

Career Counsellor News

November 2009



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Upcoming events, dates and deadlines:

November 2nd

Wendy's Classic Achievers Scholarship Program Deadline

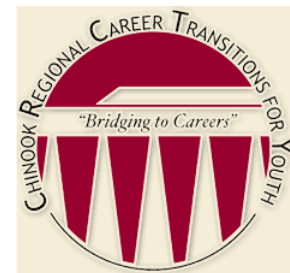


This award recognizes Canadian students who excel in academics, extracurricular activities and community service. To be eligible for the Wendy's Classic Achiever® Scholarship Awards Program, you must meet the following basic criteria: be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident living in Canada; be in your graduating year of a Canadian high school with the intent to enter college or university in the next academic year; achieved at least a 70% grade average in your previous year; participated in at least one extracurricular activity; demonstrated involvement in your local community (e.g. volunteer work). Please note: you do not need to be an employee of Wendy's to apply for a Classic Achiever scholarship; however, if you are a Wendy's Crew member, there's also something for you! Please visit www.wendysclassicachiever.ca for details.

November 4th

Cardboard Boat Race - Registration Deadline

Design, construct and race a boat made of cardboard across the swimming pool at the U of L. Participants will be provided with the required materials on the day of the event to design and construct the cardboard boat. Teams must be made up of four students from the same high school or junior high school. Judging is based on design construction, speed across the pool and weight carried. Teams must register with Mrs. Flexhaug well in advance of the registration deadline!



November 4th

Take Our Kids To Work Day



A national event where Grade 9 students have the opportunity to go to work for a day with their parents.

November 5th

Lethbridge College Career Conference and Open House

You're invited to Lethbridge College's Career Conference 2009. This event is a prime opportunity for students and alumni to see into their futures by investigating the numerous career areas represented. Industry experts, business people and Lethbridge College program representatives will be your career advisors for the day.

*Location: Lethbridge College Val Matteotti Gymnasium and throughout the College
Time: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.*



November 6th – Registration Deadline

November 14th – Event Day

University of Alberta Rural Discovery Day

Participants will have the chance to find out what they need to know about U of A's undergraduate programs; discuss university life with current undergraduate students from other rural areas; receive information on the U of A's awards, residences and services; have a tour of the Lister Centre Residence and U of A North Campus; win great prizes, including U of A apparel; and participate in an optional application session to apply for admission to the U of A.

RSVP by November 6th at www.registrar.ualberta.ca/rsvp.

Date: Saturday, November 14th

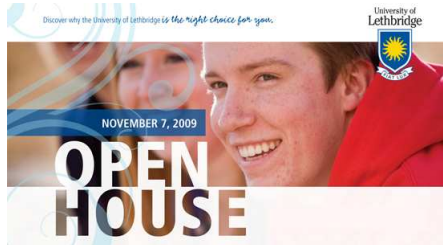
Location: Maple Leaf Room, Lister Centre; 116 St & 87 Ave, Edmonton

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



November 7th

University of Lethbridge Open House



Is the U of L right for you? On November 7th, the U of L will be hosting an Open House – get a tour of the campus from a current student, have your admission questions answered, find out where a U of L degree can take you, meet U of L professors and students, learn about international exchanges and co-op opportunities, and take in a Pronghorns game or a theatre performance.

Students who apply for admission to the U of L at the Open House will automatically be entered in a draw for a \$1,500 tuition credit!

*For more details and to sign up, visit:
<http://DISCOVER.ulethbridge.ca/OpenHouse>*

November 25th

Cardboard Boat Races

*It's race day! Registration deadline was November 4th.
Location: University of Lethbridge
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.*



November 25th

Kate Andrews Parent-Teacher Interviews

*Location: Kate Andrews High School Gym
Time: 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.*



November 27th

Alberta Consumer Champion Awards Youth Poster Competition Deadline



This competition is open to youth between the ages of 15 and 18. The poster competition encourages youth to gain a better understanding of how to protect themselves from the risks of identity theft, renting a place of their own, consumer contracts, internet shopping and buying a car. Entrants design an original poster and complete a research questionnaire to become eligible for awards of \$1,000, \$500 or \$250. Submissions will be judged on the following criteria: originality and innovation, clear messaging about your consumer topic, knowledge of consumer rights and responsibilities, and empowers young consumers. Visit www.servicealberta.ca.

