WGSS

Gator News for Grads

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TVR Reports

Counsellors will be visiting English/Communications 12 classes on **Monday, December 4th** and **Tuesday, December 5th**. Students will receive a copy of their Transcript Verification Report (TVR) to review.

It is important for students to confirm that their address is correct and that all of their courses are listed correctly.

Students will receive a second copy of their TVR in May as a final confirmation that the Ministry records are accurately.

If students are absent, the information will be left with their teacher.

WGSS + District Scholarship Workshop

On **Thursday, November 30th**, during **Flex**, our counselling team will be hosting a Scholarship Workshop in the **main library**. Students who are interested in applying for the District, WGSS, and the District Authority Awards, should attend this meeting. The application form will be posted and available on **December 1st** on the WGSS Counsellors Website. The completed application form, with supporting documents is due at **noon** on **February 22, 2018.**

Last year the graduates won a total of $50,000 from the District Authority Awards and $47,850 from the Walnut Grove and Langley District Scholarship Application. It is worth it to apply.

Student Transcript Service (STS)

To access the service, students will go to the Ministry of Education's transcripts and certificates website at www.StudentTranscripts.gov.bc.ca. Please note that all students must register for a BC Government account (a BCeID). After registering for a BCeID, students follow the system prompts and register for STS. Finally, they log in to the Student Transcripts Service using the BCeID. From a student's STS Dashboard, they are able to make post-secondary institution selections, view their transcript and assessment results, and send transcripts to post-secondary institutions and other third parties.

Using StudentTranscripts, current students are able to select if they want to send a transcript in the spring (interim - May), and/or when final marks are complete (late-July).

At this time, 125 Grade 12s have completed the process; **230 Grade 12s have not**. Counsellors will be visiting GT classes early in the New Year to help second-semester GT students with this.

Our Counsellors and Career Advisor are available to assist students with any questions they may have about this. Additional instructions are available in this PowerPoint presentation provided by the Ministry: Student Transcript Service PowerPoint

Individual Advising Appointments @ WGSS

KPU is offering one-on-one student advising sessions at WGSS. Take advantage of this convenience to meet with advisors who know the most about their institution's programs. Please sign-up for your 15 minute session in the counselling office now. Parents are welcome to come with their teen.

KPU
Date: **Wednesday, December 13th**
Time: **9:30 – 11:30 am**
Place: **WGSS Counselling Office**

Specific Institution Information

BCIT

There are over 300 programs at BCIT for students to choose from -- from applied and natural sciences, to health, business, engineering, trades, computing and academic studies.

BCIT started accepting applications on **November 1st**. Applying to BCIT is different than applying to many of than other institutions. High school students apply directly to the program of their choice following these three steps:

1. Choose a program
2. Meet the entrance requirements on the Program's Entry page
3. Apply online and attach your transcript as a PDF file

In many cases, students will want to have requested an electronic copy of their transcript from the Counselling Department to submit with their application. BCIT requires proof that you have completed the program requirements at the Grade 12 level, or have a final grade for the Grade 11 'pre-requisite' course and proof of registration in the Grade 12 required course.

Some of the trades programs have over a year's waiting list. Waitlist information can be checked here. In order to jump ahead on the waitlist, consider writing the BCIT Trades Entry Tests. Options are available for you to write these tests here at WGSS.

This year BCIT has once again earned the #5 spot on the list of Canada's Top 50 Research Colleges. BCIT has maintained first place in British Columbia and fifth place nationally, with a total research income of $6.3 million dollars. This is according to Research Infosource Inc., which recently released its annual list.

Information Sessions

- Information Sessions are a great way to learn more about a BCIT program, related careers, and to get your questions answered by faculty and staff www.bcit.ca/infosessions

Campus Tours

- Campus tours give you the opportunity to see BCIT in-person and "get a feel" for the place. Tours are offered throughout the year from September until June www.bcit.ca/tours

Spend a Day

- Interested in being a BCIT Student for a Day? Thinking about applying to BCIT and want to make sure it's for you? Want to test out a program that interests you by sampling what BCIT student life is all about? www.bcit.ca/spendaday

- This is what a former Grade 12 student, had to say about "Spending a Day" with the BCIT Automotive Refinishing program:

"It was a great experience. I learned quite a bit about the trade and bonded with some current students in the program. I learned a lot about the program, and what I would be doing. I joined in with the students and worked with them. The students were very welcoming. I recommend the program for any student thinking of going into the trades. It was a day I'll never forget and I hope I get the chance to go back."

