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Gator News for Grads

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WGSS ALUMNI…

Two WGSS Alumni have contacted us and offered to come and speak with our students. Please note below the session(s) you may wish to attend

What is first year University really like?

When: **Wednesday Nov 16th**
Time: **Flex**
Where: **Library Annex**
Who: **Grade 11 and 12 students**

Come and meet with Kierstin Venne, first year Engineering student, and Amanda Dickson-Otty, first year Arts One student, from UBC. They will tell you about dorm life, lectures, homework, their programs, and life on UBC's Vancouver campus. They want to provide you with firsthand knowledge to better prepare you for your transition to universities like UBC. Come ready with questions! Can't make it but still have a burning question? You are welcome to email them at: k.venne@alumni.ubc.ca or amanda.otty@gmail.com

Encouragement and advice for Aboriginal Students

When: **Tuesday January 17th**
Time: **Flex**
Where: **Library Annex**
Who: **Intended for Grade 10-12 Aboriginal students,** but all interested students are welcome to attend

Nolan Chem is currently in 4th year Sciences at UBC. Nolan will be sharing about the various awards, research opportunities, and experiences available to aboriginal students at UBC. The focus of his talk will be about the Sciences program but what he shares is applicable to other disciplines such as psychology or the arts faculty.

Applications Open

KPU and BCIT application portals open on **November 1st**. If students are considering programs at these institutions they are reminded that some limited intake programs fill on a first-qualified basis. If you are applying to **BCIT**, you will likely want to request an electronic copy of your transcript before that date so you can upload it when you apply. You should also have created your account in EducationPlannerBC before November 1st. If you are applying to **Nursing** at **KPU**, the portal opens at **9:00 am**.

Specific University Information

University of British Columbia

- The UBC application deadline to be considered for early admission for the 2017 Fall Session is **December 1, 2016**
- The final application deadline for Fall 2017 is **January 15, 2017**
- UBC's Personal Profile is used to assess a student's preparedness for university. Applicants are asked to reflect on past experiences, accomplishments, and challenges by answering five to seven questions
- Read UBC's advice and watch their video on how to put forth a strong Personal Profile

University of Victoria

- UVic is now **accepting applications** for next September; the deadline for current high school students is **February 28, 2017** www.uvic.ca/apply
- **Supplementary applications** are required for certain programs -- you will need to answer supplementary questions or upload specific documents (such as letters of intent, resumes and references) in addition to the regular application. Depending on the program, students may be asked to upload these materials before or after submitting their application, or to send documents directly to the department. A listing of programs that require supplemental application information is available on UVic's website. www.uvic.ca/supplemental
- **Self-reporting opens February 15, 2017** Applicants must self-report their grades between **February 15 and March 31, 2017.** www.uvic.ca/self-reporting
- **English language proficiency deadlines**

  All applicants to UVic (regardless of country of origin or citizenship status) are required to demonstrate English language proficiency prior to admission. www.uvic.ca/elr

  Deadlines to submit proof of English language proficiency are:
  - Gustavson School of Business – **March 15, 2017**
  - All other faculties and programs – **May 1, 2017**

  Students are reminded that applications will not be processed until proof of language proficiency has been confirmed. Students are encouraged to submit documentation as soon as possible.

University of Calgary

- U of C's undergraduate application opened October 1st
- Supporting documents, such as transcripts, must be received by the University by **January 15th for early admission**. If official transcripts are not available by the deadlines, students may provide unofficial copies of high school records to be considered for tentative admission. They may be emailed as a PDF to **transcripts@ucalgary.ca**.

