

CONNECTIONS 2020

Online

Tuesday, August 25, 2020

9:00 - 10:00					Plenary Session - President's Welcome & OC video				
10:15 - 11:00		AUDIENCE	WORKSHOPS	DESCRIPTIONS	FACILITATORS				
A1	Fun	Mystery Session	Mystery Session		Executive				
A2	Fun	Mystery Session	Mystery Session		Regional				
A3	General	Surviving in the Wilderness	SURVIVE! What to do if you're stuck in the woods. A beginners class in surviving in the Canadian wilderness.		John Caspers				
A4	Instructional	Importance of an active learning environment	Topics that will be covered are: - active/passive learning environment - learning pyramid - multiple intelligence (or aka "smart flower") - how to motivate students - effective learning		Vladimir Neykov				
A5	Informative	Welcome Aboard to New OC Employees	Are you just starting at OC this Fall 2020? Do you know where to find answers? The intent of this session is to provide answers to common FAQs new faculty may have, such as: Where can I find my class lists? Where can I check my schedule? If I need a room key, who might I ask? Where do I enter grades? How do I set up a course in Moodle? How do I claim travel expenses? Where do I get a parking pass? How do I order text books for my class? How do I access a printer (or print services)? Session Facilitators Janice Mcquilkin and Michael Sale have answers and look forward to supporting new faculty.		Janice Mcquilkin & Michael Sale				
A6	Instructional	Supporting Individuals with Autism in the <i>New Normal</i> Learning Environment	The mind of an individual with autism is "different but not less" (Temple Grandin). Understand how difference leads to the unique talents of these individuals. Learn practical classroom strategies and how these strategies impact brain processing and anxiety. Autism + support = unique abilities added to our community.		Joanne Poole, RN BN				
A7	Fun	Indigenous Wood Carving	Join Anthony Isaac and Master Carver Darren Mackenzie in learning introductory traditional carving techniques. Anthony and Darren will showcase several handmade traditional carving knives, demonstrating how to use them on a 31-foot, red cedar totem pole that is currently in progress. Darren and Anthony will also break down the main steps in creating an animal figure, or human portrait mask.		Anthony Isaac Darren McKenzie Jewell Gillies				
A8	Health	Showing up for yourself and others during COVID-19: Trauma-informed practice and self-compassion as tools for community wellness	The pandemic has affected us all in a variety of ways, and there is no doubt that it will continue to have a long-term emotional impact. This workshop will introduce how we can use trauma-informed practice and self-compassion as tools to care for the health and well-being not only of ourselves but of our students and our communities as we move forward.		Sarah Lefebure MA, RCC & Samantha Johnson, BSW, MACP				
A9	Informative	How to Incorporate Student Accommodations and Supports into Moodle	Supporting learner success is at the forefront of our minds during this period of rapid change. As the college continues to shift its offerings online, you may have questions concerning how to properly accommodate students. During this session we will examine specific features in Moodle, Blackboard Collaborate as well as web-based resources that can proactively meet learners' needs. Instructional strategies and the tenets of Universal Design for Learning will also be discussed. Please bring your challenges and successes to share in this collaborative workshop.		Chantale Hutchinson & Angela Chekley				
A10	Fun	Salve Making	Salves have been created and used over the course of thousands of years as a way to apply herbal medicines externally onto peoples' bodies to help heal various ailments and pathogens; such as acne, shingles, sun burns, bee stings, dryness, rashes, cuts, bruises, and muscle aches. Salves offer a safe way for people to treat health conditions using natural, plant-based ingredients quickly and without having to depend on synthetic over-the-counter products. We believe that because the ingredients that are put into salves are natural and so closely linked to the land that they possess a healing power that our bodies absorb efficiently and effectively.		Justen Peters				
A11	Instructional	Work-Integrated Learning - What is all the buzz about?	Have you been reading or hearing about work-integrated learning and wondering what the buzz is about? Where does work-integrated learning occur and what does it look like – is work the same as co-ops, practicums, student capstone projects or applied research projects? How does it relate to student success? This workshop will present some answers to those questions and offer opportunities for participants to think about additional ways in which OC students can experience work-integrated learning.		Beverly Dietze, PhD				
A12	Fun	Growing Herbs at Home	Imagine you are cooking dinner and rather than reaching for the bottle of dated, mixed, dried herbs in the cupboard you are able to go out the garden and pick fresh herbs. Join OC Culinary apprenticeship instructor Geoffrey Couper [aka "Cheffrey"] in this presentation on selecting, growing and cooking with home grown herbs. This is sure to have your taste buds tingling.		Geoffrey Couper				
A13	General	Thinking of buying an E vehicle	The future of cars will be electric. But what does this mean? How far do these cars travel? How will this change the driving experience. Join representatives from Trades in top considerations when purchasing an electric vehicle and installing a home charging station.		Automotive Technician Team				
11:00 - 11:15					Break				

