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OC Ready to Welcome New Students

Organizers at all four campuses of Okanagan College are preparing for the arrival of thousands of new students this September 5. Each campus will welcome students by providing program orientations as well as some fun and a free lunch! Orientation events are designed to welcome students to the College, their new community and help them learn to navigate the campus and what to expect during their first year.

The Kelowna campus will again offer an extended orientation week for new and returning students with the annual Out-of-Town Cafe, Outdoor Carnival and Movie Night, Beach Day and Pub Night.

At the Penticton campus, organizers have an entire month of activities planned for new and returning students. For more details, see article on page two or visit this [link](#).



Event coordinators at all campuses could not hold events for our students without the support of volunteers. If you, or someone you know, are available to help out, contact the organizer at your campus or find further details at okanagan.bc.ca/orientation.

Ready...Set...Prep

Encourage Kelowna students to come to the College throughout the month of August in preparation for the upcoming school year. During Ready...Set...Prep, students can purchase textbooks, obtain their student ID, get a bus or parking pass and/or a gym pass while avoiding the lineups associated with the first week of school.

This annual event is part of the [Jump Start](#) series, helping students prepare for College through advising sessions, campus tours and more. Jump Start is held at all four campuses throughout the summer each year.

There is still time to attend for incoming students to attend scheduled campus tours at the Kelowna campus. Remaining tours will run:

- Thursday, Aug. 17: 10 a.m.
- Tuesday, Aug. 22: 5 p.m.
- Wednesday, Aug. 30: 12 p.m.
- Thursday, Aug. 31: 12 p.m.



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AUG Update

With the recent announcement of the removal of tuition fees for Adult Upgrading and ESL courses beginning September 1, 2017, the [Upgrading Funding website](#) has been updated to reflect this change.

Please let students know they no longer need the OCUB form when they hand in their AUG applications as tuition is no longer being charged.

The website(s) will be updated once the College has more information and students will be informed.

Staff Update

The Registrar's Office bid farewell to Kelowna Recruitment and Events Coordinator Steph Bodden in July. She didn't go far though! Steph has taken a position in the International Office as a Marketing Recruitment Specialist.

The search for a new Recruitment and Events Coordinator is currently underway.

Taste the Okanagan

To cap off orientation day activities, the Kelowna campus will be holding a tasting event from 2 - 4 p.m. on September 5 in the Courtyard.

During this event, local craft breweries and cideries will be giving out samples to students. In an effort to connect students with their professors and instructors, please consider joining us for this end-of-day event. Non-alcoholic options will also be available for those students not yet 19 years of age.

First Year Success Sessions

The Kelowna and Salmon Arm campuses will be holding sessions focusing on student success prior to the start of the fall semester.

Incoming students at the Kelowna campus are invited to attend Smart Start, pre-orientation sessions that cover topics such as: study tips, stress and time management, writing winning award applications, surviving your first year, eating on a budget, working in groups and more. New students are encouraged to sign up at okanagan.bc.ca/smartstart.

On August 30 and 31 from 9 a.m. -12 p.m., the general public as well as enrolled Okanagan College students are invited to attend Prep for Success - Essential Skills for College. This event is designed to teach students how to get the most out of their education this fall. With topics like effective time management, essay and report writing, learning strategies, critical reading and thinking skills, as well as how to manage stress and overall wellbeing, this event is sure to get students off on the right foot heading into the new semester! Attendance is free, however, students are encouraged to register in advance by emailing jcamp@okanagan.bc.ca.

Penticton Events

September at the Penticton campus will be chock full of great events for students on campus! The following is a list of events. Please pass these along to Penticton students.

Sept. 7: Kickstart BBQ

Sept. 12: Coffee and Cookies

Sept. 13: Aboriginal Potluck

Sept. 19: Colour Day, Tabata Strength and Board Games Galore

Sept. 26: Scavenger Hunt and Pinata Bash

Sept. 28: Save Big - sign up for a student discount card

Sept. 30: Climbing Tour of the Skaha Bluffs

For details on all the great events at the Penticton campus, visit this [link](#).

August 2017

- 18** Regular classes and final exams end for Summer Session II
- 21** Last day to submit final grades for Summer Session II

September 2017

- 4** Labour Day (College closed)
- 5** College-wide [Orientation Day](#)
- 6** Classes begin for all academic programs
- 15** Last day to: register for a Fall semester course, receive a refund of tuition for course drop, change registration status from audit to credit
- 21** 9th Annual Powwow