

Ridgeback Report



- 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



- 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 May; Resumé Critiques: Live interactive workshop and Networking Café with a Career Coach!
- [iLaunch](#), 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 [Student Life Portal](#) and [register](#) to let us know you're coming!

Community



- [Tell us your Ontario Tech](#) story for a chance to win a Ridgeback prize pack. [Tell us about your time here](#)—what you loved about your program, your experiential learning placement or anything that made you proud to call Ontario Tech home. Our best recruiters for the university are members of our university community who share their experiences with others. We can't wait to hear your story!
- [Bannock and Books](#) is an Indigenous book club series designed to explore Indigenous culture and ways of knowing. This month's featured book is **21 Things You May Not Know About the Indian Act, by Bob Joseph**. It acts as an essential guide to the Indian Act, and its repercussions on generations of Indigenous Peoples. The book club will be followed by the sharing circle, which is hosted on June 27. Reserve your copy the book while you [register](#) for the Sharing Circle
- **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.
- [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.

- **#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



- 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. View the full list of [events](#) and register on our Mental Health events webpage.

Money Matters



Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP)

- The 2021/2022 OSAP Extension Form is Now 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), 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](#).

Student Awards

- If you are a registered Spring/Summer student, there are bursary application opportunities for you within MyOntarioTech. Also, check for spring/summer term payment deadlines while you are there.

Other News



- Don't forget to check [MyOntarioTech](#) for important dates and deadlines for the [six-week spring and 12-week summer](#) semesters. You can also review your tuition balance on MyOntarioTech.

Friday, May 13

- Six-week spring and 12-week summer session fees due in full.
- Last day to add six-week spring session courses.
- Last day to drop six-week spring session courses for a full refund.

Friday, May 20

- Last day to add courses to the 12-week summer session.
- Last day to drop 12-week summer session courses for a full refund.
- Last day to drop six-week spring session courses for a 50 per cent refund
- Last day to withdraw from six-week spring session courses without academic penalty.



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