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B1	Fun	Mystery Session	Mystery Session	Executive
B3	Fun	Grapes Unknown	Discover grapes off the beaten path in this session designed to expand your palate beyond the classic international varieties. Instead of opening the fridge for a bottle of chardonnay – try Sovereign Opal a unique made-in-BC varietal grown by only one grower in the world: the Casorso family vineyard in Kelowna or Torrontés an aromatic varietal originating from Argentina. Who knows you could discover some obscure varietal grown only in a remote region of Italy – which may just compel you to want to travel there to experience that unique authenticity. Warning: the purchase and consumption of some unknown grape varietal may be required. **\$20 Wine purchase required by registrants prior to session**	Jonathan Rouse
B4	Instructional	The Power of Online Learning – Ten Strategies that Facilitators use to Support Student Success	On-line learning can be dynamic, creative, thought provoking and an incredible engaging learning community that supports student learning and their success. How the on-line learning environment is structured and facilitated are predictors of student engagement and success. This workshop will outline ten evidence-based strategies that are promoted to support students in becoming engaged in learning online in college environments.	Beverly Dietze, PhD
B5	Fun	Halloween Carving	Brush up on your carving skills early and learn a different approach to pumpkin carving using sculpting tools. Check out Villafane Studios for some inspiration and come ready to try something new. Depending on what's available, we will use pumpkins, squash, yams, or even potatoes. All are fun to carve and the skills you use with one are transferrable to the rest. **Vegetable and tools required to be purchased by registrants prior to the session.**	Brad Steinbart
B6	Fun	Hola, ¿Habla español?	Regardless of your Spanish language skills, in this interactive session you will learn and practice basic greetings, farewells and useful expressions for when you travel to a Spanish-speaking country. In addition, you will learn some interesting facts about the Mexican culture. ¡Hasta la vista, compañeros!	Cynthia Garcia
B7	Instructional	Making Moodle More Mobile	You might be surprised to learn that many of your students are working through your Moodle course on their phone or tablet. While Moodle 3.5 is designed to be responsive to mobile platforms there are some things you can do to help. In this interactive workshop we will cover some quick fixes to your Moodle course pages and investigate the best methods of delivering content and activities for viewing on smartphones and tablets. Some of the topics we will cover include useful blocks to add to your course, using Moodle Pages and Books for delivering easily editable content and making quizzes work on a small screen. This workshop is designed for all users of Moodle - novice to expert. Bring your smartphone or tablet if you have one.	Julie Dais & Mike Minions
B8	General	Trading and Investing in Financial Markets	What is up with market volatility these days? Can ordinary people "win", or even survive investing in these markets? Or should one simply hunker down, pay off debt, and wait for things to "get better"?	Bevan Ferreira, MSC (Math), MSC (Quantitative Finance)
B9	Health	Energy Healing Yoga	Light up your rainbow! Using Yoga postures, meditation and energy medicine, learn about the energy systems in our bodies, tap into your Chakras. Feel uplifted and enlightened! Please wear comfortable clothing, bring water and if possible, a yoga mat.	Julianne Smith
B10	Health	Flourishing or floundering? Assessing OC's commitment to promoting health and wellbeing	In educational settings, employee wellbeing can be overlooked but is a key component in promoting institutional health and wellness. We invite you to join us in discussing the importance of OC employee wellbeing: where we are, where we could be, and how we can get there. You will hear about the importance of health and wellbeing from some of your colleagues; you will be invited to be a part of the development of our Health and Wellness Strategy, a student and employee informed plan to operationally guide Okanagan College's commitment to health promotion – in all our endeavors and for all members of our community.	Glendon Wiebe, PhD, RCC & Angela Chekley
B13	General	Living in the Current Middle Ages	Currently there are 2 active groups that operate in the Okanagan Valley recreating the medieval era in a variety of aspects, studying and practicing arts and sciences, martial skills, and bardic endeavors. Come explore the world of historical recreation, specifically of the Middle Ages (600 A.D. to 1650 A.D).	Naomi Kleinschmidt
12:00 - 12:15		Break		
12:15 - 1:00		Special Presentation: Dine & Discover, President Hamilton unplugged		
1:00 - 1:45		Social hour and music		