These are a few answers to frequently asked questions:

- Students must report all of their Grade 12 courses
- Students do not need to self-report grades
- Students do not need to list any courses from grade 11 or earlier
- Students should select a first and second choice program and their second choice should have a lower competitive admission average

University of Saskatchewan

- Applications for admission to U of S for the 2017-2018 academic year opened **online** in early October, and up-to-date admission requirements and application deadlines are all available at **explore.usask.ca**
- **December 1** is the deadline to apply for early admission to programs in the **Edwards School of Business**, the **College of Engineering** and the **College of Kinesiology**, and is also the deadline to apply for admission for all entering students who plan to apply for **Best and Brightest Entrance Scholarships**
- By **December 1**, applicants must submit:
  - the online application for admission and application fee,
  - an up-to-date transcript,
  - an official timetable or class schedule listing all classes they will be completing, and
  - proof of English proficiency, if required
- Information about the steps to apply, including how to check the status of your application and send documents is at: **explore.usask.ca/admissions**

Information Sessions

University of the Fraser Valley

When: **Thursday, October 27th**
Time: **9:00-11:00 am**
Where: **Counselling and Career Centre**

- Two UFV advisors will be at WGSS in the Counselling and Career Centre meeting with students (and parents) the morning of Oct. 27
- Appointments are 15 minutes in length
- *Only two appointment times are available, so sign-up today on the sheet on the counter in the Counselling Centre.*

Emily Carr University of Art & Design

When: **Monday, October 31 - cancelled. We are working with Emily Carr and Mr. Gordon to reschedule this event**

Trinity Western University

When: **Thursday, November 10th**
Time: **Flex**
Where: **Library Annex**
Who: **Rachel Tung,** Undergraduate Admissions Counsellor
Rachel.Tung@twu.ca

Students who are considering applying to TWU are invited to meet with Rachel. She will assist you with your application and answer your questions about the application process.

Post-Secondary University Evening for Parents

When: **Tuesday, November 15, 7:00 pm**
Where: **WGSS Library**
Who: **UVIC, UFV, KPU, TWU, SFU**

Parents: Are you interested in hearing directly from university recruiters about their programs? WGSS is hosting a District PSI night. You (and your partner) can sign-up to attend two sessions of your choice. Register https://goo.gl/forms/0IkV5YKz4o8VTLTO2

University of Guelph-Humber

When: **Wednesday, November 16**
Time: **3:00 pm**
Where: **At MOUNTAIN SECONDARY Room 209**, not at WGSS

- Hilton Liu, Academic Advisor, will be at RE Mountain Secondary, sharing about the unique programs at UGH
- At Guelph Humber you can earn a university honours degree and a college diploma concurrently and graduate in 4 years with two credentials
- Their programs are designed to integrate academic studies with hands-on experience

University of Alberta (U of A)

When: **Monday, November 17**
Time: **9:44 – 10:30 (FLEX)**
Where: **WGSS Library Annex**

David McNicoll, National Student Recruiter, will be sharing about the opportunities available to students at the U of A. He will also discuss scholarship opportunities and answer application questions

McGill University

When: **Wednesday, November 23**
Time: **9:44 – 10:30 (FLEX)**
Where: **WGSS Library Annex**

We are pleased to be able to host McGill at WGSS this year. Students in Grade 11 or 12 who are interested in learning about McGill are welcome to attend this presentation

University of Toronto

When: **Saturday, November 26, 2016**
Time: **Check in at 1:30, session starts promptly at 2:00 pm**
Where: **Vancouver Convention Centre**

Registration is required and space is limited. Register online for this Vancouver Information Session at:
http://www.future.utoronto.ca/infoevent

Entrance Scholarships

UBC Entrance Awards

- **The Major Entrance Scholarship** program recognizes exceptional students for their academic and non-academic achievements by offering awards valued up to $40,000. Students who apply by **December 1** will be automatically considered for this award.
- **The Centennial Scholars Entrance Award** is designed to improve access to post-secondary education for students facing significant financial barriers. This award is valued up to $80,000 and requires a separate application. Deadline to apply is **December 1.**
- **Aboriginal Student Awards -** A number of Major Entrance Scholarships and Centennial Scholars Entrance Awards are designated specifically for Aboriginal students. Applicants can self-identify as Aboriginal in their application to UBC.
- **International undergraduate entrance scholarships -** UBC recognizes the achievements of outstanding students from around the world by devoting non-public funds to scholarships and awards for international students.
- **Tuition waiver for youth in care -** UBC is now offering a tuition waiver for eligible youth in care. Students can identify as a youth in care in their application to UBC.