V. Pering – Grad 2017 – currently completing the BCIT Auto Refinishing Program and employed in the industry…living her dream!

Simon Fraser University – Webinars

This fall, SFU is offering recruitment webinars for prospective students and parents. All are welcome! Like our in-person information sessions, these webinars will discuss all that SFU has to offer for undergraduate students, as well as information regarding admissions, financial aid, and residence. Attendees will also have the opportunity to have their questions answered live by SFU staff. Register now

U of Saskatchewan – Up-Date

December 1 is deadline **to apply** for early admission for the 2018 Fall Term (September) for:

Education
Edwards School of Business
Engineering
Kinesiology
Bachelor of Science in Animal Bioscience

NOTICE: The deadline for **supplemental documents** to be received by the Admissions Office for students to be considered for early admission has been **extended to December 15.**

By applying by December 1 and submitting supplemental documents by December 15, students can be offered early admission to these programs if they meet a minimum early admission average instead of waiting for the competitive ranking to take place following the final application deadline on **February 15, 2018**.

Up-Coming Learning Opportunities

Additional Dates for Your Calendar:
Nov. 30, Flex – **District Scholarship Workshop**
Dec. 1, Flex – **U of Toronto**
Dec. 13, Flex – **KPU @ WGSS appointments**
Dec. 20, Flex – **U Waterloo Engineering (former WGSS student)**

Current Scholarships

Schulich Leader Scholarships

- 50 $100,000 scholarships are awarded each year
- This is Canadian's largest and most prestigious STEM undergraduate award
- This award is intended for students intending to enroll in the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) areas of study at a participating university
- Note: Students cannot be planning a career as a medical practitioner.
- 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, 2018
- If you wish to be considered for this award, please provide your Comprehensive Resume to Ms. Kifiak by **December 4, 2017**. Be sure to indicate which universities and which programs you have applied for. schulichleaders.com/

Volleyball BC Excellence Award

- Volleyball BC provides numerous awards to recognize individuals who have made noteworthy contributions during the 2017 club, beach, and high school seasons.
- Students must be nominated by their coach for this award.
  Deadline: December 12th
  Volleyball BC Award Info

Novus Biologicals Scholarship

- $1500
- **Deadline: December 15th**
- novusbio.com/scholarship-program.html

Google Generation Scholarship

- $5000 (x1)
- **Deadline: December 11th**
  https://goo.gl/u1ltcq

Burger King Scholarship

- Scholarships range from $1000 - $50,000
- Must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale to be eligible
- Must be planning to enroll full-time, without interruption, for the entire 2018-19 academic year at an accredited two- or four-year college, university or vocational-technical school in the U.S., Canada or Puerto Rico
- **Deadline: December 15th**
  scholarsapply.org/burgerkingscholars/

University of Alberta International Scholarship

- International students are eligible for a variety of entrance scholarships, including some reserved specifically for international students studying in Canada. Scholarships reward students who have demonstrated superior academic achievement or exceptional leadership qualities.
- **Deadline: December 18th**
  UofA International Scholarship

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 22nd**
  french-future.org/programs/essay-contest/

UBC International Scholarship

- Up to $40,000 over 4 years
- Each year, International Major Entrance Scholarships (IMES) are awarded to exceptional international students entering undergraduate programs at UBC. Students receive their scholarships when they enter their first year at UBC, and the scholarships are renewable for up to three additional years of study.
- **Deadline : January 15th**
  UBC International Scholarship

STEAM Horizon Awards

- $25,000 (x5)
- Award for student leaders, achievers, innovators enrolling in a STEAM field in post-secondary institutions
- Must be a Canadian citizen, or permanent resident of Canada
- Must be between 16 and 18 years old at the time of application
- Must be recognized for STEAM-related accomplishments in a formal or informal way
- Must be maintaining a minimum academic average of 85%
- Must either be preparing to enroll, or currently enrolled, in their first year of post-secondary education. The enrolment must be in a STEAM field in Canada
- **Deadline: January 16th**
- For more information, please visit: http://steamhorizonawards.ca/

