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Ridgeback Report



- Do you have 60% or lower in a class? Protect your GPA by checking out the [Student Learning Centre \(SLC\)](#) resources! SLC has one-on-one tutoring, study halls, time management workshops and more. You should also book an appointment with your [Academic Advisor](#) to see what your best path for success is. The deadline for dropping a class has been extended to **Monday, December 4**—take advantage of this time to reach out for support!

Academic Support



- [Student Course Feedback Surveys](#) for the fall term are available **November 20 to December 4**. Do you have comments or concerns about your courses? [Share your feedback with us](#) and help improve your student experience. You will be entered into a draw for a chance to win **1 of 5 \$75 gift cards**.
- Join us for [Ted Talk Tuesdays](#)! Come together with your fellow peers to watch and discuss a variety of Ted Talks on **Tuesdays from 2 to 3 p.m.** in **Shawenjigewining Hall, Room 223**. By attending, you'll be able to:
 - Develop academic speaking and listening skills.
 - Encourage critical thinking and speaking with confidence.
 - Share ideas and opinions in a friendly and relaxed environment.

- 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](#).

Student Education Tech Support

- The Open Education Lab student staff will host virtual drop-in training for students who want support with educational technology.
- Support is available for Canvas, Kaltura, Respondus, Turnitin, Google Workspace, etc.
- All sessions will be delivered online via Google Meet until **Friday December 1**. [Check out the full support schedule on the drop-in support website!](#)

Career Readiness



- Join us for the [Transferable Skills workshop](#) virtually on **Tuesday, November 28 from 1 to 2:30 p.m.** You will learn why transferable skills are important, how to identify the transferable skills you have developed and how to communicate these skills on your resumé.
- 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 **November**.
- The [Employment Readiness Program](#), running **Tuesdays until November 28**, is a series of workshops designed to teach students practical job readiness skills and skills for navigating the workplace with success. Students who attend the workshop series will have access to additional one-on-one peer support

with an Employment Peer Coach who can help address career-related concerns. [Learn more and register.](#)

- Embrace digital wellness with [Wavemakers!](#) Wavemakers is a free virtual career building program that gives you a head start to your career. Sharpen your skills, build your network and meet with top Canadian employers. Each student that participates has the chance to win a \$2000 scholarship. Don't miss out on this great opportunity and [apply today!](#)

Community



Student Leadership Awards

- Nominations for the [Student Leadership Awards](#) open on **Monday, November 13**. These awards acknowledge and celebrate students for their achievements and contributions, and for demonstrating excellence in leadership practices within the Ontario Tech community.
- You can nominate a student for a **Student Leadership Award** in one or more of the following award categories:
 - Accountability (Ethics)
 - Community Building
 - Innovation
 - Respect
- Or nominate a student for a **President's Award of Excellence in Student Leadership:**

- The Undergraduate President's Award
- The Graduate President's Awards
- The deadline for nominations is **Friday, January 19**.
- The [Ontario Tech Student Union \(OTSU\) Annual General Meeting](#) is on **November 30 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Science Building, Room 1350**. This is your opportunity to directly impact the direction of the student union, have your voice heard by student leaders and steer the future of the OTSU by raising concerns and voting on proposals. [Register to attend](#).
- Bannock and Books is back with a new book: **You Are the Medicine: 13 Moons of Indigenous Wisdom, Ancestral Connection, and Animal Spirit Guidance** by Asha Frost. [Register to join us for the Sharing Circle](#) on **Monday, December 4 from 3 to 4:30 p.m.** Asha Frost will be joining virtually to answer questions and engage in our discussion!
- Are you interested in meeting students from different cultures? Or looking to improve your English speaking and listening skills? You should attend Conversation Café! You can drop in on **Thursdays from 3:30 to 5 p.m. in Shawenjigewining Hall, Room 223** for the opportunity to meet students and learn about other cultures. [Learn more on the Conversation Café web page](#).