Queen's Major Admission Award

- Students who demonstrate superior academic ability, creative and original thinking, involvement in school or community activities, and proven leadership qualities can apply for a major admission award. Financial need is also a consideration for some of our major admission awards.
- You may apply for one or all of these awards listed below by submitting a single Major Admission Award Application. The deadline to submit your application to the Student Awards Office is **December 1, 2016**.
- 2017-2018 Major Admission Awards Application
- Students who are interested in being considered for nomination by WGSS for the Chancellor's Scholarship (or the QuARMS) need to submit their Comprehensive Resume to Ms. Kifiak by **Monday, November 14**
- http://www.queensu.ca/studentawards/financial-assistance/admission-scholarships-bursaries-and-awards/major-admission-awards

U of Toronto: Lester B. Pearson International Scholarship

- 37 awards for full tuition + residency for 4 years
- The Pearson Scholarships provide an unparalleled opportunity for outstanding international students to study at the University of Toronto
- WGSS is able to nominate one international student
- The candidate should be a creative thinker with an exceptional academic record who is recognized as a leader within their school.
- A special emphasis will be placed on the impact the candidate has had on the life of their school and community, and their future potential to contribute positively to the global community
- To be considered for this nomination, you need to submit your Comprehensive Resume to Ms. Kifiak by **November 14**
pearson.utoronto.ca

Scholarships

Indspire – Awards for Indigenous Youth

- Indspire provides bursaries and scholarships to eligible students to help them complete their education and training for careers in many growth sectors of the Canadian economy
- Over 20,000 scholarships totaling almost $65 million are available
- Indigenous students and their families should research the opportunities available to them through this fund https://indspire.ca/
- Students with Aboriginal heritage are also strongly encouraged to review the subdirectory on SD 35's website of all available scholarships: District Scholarship Site (select "*Aboriginal Scholarships and Awards*" towards the bottom on the page).

Scotia National Scholarship

- 12, $2,500 scholarships
- To apply, you need to submit a short essay of 150 words or less on how you will "Fund Your Future"
- **Deadline: November 2** http://www.fundyourfuture.ca/nationalscholarship/Terms.aspx

TD Leadership Scholarship

- TD Leaders award is seeking students who have demonstrated ***outstanding*** and ***consistent*** dedication to solve a community problem or make their community better.
- Application Due: **November 18**
- Requirements: two letters of support - one from community group, one letter from school; essay, and school transcript tdcanadatrust.com/scholarship

Schulich Leader Scholarships

- 50 scholarships awarded each year
- The award has increased from $80,000 to $100,000 this year
- This award is intended for students intending to enroll in the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) areas of study at one of 20 participating universities
- Criteria (minimum of 2): Academic Excellence; Outstanding Community, Business or Entrepreneurial Leadership, and/or Financial Need
- WGSS may nominate **one** candidate
- Application must be submitted by **February 1, 2017**
- If you wish to be considered for the WGSS nomination, please provide your Comprehensive Resume to Ms. Kifiak by **December 2, 2016**. Be sure to indicate which universities and which programs you have applied for.
- WGSS will make a decision before Christmas break of who will be sponsored so that the applicant has ample time to complete the required application schulichleaders.com/

Novus Biologicals Scholarship

- $1500
- Awarded to students pursuing a degree in a science related field twice a year
- **Deadline: December 9th**
- novusbio.com/scholarship-program.html

French for the Future

- National French Essay Contest
- Scholarships: $1,000 - $12,000 towards post-secondary studies at one of eight participating institutions to assist students to study partially or completely in French
- Essay contest for Grade 10-12 students
- **Deadline: December 16th** french-future.org/programs/essay-contest/

Entrance Exams

SAT

- Those students who are considering attending an American Institution, or who will be playing on an NCAA team (e.g. SFU) must have written the SAT and have those results available by December
- Information Packages are available in the Counselling Centre or speak to one of the counsellors for additional information
- **School Code is: 821161**
- Register at: http://sat.collegeboard.org

Volunteer Opportunities

Check the Career Centre website for up-to-date volunteer opportunities:

http://wgsscareercentre.weebly.com/current-volunteer-opportunities.html

JKE Spooktacular

- Are you a former JKE student? Looking for some volunteer hours? Consider volunteering at their upcoming Fall Fun Fair – **Spooktacular**!
- Each year, several WGSS students volunteer 3 hours to run this event.

