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Annual Student Elections

Do you know a student who would like to make a difference, boost their resume and learn about non-profit governance?

Six student representatives are sought for: Education Council (four positions) and the Board of Governors (two positions) for a one-year term.

Education Council (EdCo) considers curriculum and educational policies relating to students, standards, planning and operations. The Board of Governors has the sole responsibility for the management, administration and control of the property, revenue, expenditures, business and affairs of Okanagan College.

Nominations are open from September 7-24, 2017 with the election taking place from October 7-15, 2017 online in myOkanagan.

Further details including [nomination forms](#) are available in the Elections section in myOkanagan.

Faculty By-Election

An EdCo by-election for two faculty positions from the South Okanagan Similkameen and North

Okanagan regions will also be held in October. All details can be found in the Elections section in myOkanagan.

Career Fair

Okanagan College, Kelowna campus, will host the 36th annual Career Fair on Sunday, Nov. 5, 2017 from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. During Career Fair anyone who applies for any Okanagan College program will have a chance to win a semester's tuition up to \$2,500 or a \$500 tuition voucher! Contact Michelle Lowry for further information at 250-862-5473 or mlowry@okanagan.bc.ca.



Students from the Kelowna campus enjoyed a day on the water as part of orientation week activities in September.



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Staff Updates

This month, the Registrar's Office and the College will bid farewell to Darleen Lajeunesse as she enters retirement. Darleen has worked at the College for 23 years and will end her long career as the friendly face welcoming students and the public at the Information Kiosk just outside the Registrar's Office.

Please drop by and join us in saying goodbye on Friday, Sept. 22 at a retirement celebration between 3 and 4:30 p.m. in the Boardroom (S103B) at the



Kelowna campus.

Another exciting announcement coming out of the Registrar's Office is the arrival of the new Recruitment and Events Coordinator for Central Okanagan. Blake Edwards joined the office on September 18. Blake graduated this year with a BA from UBCO and last worked in Enrolment Services at UBCO. Prior to that, Blake worked with Student Recruitment and Advising for four years and



brings with him a wealth of event management experience.

In his spare time, Blake enjoys travelling and attending fitness classes - sometimes even teaching yoga!

Be sure to stop by the office to welcome him!



Trades Versus Nurses

On Thursday, Aug. 24, the Third Annual Trades versus Nurses Challenge took place on the Okanagan College Penticton Campus and the Mike Perry Trophy was up for grabs again.

Our Trades students tried to make it a three-peat for 2017 but were not able to lay claim to the trophy. Instead, our Nursing students came out ahead for all three events in the

competition - Ladderball, Bocce, and Giant Jenga. Nicely done!

All in all, the day was a fun one for students, staff, and instructors, with the sun shining and lots of pizza and pop for refreshments.

We look forward to the Fourth Annual Trades versus Nurses in 2018. If you want to view the coveted Mike Perry Trophy, it will have a home in the nurses' classroom until next year.



September 2017

- 19 Pre-Powwow Seminar
- 21 9th Annual Powwow
- 29 Vernon Counsellors Breakfast

October 2017

- 9 Thanksgiving Day (College closed)
- 12 Stress Buster - free student event (Kelowna)
- 18 Salmon Arm Campus Open House
- 24 Vernon Freshman 15 presentation
- 25 Penticton Counsellors Lunch and Campus Information Night
- 27 Last day to withdraw from a course without academic penalty
- 30 Kelowna Counsellors Lunch
- 31 Halloween Howler - free student event (Kelowna)

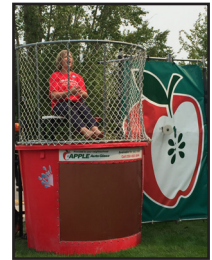
New Students Receive a Warm Welcome

Students at the Salmon Arm, Vernon, Kelowna and Penticton campuses beginning their studies this fall were greeted by staff, returning students and instructors and professors on Sept. 5, 2017 during orientation events.

Salmon Arm

More than 130 students attended orientation events at the Salmon Arm Campus. Students enjoyed a taco in a bag lunch, juice and bars donated by SunRype and participated in afternoon Carnival Games featuring President Jim Hamilton on Wheel of Fortune and Dean Joan Ragsdale in the dunk tank!

Students were invited to attend other September welcome events such as the OCSU BBQ, a pre-Powwow etiquette potluck and the Semester Kick off Party on September 14!



Vernon



Photo courtesy of Jennifer Smith, Vernon Morning Star.

Approximately 250 students attended Orientation Day at the Vernon Campus - one of the biggest turnouts to date! New students were kept busy all morning with free coffee, juice and bars from SunRype and cookies to kick off the morning, followed by a welcome session in the lecture theatre. From there, students went into program sessions and then participated in a scavenger hunt which helped them get to know the campus. The event was capped off by a free lunch, catered by Basket Case Picnics, and lots of games and prize giveaways including a bar fridge, barbeque, iPad, movie and golf passes, coffee cards, gift baskets, restaurant gift certificates and more!

Kelowna

Kelowna welcomed more than 1,400 students for orientation day events. Students were greeted with free coffee, donated juice and bars from SunRype, OC welcome bags and lanyards. A DJ and two student MCs greeted students and ran a short icebreaker in the courtyard. Following that was an official welcome featuring an Aboriginal singer and Andrew Hay, Vice President, Education.

Students were then sent off for program-specific sessions where they learned about services available on campus and expectations for their first semester of college. The Kick Off Carnival began at 11 a.m. in the courtyard where students enjoyed a free lunch catered by local company Nourish, played giant games, had a chance to dunk one of the Coyotes baseball rookie players in the dunk tank, sat for a caricature and participated in the annual beaver toss! At the end of the day students were treated to a free tasting event with local breweries and cideries which ended with an impromptu dance party led by the DJ! Other events that week included a free movie night in the courtyard, a coffee-house style meet and greet, a beach day with lessons and use of stand up paddle boards and a pub night at Mission Tap House.



Penticton



The Penticton campus welcomed over 200 new and returning students for Kick Off to Orientation day with tote bags full of OC swag and coupons from local businesses, a light breakfast, juice and bars donated by SunRype and a Student Services Expo on the Common Green. Attendees were given campus tours led by second-year students which included tips for a successful first year and information about the exciting events planned throughout the month of September.

Students were treated to a drumming performance of the Okanagan Song by Alec Cardenas from the Penticton Indian Band. Regional Dean, Eric Corneau, gave a welcome speech before students broke into groups for an icebreaker Bingo game and department sessions across campus. The new Viticulture Technician Diploma students commemorated their first day by signing bottles of wine from local wineries they will visit during their program. Another highlight of the day was the rapid-fire trivia game led by English instructor, Jeremy Beaulne, who tested students' local, historical, and Game of Thrones knowledge over lunch.