon

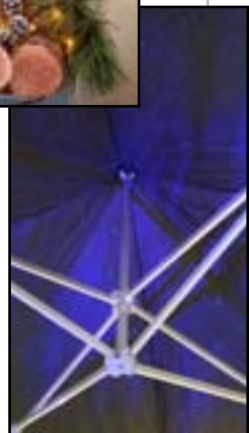
The Vernon campus kicked off the winter semester with free coffee and cookies for everyone on January 7. Recruiter, Tawnya Cameron, and Vernon Student Association Manager, Eric Reist, welcomed new and returning students with treats, information about campus services and impromptu tours.

Tawnya is now concentrating on getting into as many classrooms for presentations as possible in her regional schools, planning the annual campus spring spotlight sessions in Arts, Science and Business (tentatively set for March 13) and will be starting to pull together sessions in preparation for her 13th annual Experience OC event the morning of May 1. In addition to campus event planning and high school presentations, Tawnya is booking space at several career fairs and business expos happening in February and March, helping the OC Alumni Association with 50/50 ticket sales at the February 20 Vernon Vipers game and continuing with her regularly scheduled office hours at WL Seaton and Vernon Secondary School each week.

#### Kelowna



On January 7 the Kelowna campus welcomed new and returning students to campus with fresh baked goods and coffee from McDonald's and SunRype juice and bars at an information table in the Breezeway. The following morning students were invited to attend a Student Cafe in the atrium with more hot coffee and treats. The atrium was then transformed into a ski resort on Wednesday for the annual free student winter lunch with hot chocolate, taco in a bag, s'mores on a stick, a trail mix station, and even an indoor "fire pit" under the stars! At the semi-annual pub night event, students met at a local pub to enjoy appetizers and games. The week was capped off with a pep rally in the atrium on Friday evening followed by women's and men's basketball games.



Experience OC at the Kelowna campus will welcome grade 11 students from across School District 23 to experience a day in the life of an Okanagan College student on February 20. Thank you to all who have volunteered to host a session.

#### Penticton

The winter semester in Penticton kicked off on January 7 with free bars and juices donated by SunRype, and banana bread at a morning welcome table. Later that day at the Winter Welcome Back event 300 students enjoyed vegetarian chili and a bun, cookies, and fruit infused water. Local ski hills Apex and Mount Baldy also attended to offer deals to students and staff. Student services staff were on hand giving away free candy, great draw prizes, and popcorn. Later that week students enjoyed scones and coffee from the OCSU as well as the famous Taco in a Bag lunch.

On January 15 a group of 24 grade 10 and 11 students from Summerland Secondary school visited the Penticton

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campus. Students received a tour of the campus and had the chance to experience college classes. They were also given impromptu lectures by instructors Ryan Ransom and Bryan Penfound.

Liana Swedahl, Penticton Recruiter, and Melanie Wasilenkoff, Business Recruiter for the South Okanagan, visited high schools and counsellors in Summerland, Penticton, Oliver, and Osoyoos on January 16.

The annual Experience OC event will take place on May 8 in Penticton. Please contact Liana at [lswedahl@okanagan.bc.ca](mailto:lswedahl@okanagan.bc.ca) if you would like to host a session.

### Staff Pub Night

The Okanagan College Social Committee invites employees to drop by Mission Tap House on **January 31 between 4 and 6 p.m.** to enjoy happy hour specials and visit with colleagues. Meet in the back by the pool tables!

### Reg Office Giggle of the Day

Every once in a while an email comes in that puts a positive and sometimes comical spin on an otherwise serious academic issue. We couldn't help but share this email from the mother of a College student in some academic hot water. Please read and enjoy this light-hearted reply.

(The names of those involved have been changed to protect their identity.)

From: Jane Doe <janedoe@anywhere.ca>  
Sent: Monday, January 7, 2019 4:46 PM  
To: registration <registration@okanagan.bc.ca>  
Subject: Re: IMPORTANT NOTICE - Academic Standing

Hello Okanagan College Registration Person(s),

Fortunately your information letter regarding the academic standing of our son John Doe came to our family email as it would be a Frosty Friday indeed were John ever to apprise us of his progress ... or not. Now this Fall 2018, his 3rd term at Okanagan College in Kelowna, a term which I actually suggested he consider NOT doing, his marks have reached a remarkable new low. I looked them up after he was home for Christmas because I had his password and was curious.

I am long past laughing hysterically at his various wild and almost deliberate underperformances over the years and I no longer blame my husband and myself for somehow failing at parenting. I think I'm finally getting the picture about John and I'm now in the "it could always be worse" camp. So, he's an adult and as long as he is alive and healthy and self-supporting that's all that matters to me for the foreseeable future.

Oh, I guess I should mention that John a month ago decided not to continue with any courses in Winter 2019. Why he didn't withdraw in September when he saw the writing on the wall I can't imagine.

You know I never saw this coming ... me, the mother of a college dropout ... and I don't care. Why on earth did we bother with an RESP? Oh well ... John will either be fine ... or he won't.

Thanks for reading through my slight rant,

Jane Doe (I do remember putting my own mother through stuff so I suppose I'm getting my own back)

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