Date: **Fri. Oct. 28th**
Time: **6:00 – 9:00 pm**
Contact: **ryshimmin@gmail.com**

RCMP YOUTH ADVISORY

Do you have something to say about issues facing Youth? Applications are being accepted until October 31st, 2016 to become part of the RCMP Youth Advisory program. You will play a pivotal role working with RCMP to tackle issues facing Youth.

Applications are available from Christy de Bulnes.

Other Opportunities

2016 CPA Career Connections: University Fair + Panel Discussion

When: **Tuesday, November 15**
Time: **6:00 – 8:30 pm**
Where: **Marriott Hotel**
1128 W Hastings St., Vancouver

- CPABC is proud to host the inaugural *Career Connections | University Fair + Panel Discussion* to engage high school students and provide them with insight into future career opportunities.
- See Christy before **Nov. 8** to register
- Students are permitted to bring 1 parent or guardian https://www.bccpa.ca/become-a-cpa/cpabc-events/high-school-events/

SHAD – Empowering Exceptional Students:

When: **Wednesday, October 26th**
Time: **FLEX**
Where: **Career Centre**

- SHAD is a registered Canadian charity that empowers exceptional high school students to recognize their own capabilities and envision their extraordinary potential as tomorrow's leaders and change makers
- Each year, SHAD provides the opportunity for 700 students from across Canada and internationally to attend a month-long summer program, in-residence at one of 13 Canadian host universities which focuses on STEM (science, technology, engineering & math)
- The program will run **July 2-28, 2016**
- There are currently more than 14,000 SHAD alumni including 26 Rhodes Scholars, Top 40 Under 40 & Top 20 Under 20 award recipients, and many other accomplished professionals
- Students selected through the rigorous competitive process for places in the

summer program are top performers typically with grades over 90%, who are also well-rounded emerging leaders demonstrating initiative, creativity and flair
- Students are leaders in their schools, volunteers in their communities, and are often gifted musicians, artists and athletes
- On-line applications are now available
- **Due Date: November 28, 2016**
- Please see Christy or Mr. Stephenson for additional information www.shad.ca/Apply.htm

BC Youth Parliament

- The BC Youth Parliament's 88th Parliament will be held in Victoria at the Provincial Legislative Chambers from **December 27 - 31, 2016**
- The Youth Parliament is a province-wide non-partisan organization for young people. It teaches citizenship skills through participation in the parliamentary session in December and continuing involvement in community service activities throughout the year.
- As the Youth Parliament is non-partisan, applicants need only be interested in learning more about the parliamentary process and in serving their community upon return from the Parliament
- Youth Parliament is a one year commitment
- **Application Deadline**: **October 27, 2016**
- Cost of the program is: $275.00. Financial assistance is available
- Applicants will be notified whether they have been selected by mid-November
- For more information on the application process visit: www.bcyp.org/joinus.html

Info Sessions/Open Houses

Experience Vancouver Community College

When: **Wednesday Oct. 26**
Time: **4:00 – 7:00 pm**
Where: **VCC Downtown Campus**

Don't just visit, come and "Experience" the programs at VCC**.** Engage and interact with 120 programs!
http://www.vcc.ca/applying/apply-now/info-sessionstours/experience-vcc/

Vancouver Film School

When: **Saturday, Oct. 29**
Time**:** **2:00 – 5:00 pm**
Where: **VFS Animation + Visual Effects Campus** 151 W. Cordova Street, Vancouver

- FEATURED PRESENTER: *Bill Marchant – Creative Specialist – Acting Faculty*
- Bill's feature film, *Everyone,* won Best Canadian Film at the Montreal World Film Festival and was nominated for four Leo Awards. Along with numerous roles in Canadian television, Bill has written and directed short films and plays.
- Encourage interested students to reserve a spot at the upcoming Open House now, so they can learn about the VFS experience, plus find out if they qualify for the VFS Next Level Scholarship fund. https://vfs.edu/events/openhouse

UBC – Engineering Explorations 12

When: **Saturday, November 5**
Time: **10:00 – 3:00**
Where: **Vancouver Campus**

- Are you a grade 12 girl who is curious about engineering? Want to see what university is like? Come to the University of British Columbia for our inaugural grade 12 girls' conference in November!