December 7th

House of Commons Page Program Deadline

House of Commons Pages are selected from high schools across Canada every year. Senior high school students who maintain an average of 80% and who are fluent in English and French are invited to apply. Students must also be accepted at a university in the National Capital Region. Pages play a key role in the communications network on Parliament Hill. Visit <http://www.parl.gc.ca/hocpage> for details.



December 15th

University of Lethbridge Board of Governors' Admission Scholarship



Scholarships will be granted to the highest achieving applicants from geographic regions in Alberta, British Columbia, and Saskatchewan. You must apply for admission to the U of L by December 15.

December 15th

University of Alberta Academic Excellence Entrance Award Deadline

Eligible applicants will have a minimum award average of 80% based on Grade 11 and 12 marks. Visit www.ualberta.ca to apply.



Visit these websites for more scholarship and award opportunities:

- www.alis.alberta.ca
- www.canlearn.ca
- www.scholarshipscanada.com
- www.aucc.ca
- www.studentawards.com
- www.myschool101.com



Also, apply for scholarships and awards with the school that you're planning on attending after graduation.

Here are two opportunities for you to speak your mind and give your opinion: Take advantage of these opportunities!!

Uthink Online Survey Contest



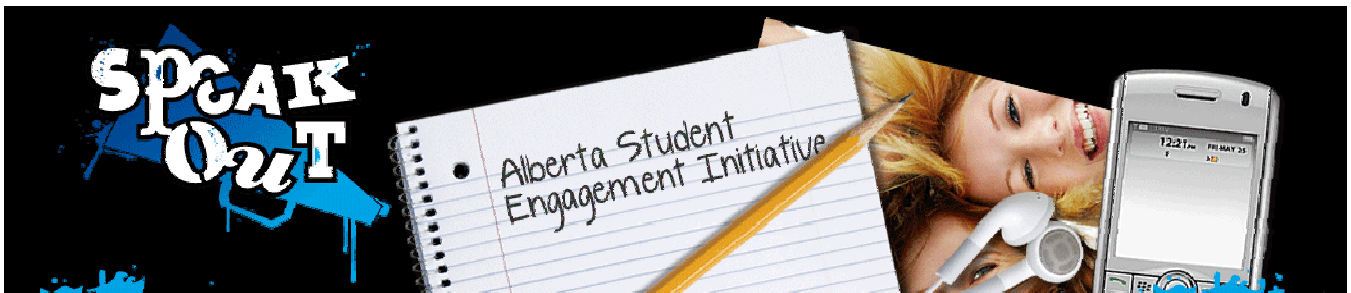
Monthly prizes from \$250 to \$500; Quarterly prize of \$2500 or a MacBook Air. Join the Uthink Online Panel Site, give your opinion and help shape the world we live in. When you sign up for Uthink Online, you're automatically entered to win 1 of 3 monthly cash prizes and the quarterly grand prize! As a member, you'll have the opportunity to participate in surveys and research studies – it's your chance to help determine the policies, programs, products and services which will affect your everyday life. Plus, you'll get an extra entry for every survey you complete. Visit www.uthinkonline.com.

SPEAK OUT! ALBERTA STUDENT ENGAGEMENT INITIATIVE

Speak Out is an opportunity for Alberta's youth to share their experiences and ideas and to help the people who make decisions about our schools understand the issues that are important to us. Check out the Blog and Discuss Tabs. Post your ideas and "Speak Out"! Parents, teachers, principals, superintendents, school board trustees, university and government officials, including the Minister of Education - they're all listening!

Each month from September 2009 to June 2010, Speak Out will feature a random draw for four prizes courtesy of our featured sponsors. It's so simple... answer a short survey to be entered into a random draw for great prizes. There are new winners every month.

Visit www.speakout.alberta.ca for details.



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This month's featured career....

Land Surveying

If you like math and science, geomatics is a career for you. Mathematical principles, trigonometry, and wide-ranging applications of math and computer skills are important elements of daily activities of an Alberta Land Surveyor.



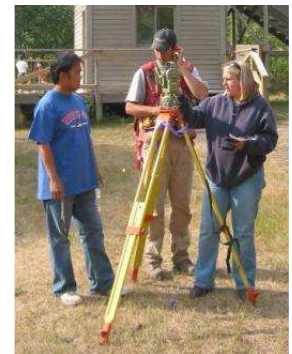
Become a geomatics professional and choose the kind of work you do and where you do it. Set your own boundaries. Geomatics is a wide-ranging profession providing opportunities in energy exploration, land development, GIS (geographic information systems), mapping, creating boundaries for air space, surveying of lakes, rivers and watercourses, and creating plans and documents for the countless uses of land.

