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Complete the voluntary Ontario Tech Student Communication Survey and be
entered into a draw for a chance to win 1 of 5 \$50 Amazon eGift cards The
survey will take approximately 10 minutes to complete. The answers collected
will be used to ensure future communication planning at the university is
meeting the needs of our students!

Academic Support



• Exam season is here! Use this helpful <u>online exam checklist</u> to prepare for your online exams and help reduce your stress.

Career Readiness



- The Career Centre and Devant have joined together to provide career supports
 for international students. Check out, and register for all the great workshops
 that are happening in April; including a live expert panel discussing Careers in
 Digital Communications & PR, Perfecting your Interview Skills and a Q &
 A with a Canadian Immigration Lawyer!
- <u>iLaunch</u>, is a series of workshops for new grads designed to launch you into the next phase of your life. At **iLaunch** you will: chat with different employers about ways to be successful in your job search, develop strategies to enhance your job search and learn practical work-readiness skills. This year's series will take place from **May 2 to 4** with both in-person and virtual options to choose from. For a full schedule of the in-person and virtual days, visit the <u>Student Life Portal</u> and register to let us know you're coming!

Community



- safeTALK is a suicide alertness program that prepares community members to be suicide alert helpers. Register for this single day, three-hour training session that must be attended in-person. safeTALK participants will learn that opportunities to help a person with thoughts of suicide are sometimes missed, dismissed and avoided and will learn the TALK steps - Tell, Ask, Listen and Keep Safe.
- The Student Leadership Awards of Recognition acknowledge and celebrate students who demonstrate exemplary leadership practices that align with the university's values. Nominate yourself or a peer for the **Student Leadership** Awards in the categories of: Accountability (Ethics), Community Building, Innovation or Respect. You can also nominate a student for the President's Awards of Excellence in Student Leadership which encompasses a nomination of all four Student Leadership Awards. Nominations close on Friday, April 29.
- Applications for student leadership positions are now open! Positions include Peer Leader and the new role of Peer Wellness Educator! At the end of the year, your involvement in these roles is eligible to add to your Student Experience Record.
- **Recovery College** is a collaboration between the university and Ontario Shores Centre for Mental Health Sciences. Three courses will be held over the Spring / Summer semester, and will provide education about mental health and wellness, and will help you discover or rediscover passion, hope, and meaning. To view the course descriptions and register, visit the mental health groups' web page.

Equity and Inclusion



The Moose Hide Campaign is an Indigenous-led grassroots movement of men, boys and all Canadians - standing up to end violence against women and children. Join the Moose Hide Campaign informational webinar on Monday, Monday, May 2 from 2 to 3 p.m. with a Keynote Address from: Sage Lacerte, National Youth Ambassador, Moose Hide Campaign.

Thursday, May 12 is Moose Hide Campaign Day and is a day for connecting,

learning and sharing, where you can hear from inspiring speakers, share experiences and join workshops. Tune into the livestream from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. or join the workshop from 1 to 2:30 p.m. When registering, please be sure to indicate your affiliation with Ontario Tech University.

Athletics and Wellness



- Stay tuned for more information on free indoor and outdoor fitness classes this summer!
- The Better Together Series in collaboration with Durham College has a variety
 of events taking place throughout the year that are aimed at helping students
 make connections. April sessions include: National Immunization Awareness
 Week Q&A. View the full list of events and register on our Mental Health events
 webpage.

Money Matters



Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP)

- 2021/2022 OSAP Extension Form is Now Available on MyOntarioTech!
 Information and form are available on MyOntarioTech under OSAP Forms. Do not apply through the OSAP website. If you are an OSAP student planning to take full time classes in the Spring/Summer term(s) (3 classes in total), you will need to complete an OSAP Extension Form once you are officially registered for your classes.
 - If you're planning to study part time during the spring/summer months, please apply for part time OSAP funding via the OSAP website.

Other News



 The North Oshawa Campus Library is open daily from April 3 to 29, including Good Friday.



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