

Ridgeback Report



- June is Pride month! Join us for the Pride Picnic on Wednesday, June 1 from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in the South Village Courtyard. There will be Drag performances and games and a boxed lunch will be provided. Follow Student Life [socials](#) to see all the initiatives taking place around the university!

Academic Support



- Log in to the [Software Portal](#) and start downloading your course-specific software for the spring/summer semester.
- 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



- Summer is a great time to learn new skills! TALENT is excited to offer **self-paced** [microcredentials](#). With flexible start and completion dates, and any-time access to assignments, you're in full control of your learning. Use this down time to sharpen and enhance your skills! Follow TALENT on [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#) to learn more.
- 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 June; including Finding a Job in Canada: Live interactive workshop and a Networking Café with a Career Coach!

Community



- 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!
- [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 of 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 Peer Leader positions are still open!](#) 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



- **#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



- The FLEX is proud to offer a number of free fitness classes for students/staff throughout the summer. No registration is required. View the [schedule](#) to find the class.
- **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. Check for spring/summer term payment deadlines while you are there.

Other News



- **Exciting changes coming for Convocation 2022!** The university is excited to [announce](#) that Convocation 2022 will take place in person (subject to public-health conditions) from Wednesday, June 8 to Friday, June 10, and that we've decided to move from the traditional venue and host this year's ceremonies at our north Oshawa campus location, outdoors on Polonsky Commons!



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