When it comes to geomatics, land surveyors are on the leading edge of technology. Sophisticated computer equipment, GPS (global positioning systems), lasers, and other technologies help land surveyors accomplish amazing feats – from laying out the Great Britain-France Chunnel to setting out a well-site location in the wilderness of the boreal forest or the eastern slopes of the Rocky Mountains.

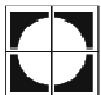
A land surveyor has choices. Spend a great deal of time in the outdoors or spend time in an office -- it's up to you.

Choose the profession because of variety – apply your professional technical skills indoors or take your computers and technology into the field with a survey crew – you'll have the best of both worlds.

There is no shortage of work for the land surveyor! It is easy to find employment and current demand is high!



Land surveyors are professionals just like architects, lawyers, engineers and medical doctors. Their activities are governed by provincial legislation, which defines their exclusive scope of professional practice. No one else can legally do the work of an Alberta Land Surveyor. Land surveyors are proud professionals dedicated to the highest stands of excellence in land measurement and boundary determination to protect the public's interest. They want things to be accurate and they do their best to ensure it is.



Alberta Land Surveyors' Association

This information was gathered from the Alberta Land Surveyors' Association. Visit www.alsa.ab.ca for more details.

MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE
IN LITTLE LIVES.
AND YOUR OWN



THINKING ABOUT A CAREER IN CHILD CARE?

The Government of Alberta has launched a campaign encouraging Grade 10, 11 and 12 students to consider the child care profession. Start your career today by taking the Orientation Course.

Intended for people without any formal training in child care, the course is free and earns you the child development assistant certification, which qualifies you for a position in child care.

If you complete this course while you are still in high school, you are eligible for a \$2,500 scholarship towards your college education.

Visit: www.bethedifference.alberta.ca for details.

BE THE DIFFERENCE.



START PREPARING FOR 2010...

February 1st

Burger King Scholars Program Deadline



BURGER KING® Scholars awards are \$1,000 each and may be used for educational expenses, such as tuition fees and books, during the first year of college or post-secondary vocational/technical school. For students to qualify, they must be a high school senior and a resident of the U.S., Canada or Puerto Rico that meets the following criteria: maintains a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or higher; works part-time for a minimum of 10 hours per week or 40 weeks per year; be actively involved in community service activities; demonstrates financial need (1040 form required); plans to enroll in an accredited two/or four-year college, university, or vocational/technical school by Fall of the application year. To learn more about the program, please visit the Foundation's website at <http://www.haveityourwayfoundation.org/>.

February 15th

Grant MacEwan United World College Scholarships Deadline

The United World Colleges were created to promote international understanding through education, service and social responsibility. These scholarships were named in honour of the late Dr. J.W. Grant MacEwan and administered by the Alberta Scholarship Programs. The scholarships reward Alberta's best Grade 11 students with a chance to complete their high school at one of the twelve United World Colleges located throughout the world. Value of the award is tuition, room and board, and one return trip home per year. The scholarship covers both years of the program. Applicants must be Alberta residents and be between the ages of 16 and 17 and a half. Applicants are normally in the process of completing Grade 11. Please see Mrs. Flexhaug for an application.



UNITED WORLD
COLLEGES

March 1st and 15th

University of Alberta Awards Deadlines

Scholastic Distinction Awards - Eligible applicants will have a minimum award average of approximately 95% based on Grade 10, 11 and 12 marks. Deadline is March 1st.



Entrance Leadership Awards - Eligible applicants will have outstanding leadership and a minimum award average of 80% based on Grade 11 and 12 marks. Deadline is March 15th.

Visit www.ualberta.ca to apply.

March 15th

University of Lethbridge Leadership/High School Awards Deadline



Scholarships and awards are available on the basis of your predicted admission average/academic achievement as well as other criteria, such as leadership ability, volunteer experience, artistic ability and financial need. A separate scholarship application is required by March 1, which can be completed on-line at www.uleth.ca.