- The conference is an exciting opportunity for grade 12 girls to participate in hands-on workshops, explore the University of British Columbia, meet engineering students and compete in a design competition!
  Register online: http://engcite.engineering.ubc.ca/events/engineering-explorations/ee12/

Discover University of Victoria

When: **Saturday, November 5th**
Time: **10:00 – 4:00** (sign-in at 9:30 am)
Where: **UVic**

Discover UVic is a one-day, on-campus event for grade 11 and 12 students to learn more about UVic's academic programs and support services while discovering UVic's campus in person. The program highlights include recruitment sessions, a Q&A with current students, lectures by UVic faculty members, campus tours and an information fair. Preregistration is required for all attendees by the **November 2** deadline. Visit www.uvic.ca/discover to learn more and to register.

KPU Music Information Session

When: **Saturday, November 5th**
Time: **1:00 p.m.**
Where: **KPU Langley, Room 1030**

- For those students who are considering a career in music, or would like to simply like to continue developing their talents, Kwantlen Polytechnic University's Music Department is holding Music Information Sessions.
- Register by emailing: music@kpu.ca

Capliano – School of Design – Open Studio Day

When: **Saturday, November 5th**
Time: **1:00 p.m.**
Where: **Capilano, North Vancouver, Arbutus Building, Room 106**

- Are you interested in a career as a graphic designer, art director, illustrator, concept artist, UX or interactive designer (to name only a few design career options)?
- IDEA School of Design encourages you to bring your portfolio
- For directions and campus maps visit blog: ideaprogram.ca
  https://www.capilanou.ca/idea/

UFV Portfolio Information Session

When: **Tuesday, November 8**
Time: **6:00 – 9:00 pm**
Where: **UFV Mission Campus**

- Join UFV's portfolio info session and find out how to put your talent to work as a graphic designer
- Tour our studios and talk to our students
- Bring your sketchbook and artwork and get some feedback from our faculty
  http://www.ufv.ca/graphic-design/

KPU – Langley – Open House

When: **Wednesday, November 9**
Time: **4:00 – 7:30 pm**
Where: **Langley Campus**

Visit KPU Langley and learn about their exciting and diverse program offerings. They welcome you to visit their Nursing, Science, Brewing, and Horticulture labs and tour their Music studios.
https://connect.kpu.ca/events/index.do

BCIT Big Info Session

When: **Wednesday, November 16**
Time: **5:00 – 8:00 pm**
Where: **Burnaby Campus**

- **Register online:** http://commons.bcit.ca/biginfo/

Strengthening Connections: Aboriginal PSI Fair

When: **Monday, November 21**
Time: **12:30 – 2:30 pm**
Where: **Langley Secondary school**

- Speak to Una-Ann or Christy for additional information
- Door prizes will be available strengtheningconnections.ca/

Explore Capilano

When: **Wednesday, November 23**
Time: **6:00 – 8:30 pm**
Where: **North Vancouver Campus** capilanou.ca/future/visit-cap/Explore-Capilano/

UBC – Vancouver – Speciality Program Day

When: **Saturday, November 26**
Time: **10:00 – 3:00**
Where: **Vancouver Campus**

- Register online: http://you.ubc.ca/tours-info-sessions/campus-tours-events/on-campus-events/

UBC Engineering Open House

When: **Saturday, November 26**
Time: **10:00 – 4:00**
Where: **UBC - Vancouver Campus**

