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# Ridgeback Report



- Do you wish you could redo your prom experience or attend prom for the first time? We've got you covered! We're doing a giveaway for [Durham Pride Prom](#) and you could be one of our lucky winners! If you're interested in attending, [fill out the entry form](#) by **Friday, April 12 at noon** for a chance to win 1 out of 4 prize packages.

## Academic Support



- Get your laptop ready for exams with IT Services' [six easy steps](#).
- The [North Oshawa Library](#) will be open late during exams until **Sunday, April 21!** The updated hours of operation are **Monday to Friday from 7:45 a.m. to midnight (the Service Desk will close at 9 p.m.) and weekends from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.** Come study with us!
- Looking for a new study space on campus? The [Student Learning Centre](#) is now offering Focus Fridays! The Learning Lab in **Shawenjigewining Hall, Room 223** has been converted into a drop in style study hall on **Fridays from 9:30 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. until April 12.** Stop by for a productivity boost with structured Pomodoro study sessions, and learn new study tips to enhance your focus and efficiency!

- The [Student Learning Centre](#) offers services like peer tutoring, math and science support. You can book an appointment on the [Student Life Portal](#) or visit the website to find drop-in times.
- Looking for writing support? The [Student Learning Centre](#) has one-on-one consultations, peer tutoring, same-day appointments and workshops. We can help with essays, final projects, literature reviews, referencing, thesis statements and more! Book an appointment by visiting the [Student Life Portal](#).
- Have you heard of the [Student Experience Record \(SER\)](#)? SER is a comprehensive record of your involvement in co-curricular experiences throughout your Ridgeback journey. It's used to highlight your diverse university experiences and showcases your personal involvement and commitment to growing outside of the classroom. As you apply for jobs, future education or volunteer experiences, your SER will be a great tool to showcase soft skills that are important to employers in today's market! The deadline to add positions to your SER is **Wednesday, May 1**. [Access your SER and learn more](#).

## Career Readiness



- The Career Centre and Devant have joined together to provide career supports for international students. [Check it out, and register](#) for all the great workshops that are happening in **April**.
- The Career Centre has services available to support you in various ways. Book an appointment on the [Student Life Portal](#) for any of our [one-on-one supports](#) including career counselling and employment advising.
- Calling all new grads! If you're set to graduate this June, we know looking for jobs can be challenging and overwhelming. That's why we've created [iLaunch](#),

a conference for new grads designed to help you launch into the next phase of your career. Get job prep ready and join us on **Wednesday, June 12 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.** for a series of informational workshops, to learn practical work-readiness skills and to meet and network with employers! [Learn more and register.](#)

## Community



- You're invited to participate in a student-led research project that analyzes 12 different assignment types to determine the most effective methods for incorporating ChatGPT software into our university curriculum. The data collected will be instrumental in presenting comprehensive findings to faculty and staff at Ontario Tech. The completion of this survey will assist in making informed decisions regarding the integration of ChatGPT software. [Complete the survey](#) by **Sunday, April 21 at 11:59 p.m.**
- **Bannock and Books** will be offered as a weekly sharing circle every **Tuesday from May 14 to June 4, from 1 to 2:30 p.m.** This event will be available virtually and in person at Mukwa's Den. Don't miss the opportunity to join this enriching experience and contribute to the vibrant discussions on the chosen chapters. We look forward to your involvement in this engaging and inclusive event. [Learn more and register.](#)
- Student Life is recruiting Orientation Leaders for the 2024-2025 term. [Visit the Leadership positions website](#) for more information including the volunteer description and to submit your application.

## Equity and Inclusion



- There are no updates at this time.

## Athletics and Wellness



- Do you experience distress around eating and want to heal your relationship with food? Join **One Meal at a Time**—a weekly meal support group held **virtually on Tuesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.** [Learn more and register on the Mental Health Groups web page.](#)
- Tune into the **MindSpark: Ontario Tech** podcast and embark on a journey of self-discovery, resilience and positive mental health. MindSpark is your go-to source for insightful discussions, expert advice and tips and tricks aimed at nurturing your mental wellness throughout your academic journey. You can find it on Apple Podcasts and Spotify. [Listen now.](#)

## Money Matters



**Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP)**

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The 2023-2024 OSAP Extension Form is now available on [MyOntarioTech!](#)

- If you're an OSAP student planning to take full-time classes in the spring/summer term(s) (three classes in total), you must complete an **OSAP Extension Form** once officially registered for your classes. **Do not** apply through the OSAP website.

### Student Awards

#### External award opportunities:

- [TELUS student bursary](#)
- [Women in Nuclear \(WiN\) Canadian Student Scholarship](#)

## Other News



- **Students set to graduate this June:** The Campus Book Store is selling Class of 2024 hoodies! Pre-order yours by **Monday, April 15** using [their online form](#). Hoodies will be navy blue with white embroidery and customizations are available. If you have any questions, please email [2958mgr@follett.com](mailto:2958mgr@follett.com).

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