Equity and Inclusion



- The 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence campaign is running **November 25 to December 10**. Follow [@otstudentlife](#) on Instagram to learn more and be part of the discussion.

- **On Tuesday, November 28 from 2 to 4 p.m.** Student Engagement and Equity have partnered with the Ontario Tech Student Union and the Student Learning Centre for a special **Afternoons with SEE: Exam Prep Edition**. Join the team in **Shawenjigewining Hall, Atrium** for exam fuel snack bags, board games, music and exam prep/study skills support!
- **Student Centred Spaces** are running throughout the fall semester. [Pride Space](#) offers a safe place where 2SLGBTQ+ students and allies can unite, support each other and participate in fun activities. This safe gathering allows you to build connections, explore vital topics and engage in fun activities. Our [Trans and Non-Binary Student-Centered Space](#) offers a unique opportunity for trans and non-binary students to connect and strengthen community bonds. Join us in fostering understanding, unity and support this semester bi-weekly on **Wednesdays until November 29**.

Athletics and Wellness



- Need to talk? Our Mental Health Peer Mentors are now offering virtual same-day appointments. If you're experiencing academic stressors, feelings of anxiety or more, we are here to help. [Learn more and book an appointment on the Mental Health Peer Mentor web page.](#)
- Join us at the [Carriage Cup](#) as the Ridgebacks take over the **Tribute Community Centre on Thursday, January 11 at 7 p.m.!** Cheer on the men's hockey team as they face-off against the York Lions. Proceeds from the event will help raise financial support for the Ontario Tech Student Relief Fund. [Get your tickets now!](#) For more information and details about the pre-party at Charles Hall, [visit the website.](#)

- [The LivingRoom Community Art Studio](#) has partnered with the university to give you a creative break and enjoy some self-care. The Creative Wellness Hive is a chance for you to make and share art for free! If you see the blue bus on campus, stop by for some well-deserved fun and to learn more about our campus supports and services. [Visit the mental health events web page for more information.](#)
- For the tenth semester, Student Mental Health Services has collaborated with Ontario Shores to offer the [Recovery College program](#). Discover mental health, wellness and your passions with us. We blend lived experiences and professional expertise to empower you in managing challenges and pursuing your dreams. [Learn more and register](#) for a journey of hope, empowerment and meaningful connections.

Money Matters



Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP)

- [Apply to OSAP](#), if you haven't done so already for this school year.
- Ensure that your winter semester course load (number of classes) matches with your OSAP application. If it does not, this will delay the release of your winter funding in **January**.
- Continually monitor the status of your OSAP application and remember to make all necessary updates with the [Student Awards and Financial Aid Office \(SAFA\)](#).

Student Awards

- Check [MyOntarioTech](#) for winter term payment deadlines and your tuition account balance.

Financial Literacy Month workshops

- November is [Financial Literacy Month](#) and SAFA will be hosting external virtual workshops the **week of November 27**. For each session, attendees will automatically be entered into a giveaway for the chance to win a gift card! [Register](#) to let us know you'll be attending.

Other News



- Get your laptop ready for exams with IT Services' [six easy steps](#).

Library workshops:

- The Library is hosting hands-on introductions to 3D printing workshops! You'll learn how to find free 3D design files, customize them using free software and get your file ready for printing. [Learn more and register](#) for the workshop on **Tuesday, November 21 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.**
- Have you ever seen a great presentation of data and thought, "I want to do that?" You should attend the [Data, We Love to See It: A Brief Introduction to Data Visualization workshop](#). **On Wednesday, November 22 from 2:10 to 3 p.m.**, we will look at the what, why and how of data visualization through library resources and open source data visualization tools. [Learn more and register](#).
- Join us for [Library 101: Introduction to the Library](#) on **Thursday, December 7 from 11 a.m. to noon**. Learn how to easily access journal articles and books online, the benefits of an online research consultation with your subject librarian and how to access specialized digital resources like datasets, cases, patents, and standards. [Learn more and register](#).



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