March 26th

Design Exchange's 15th Annual Sears Canadian High School Design Competition Deadline

Design Exchange is proud to announce the 15th Annual Sears Canadian High School Design Competition. The aim of the competition is to promote the study and awareness of various design disciplines in schools across Canada. The competition is open to all high school students, at the junior (Grade 10 and below) and senior (Grade 11 and above) levels. Prizes will be awarded at the two levels, in each of the four categories -- Industrial Design, Fashion Design, Architectural Interior Design, and Graphic Design. See Mrs. Flexhaug for details.



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April 15th

Ben's Beef Jerky Scholarship Program

Ben will award three \$500 scholarships to Alberta high school students (open to Grades 10, 11 and 12). **The Cowboy & Cowgirl Scholarship** will be awarded to the applicant who writes the best poem that features "Ben's Beef Jerky" in the poem. **The Science & Innovation Scholarship** will be awarded to the applicant who writes the best essay about creative ideas on new/different beef jerky flavours; efficient ways to make beef jerky; efficient ways to package food; natural food preservatives; "green" beef manufacturing processes; and/or anything else you can think of! **The Business & Marketing Scholarship** will be awarded to the applicant with the best business and marketing ideas to sell Ben's Beef Jerky, writing the best essay with a concept for a creative print, radio, or internet video advertisement. Students may enter one, two, or all three categories. For more information, visit www.bensbeefjerky.com.



Interested in participating in an educational travel program?

KATIMAVIK

KATIMAVIK is a 9-month program for young people who want to make a difference and try something new. Live in three different provinces with a group of 10 other people your age from across the country. Explore new and different work environments while making a hands-on contribution to your host communities in three different provinces. You generally put in 35 hours a week for non-profit organizations -- build hiking trails, teach reading skills, organize festivals, restore heritage sites, work for community TV stations, accompany the elderly or people with learning disabilities, and the list goes on! It's more than volunteer work! You'll live in a house rented by Katimavik for your group and your project leader. Together you'll learn to manage and share housing duties, connect with members of your host community and discover the region. For details, visit www.katimavik.org.

Katimavik



ENCOUNTERS WITH CANADA

Spend a week with Encounters with Canada – Canada's largest youth forum! Every week of the school year, 120-138 teens from across Canada (ages 14-17) come to Ottawa where they discover their country through each other, learn about Canadian institutions, meet famous and accomplished Canadians, explore exciting career themes, develop their civic leadership skills, and live an extraordinary bilingual experience. Over 78,000 youth have lived the EWC experience so far! For details, visit <http://www.encounters-rencontres.ca>



HISTORICA

Encounters with Canada



EDUCATION FIRST

Education First is an exchange year for students ages 14 to 18. Would you like to speak Mandarin, French, German or Spanish fluently? Experience another culture and other customs or traditions? Attend high school in another country, and experience for yourself how teenagers there live and think? All of this will come true when you participate in a high school year abroad with EF. Visit www.ef.com for details.

Show you care & make a difference... Volunteer!



Volunteering gives you a chance to do something good and worthwhile in your community! You have an opportunity to network with professionals, help residents, and it's a great way to boost your resume and scholarship chances!

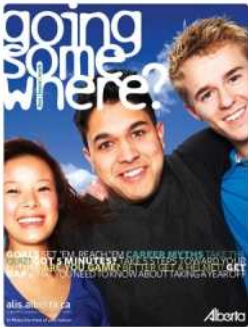
Chinook Health - Coaldale Health Centre has several volunteer placement openings in a variety of roles, including portering, meal times, beauty care, crafts, reading, and entertainment. This request for teen involvement has the potential to be very rewarding and informative for students.

Please see Mrs. Flexhaug for details.

This month's featured student resource...

Going Somewhere?

Live/Learn/Work



It's a good idea to read this magazine if:

- ❖ you're wondering what direction to take after high school and need to focus your thoughts
- ❖ you know and like the direction you're headed in, but need some help taking steps to achieve your goal
- ❖ you haven't got a clue what to think or feel or do about any of this

Thinking about your life after high school? **Going Somewhere?** is about you and your future—your next 5 minutes, your next 2 weeks, your next 2 years. It's a quick introduction to career development for young people. The articles inside help you discover your interests, passions, skills and strengths so you can begin to plan your life, learning and work.

Going Somewhere? is a publication from the Alberta Government, Alberta Employment and Immigration.

See Mrs. Flexhaug for your **free copy** of **Going Somewhere?** and start planning your future!

