

Ridgeback Report



- It's Student Engagement and Equity's final community night of the summer! Join us virtually on **Thursday, August 4 from 1 to 3 p.m.** for a few rounds of Jack Box games. To register, visit the [Student Life Portal](#)

Academic Support



- [Log in to the Software Portal](#) and start downloading your course-specific software for the upcoming 2022-23 fall and winter semesters.
- The Student Learning centre is offering writing support for all students enrolled in the Spring / Summer semester. Find the [support](#) that is best for you and book a virtual or in-person appointment.

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 July; including a live expert panel for Careers in Cloud Computing and an interactive workshop to give you tips on Acing the Interview.

Community



- The Ontario Tech community now has access to the New York Times! Connect from the [Library website](#), and navigate to the [Databases](#) page. You will need to create an account using your Ontario Tech email address before being able view content online or in the app! Our subscription includes access to NYT

Learning Network with learning resources too. The subscription does not include games, crossword or cooking content.

- [Bannock and Books](#) is an Indigenous book club series designed to explore Indigenous culture and ways of knowing. This featured book for the September Sharing Circle is **Beyond the Orange Shirt Story by Phyllis Webstad**. [Register](#) for your copy of the book and the Sharing Circle, hosted on **Monday, September 19 from 6 to 7:30 p.m.**
- 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!
- **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



- **#Let's Talk Sex Workshop Series**. In response to student feedback provided to the Student Sexual Violence Prevention and Support Committee, Student Life has invited the AIDS Committee of Durham Region to deliver a variety of [workshops](#) to provide education and destigmatization around topics of sex and sexuality. Part of building a culture of consent and respect on campus is providing space for conversations like these.

Athletics and Wellness



- Why row? Why not? Ontario Tech has a novice rowing team for students who have never rowed before! [Tryout information is now online](#).

- Ontario Tech offers the following varsity sports: Basketball, hockey, rowing, soccer, badminton, curling, golf, dance, and women's field lacrosse. [Register online for full details!](#)
- **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. View the full list of [events](#) and register on our Mental Health events webpage.

Money Matters



Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP)

- [Apply now to OSAP](#) for this upcoming fall and winter terms to avoid delays when classes start.

Student Awards

- The application for the Fall/Winter University Works program is now available for full-time undergraduate students on MyOntarioTech. Navigate to Current students and scroll down to the Student awards and financial aid box. Select Apply for student aid/University works and proceed. For further information, please visit the [University Works website](#).
- If you are a registered Spring/Summer student, there are bursary application opportunities for you within [MyOntarioTech](#). Check for spring/summer term payment deadlines while you are there.

Other News



- Maclean's annual university rankings provide essential information to help students choose the university that best suits their needs. If you love Ontario Tech and want to share why, take the [survey](#) today and help future students choose to become Ridgebacks!

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