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### Two Registrar's Office Employees Honoured

The Registrar's Office extends congratulations to Jane Muskens, Registrar, and Steph Bodden, Kelowna Campus Recruitment and Events, who were both honoured with nominations at the Employee Excellence Awards held in Kelowna on May 4, 2016.

Steph, who began at the College less than a year ago, was nominated in the Strong Start category and Jane was nominated for the Continuous Improvement award.



Steph Bodden and Jane Muskens at the Employee Excellence Awards.

### Another Successful Year for Experience OC

The Penticton campus welcomed over 120 grade 11 students from Keremeos, Princeton, Osoyoos, Oliver and Penticton May 3, 2016 for Experience OC, an annual event where students are given an opportunity to spend a day as an Okanagan College student.

Students were able to register for classes from 17 different programs. For some, this was their first visit to the College. The organizers at the Penticton campus would like to thank all the faculty who took the time to organize interesting and meaningful sessions as well as the volunteers who ensured the students had a great first experience at Okanagan College.

Vernon's 12th annual Experience OC on May 4 was a great success this year, running like a well-oiled machine! Students were given the opportunity to register two weeks before the event for three, 40-minute sessions of their choice. This year more than 450 students attended, the largest turnout in more than six years.

A mixture of grade 10 and 11 students from the North Okanagan region (6 schools: Seaton, Kal, VSS, PVSS, Charles Bloom and Vernon Christian) attended and 33 professors offered fun, interactive and interesting sessions related to their area of study. This event is always well received by the schools who participate and the faculty who present sessions.



Photo contributed by Lisa VanderVelde  
Vernon Morning Star



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## May 2016

### Education Council News

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

### New Programs

#### Minor in Computer Information Systems

This minor in computer systems will be offered as a part of the BBA degree electives.

Proposed date of implementation is September 2016.

### Program Revisions

#### Bachelor of Business Administration - Marketing Specialty

The title of BUAD 344 will be changed in the list of electives.

Proposed date of implementation is September 2016.

#### Electronic Engineering Technology Diploma

The program outline will be changed to reflect revisions to the course titles for ELEN 130 and ELEN 126.

Proposed date of implementation is September 2016.

#### Associate of Science

The prerequisites for CHEM 121 have changed so it will no longer be offered in the winter semester, changing the program outline.

Proposed date of implementation is September 2016.

#### Certified Dental Assistant Certificate

Course revisions and new courses will provide consistency with the National Dental Assisting Domains and College of Dental Surgeons' competency requirements.

Proposed date of implementation is August 2016.

### New Courses

- CDA 110 - Clinic Lab I
- CDA 210 - Clinic Lab II
- CDA 310 - Clinic Lab III

### Course Revisions

- BUAD 209 - Business Law
- BUAD 298 - Small Business Management
- BUAD 344 - Applied Marketing Research
- BUAD 359 - Accounting Theory
- BUAD 370 - Leadership
- ELEN 115 - Computer Components and Peripherals
- ELEN 126 - Digital Techniques
- ELEN 130 - Electrical Circuits
- ELEN 254 - Analog and Digital Systems I
- COSC 304 - Introduction to Database Systems
- NRSU 213 - Relational Practice III
- NRSU 223 - Relational Practice IV
- NRSU 229 - Mental Health
- NRSU 238 - Nursing Practice in Community
- NRSU 239 - Nursing Practice in Mental Health
- CDA 100 - Dental Anatomy, Histology/Embryology and Pathology
- CDA 101 - Infection Prevention and Control
- CDA 102 - Preparation for Clinical Practice
- CDA 104 - Restorative Fundamentals
- CDA 200 - Dental Radiography
- CDA 201 - Dental Specialties
- CDA 202 - Preventive Dental Procedures
- CDA 203 - Dental Office Practicum I
- CDA 300 - Practical Dental Skills
- CDA 301 - Fixed and Removable Prosthodontics

- CDA 302 - Direct Patient Care
- CDA 303 - Dental Office Practicum II

The next regular Education Council meeting is scheduled for June 2, 2016.

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.*

## May 2016

- 25** 25th Annual Charity Golf Tournament
- 27** Last day to submit a grade appeal to the Registrar's Office for the Winter semester

## June 2016

- 1** Jump Start Engineering Technology Information Session
- 2** Summer Session I Student BBQ
- 3** Last day to withdraw from a course without academic penalty  
Trades Commencement
- 4** Spring Convocation
- 7** Jump Start Campus Tour and Advising session (Penticton)
- 13** Jump Start Campus Tour and Human Kinetics Advising session (Penticton)
- 16** Jump Start Advising Session and Campus Tour (Salmon Arm)
- 24** Regular classes and final exams end for Summer Session I
- 27** Vernon Convocation  
Last day to submit final grades for Summer Session I
- 29** Summer Convocation

## Second Deposit Trial in Full Swing

As we reported a few months ago, the Registrar's Office, in consultation with the departments, has implemented a second deposit for Trades, Engineering Technology and Computer Information Systems programs starting Fall 2016 onwards as a trial.

The deposit is due approximately 90 days before the program starts. That means June 1 is the due date for any program beginning this September. Students are receiving reminder emails in early May. These reminders will continue weekly. The easiest way for students to pay this second confirmation deposit is online via credit card in myOkanagan under View My Applications.

Any student that receives an offer now or after June 1 will pay both deposits at the time they accept their offer. So why are we trying this? We often see multiple students drop out of a program mid to late August when fees are due. The goal of the second deposit is to ensure, earlier in the process, that the applicant is still committed to attend the program before they are expected to pay full tuition. If they are not, we have three months, versus one week or sometimes less in the past, to offer those seats to applicants on the waitlist.

## Tuition Fees 2016-17

Tuition fees for the 2016-17 academic year have been published and posted online and in the College Calendar. Please view [okanagan.bc.ca/tuition](http://okanagan.bc.ca/tuition) to find full details. Please note that Adult Basic Education fees are now included as well.

## Jump Start

Jump Start sessions at each of the four campuses will begin in May and continue throughout the summer. Jump Start is a series of orientation sessions designed to help new students who are transitioning to College, welcoming them to the Okanagan College community, introducing them to other new students and faculty and offering campus tours and advising sessions.

Direct new students to [okanagan.bc.ca/jumpstart](http://okanagan.bc.ca/jumpstart) for further information and to register!



## Kick Off to Orientation 2016

Staff and committees at all four campuses have begun planning for new student orientation this coming September. Events revolve around helping students feel comfortable on campus and learning about expectations in their coming years at the College. It takes many hours of planning and a whole lot of volunteers to pull it off! Consider volunteering this year and joining in the fun of seeing new, eager students arriving on campus, ready to start the next

step in their educational journey.

To find out more about orientation, visit [okanagan.bc.ca/orientation](http://okanagan.bc.ca/orientation). To volunteer at the Kelowna campus, visit this [link](#). For all other campuses, contact the orientation committee.

We hope to see you getting involved in this exciting programming!

## 2016-17 Calendar

The online Calendar has now been published online as the 2016-17 Calendar. Should you need to reference an older version of the Calendar, please note that archived versions can be found on the bottom of the main page: [okanagan.bc.ca/calendar](http://okanagan.bc.ca/calendar).

## Save the Date!

The OC Social Committee is planning another summer BBQ in the Courtyard on July 6 after 4 p.m. All employees are invited to attend. For just \$10 you will get a yummy burger and a beverage! Watch for more details over the next month. We'll also be looking for your input into the Annual OC Holiday Party. We want to hear from you about what you would like to see at your annual celebration.