Langley SASSY Awards

The four Rotary Clubs of Langley, are in the process of seeking applicants who demonstrate leadership skills in the following 7 SASSY categories:

- Community service (local)
- Environmental leadership
- Youth Leadership
- Arts & Culture Leadership
- International Service (global)
- Overcoming Adversity
- Sports Leadership

SASSY stands for "Service above Self". If you know of any student(s), 15-21 years old, who exemplify Rotary ideals by making a positive impact in the Langley community and around the world, please visit SASSY awards to find out how you can nominate students.

- $2,000 is given out over the 7 categories
- $1000 to the winner and $500 to each of the two runners up.
- There will be twenty one prize winners in all
- This year the Sassy Awards will be held on May 17, 2018 at 7:00 pm at the Chief Sepass Theatre.
- Email nomination deadline is March 9th; mailed nomination deadline is March 5th
- On **Friday, January 12th** during **FLEX** in the **Library Annex**, WGSS will host an information session to assist students with completing the Sassy application form. For further information, please visit the website.

Terry Fox Humanitarian Award

- Up to $28,000 over 4 years
- The selection committee is considering the extent to which candidates have experienced and overcome what others might consider **insurmountable** obstacles and yet are determined and dedicated to helping others. While Terry's obstacle was a physical one, the committee considers any circumstance that requires a demonstration of courage and fortitude. Tenacity in the face of adversity is of utmost importance to the committee. The committee considers all factors but weigh humanitarianism the highest.
- Students need three references (completed online)
- **Deadline: February 1st**
- For more information, please visit: www.terryfoxawards.ca

Entrance Scholarship Deadlines

- **December 1 – UBC**
- **December 1 – Queen's**
- **December 1 – U of Saskatchewan**
- **December 1 – U of Manitoba**
- **December 5 – Carlton**
- **December 9 + 15 – University of Calgary**
- **December 15 – UNBC**
- **December 18 – University of Alberta**
- **January 15 – SFU**
- **March 1 – UFV**
- **March 31 – UVic**
- **January 25 – McGill**
- **April 11 – KPU**
- **April 15 – Waterloo**

Nursing Information

Douglas College – BSc Nursing Info Session

Date: **December 5th**
Time: **5:00 - pm**
Place: **Coquitlam Campus, Room A1470**
Douglas Nursing Information Session

Open Houses + Info. Sessions

UFV Engineering & Mechatronics Info

Date: **Wednesday, November 29th**
Time: **5:30 – 6:45 pm**
Place: **UFV Abbotsford Campus**
Building B, Room B101

- Open to high school students and parents.
- Topics will include: program options – engineering transfer and engineering physics; timelines; deadlines; registration process; and career opportunities
- RSVP required: myra.hughes@ufv.ca by **November 22nd**. Subject line should read "Engineering Info Session"

BCIT Associate Certificate of Graphic Design

Date: **Wednesday, November 29th or Monday, January 8th**
Time: **5:30 – 7:00 pm**
Place: **BCIT Burnaby Campus**
Bld SE02-212A & 212B
Town Square A/B

- This program is 6 months long with 2 intakes per year
- Students learn Business Strategies, the Design Process, basics of Graphic Design using current software and complete a portfolio
- Students do not need a portfolio nor an interview to apply but they must attend an information session
BCIT Graphic Design Information

National Portfolio Day

Date: **December 2nd (line-up early!)**
Time: **11:00 – 3:00**
Place: **Emily Carr University of Art + Design**
520 E 1st Avenue, Vancouver

- 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. For more information visit: Emily Carr National Portfolio Day

Discover UVic

Date: **Monday, December 4th**
Time: **7:00 – 9:00 pm**
Place: **Metrotown Hilton**

- 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.
- Register through this link

Unique Opportunities

Theatre Production Training

- Learn the skills that you need to become a stage theatre technician. Get practical, live experience in Lighting, Sound, Rigging and Audio Visual. You will learn how to do Theatre Production for Dance, Drama, Corporate A/V and Live Music Performances.
- You will receive course credit for Theatre Production (MTPR II) or Advanced Theatre Production (MTPRT 12), it can also be used toward Leadership 12. This is available to students in Grade 10-12.
- The course will be completed over 5 weekend incentives, plus practicum experience.
- Application Deadline: **November 29th**
- Apply via email to both kstatham@sd35.bc.ca and cchorney@sd35.bc.ca