- Did you know engineers do more than build bridges and design fast cars? Engineers help prevent disease, reduce poverty and creates solutions to protect people and our planet.
- At the UBC Engineering Open House, you will have the opportunity to see interesting demonstrations, take lab tours, and listen to informative presentations or talk to academic advisors, professors and current students about all your options. Plan to participate in this opportunity to learn how engineering can make a world of difference.
- Bring your friends and family to explore – we suggest you plan to attend the whole day, as there are activities happening throughout the day.
- **This year, the School of Architecture and Landscape Architecture as well as the School of Nursing will also be at our Academic Booth Fair** https://engineering.ubc.ca/prospective-students/events-and-visits-connects/open-house

Bosa Centre for Film & Animation (Capilano University) - Open House

When: **Saturday, November 26, 2016**
Time: **11:00 am – 3:00 pm**
Where: **North Vancouver, Bosa Centre for Film & Animation**

- There is no need to register for this event. For further information, contact: Bosa Centre for Film & Animation
  Email: film@capilanou.ca
  Phone: 604.990.7868
  Website: School of Motion Picture Arts
- Info about event: https://www.capilanou.ca/animation/events/Bosa-Centre-for-Film---Animation-Open-House/

SFU – Surrey – Open House

When: **Wednesday, November 30**
Time: **5:30 – 8:00 pm**
Where: **Surrey Campus**

- Tours, information sessions, talk with current student

National Portfolio Day

When: **December 3rd (line-up early!)**
Where: **Emily Carr University of Art and Design**

- Representatives from 26 different art and design schools across North America are part of this event.
- Students planning to participate should speak to Mr. Gordon for information on how to prepare your portfolio and present your work **ecuad.ca/calendar/category/prospective-student-tours-events**

An Evening with U of Victoria

When: **Monday, December 5**
Time: **6:00 – 9:00 pm**
Where: **Hilton Vancouver at Metrotown**

- Do you want to learn more about UVic, but don't have the time to visit Victoria?
- Join this evening with UVic to meet with and hear from recruiters, admissions representatives and current students. Find out how UVic can help you accomplish your goals and connect with other future UVic students who share your interests.

Some of the areas covered include:

- making the most of your academic experience life on campus, including living and studying in residence
- student budgeting and financial support
- co-operative education and student employment
- Pre-register for this event at: uvic.ca/future-students/undergraduate/connect/events/an-evening-with-uvic.php

Nursing Information

UVF Nursing

Information session:
When: **November 2nd, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. or, November 8th, 6:00-8:00 p.m.**
Where: **UFV Chilliwack Campus**

Register: http://www.ufv.ca/health/info-session/

KPU's Nursing Program

- **Registration opens November 1st, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.**
- The B.Sc. Nursing and B.Psych. Nursing programs have a common foundation year prior to Year 2 admission to BSN/BPN programs. The B.Sc. Nursing program no longer is a first-year entry program,
- On November 1st, students may apply to the new Health Foundations program

Douglas College – BSc Nursing Info Session

When: **Tuesday, November 15, 2016 and Tuesday, November 29, 2016**
Time: **5:00 pm**
Where: **Coquitlam Campus, Room A1470**
douglascollege.ca/study-at-douglas/information-sessions

Career Planning Tools

Sometimes students say they have 'no idea' what they may be interested in doing (or studying) after high school. These websites have career tests and tools for exploring various post-secondary program options:

My Blue Print
- myblueprint.ca/
- Activation Code: **WalnutGrove**

Education Planner
- Educationplanner.bc.ca

Careers in Trades
- careersintrades.ca

BC Jobs Information
- workbc.ca

Learning Opportunities

BCIT Biotechnology Career Awareness Workshop

- When: **December 12 - 16** (5 days)
- Where: **BCIT, Burnaby SW9**
- Cost: **$204**
- Built on a partnership between BCIT, Life Science BC, local Biotechnology companies and participating school districts, this week long program at BCIT is for Grade 10, 11, 12 students and consists of a series of lab workshops and industry visits. Students choose an area of focus.
- For further information and application, visit: bcit.ca/study/courses/biot0001
- Contact: biotech@bcit.ca