Millennium: TechCon2017

- Meet professionals in tech fields and listen to keynote speakers, attend 3 different workshops (Virtual Reality, Robotics, Graphic Design)
- Food, drinks and freebies
- $20 Early bird – ends Nov. 26th

Where: **Launch Academy**
300 - 128 West Hastings St.
Date: **Saturday, Dec. 9th**
Time: **8:00 – 5:00pm**
Registration required: Register here

House of Commons Page Program

- Application deadline: **December 4, 2017** ourcommons.ca/page

Gene Researcher for a Week (DRFAW)

When: **Spring Break 2018**
Where: **BCIT**
Application Deadline: **December 24, 2017**

- This one-week Spring Break opportunity is available for students who are interested in science and genetics.
- Students will gain insights into the world of genetic diseases through mentorship in one of Canada's top genetic labs.
- The program is designed to provide some work experience to motivated students who have not had extensive lab experience

Candidate Requirements:
1. Canadian residents
2. In grade 11 or 12 and 16 by January 1
3. Overall GPA of 85% or higher
4. Interested in pursuing a career in human genetics
5. Must be well rounded, in extra-curricular activities, volunteer

Deadline to apply is **December 24, 2017**. Applications and information can be found online at: http://grfaw.ca

McGill's Schulich School of Music - Regional Auditions

Auditions:
Where: **Vancouver Academy of Music – Koerner Recital Hall**
1270 Chestnut Street, Vancouver
Date/time: **February 4th from 9:00-5:00pm & February 5th 9:00-6:30pm**

Woodwinds and Brass Masterclass:
Where: **Vancouver Academy of Music – Koerner Recital Hall**
1270 Chestnut Street, Vancouver
Date/time: **February 5th 7:00-9:00pm**

Click here to register for Auditions

- Students who have applied by **December 1st** can choose to have the audition in Vancouver instead of having to go to McGill.
- You will meet with a Schulich School of Music representative, who will record your audition. This recording is considered your final audition and it will be assessed in Montreal by an audition panel.
- Everyone who applies to an undergraduate music research or performance program at McGill must play an instrument and audition.

TRU Creative Non-Fiction Writing Contest

- Would you like to win free tuition to TRU?
- Contestants are encouraged submit a self-written creative non-fiction essay of a minimum of 1,500 to a maximum of 2,500 words.
- Topic: *"A time you have taken a risk."*
- Submissions must be completed before the deadline of 11:55 p.m. **December 15th**
- More details: TRU Writing Contest

Career Planning Tools

Sometimes students say they have 'no idea' what they may be interested in doing (or studying) after high school. Consider attending one of the following Career & Education Fairs:

Education & Career Fairs

Free Admission all day to explore 100+ employers and post-secondary institutions
Where: **Abbotsford Tradex**
When: **December 5th**
Time: **9:00 – 2:00**

Exhibitors include: RCMP, BC Corrections, BC Auto Careers, Scotiabank, Association of BC Forest Professionals, Beauty Council/BC Barbers, Human Resources Management Association, WorkBC, Aveda Institute & Academy, John Casablancas Institute, Le Cordon Bleu Ottawa, Pacific Institute of Culinary Arts, Think Tank Training Centre, Vancouver Film School, BCIT, Langara College, Okanagan College, Southern Alberta Institute of Technology, Vancouver Community College, Canadian Coast Guard College, KPU, New York Institute of Technology (Vancouver), TRU, TWU, UFV, UVIC School of Health Science, Western University.
www.educationcareerfairs.com

The following websites are useful places to start. They have career tests and tools for exploring various post-secondary program options:

Education Planner
- Educationplanner.bc.ca

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

Careers in Trades
- careersintrades.ca

BC Jobs Information
- workbc.ca

Volunteer Opportunities

There are several other volunteer opportunities available. Check the website http://wgsscareercentre.weebly.com/current-volunteer-opportunities.html and/or volunteer board outside the Career Centre.