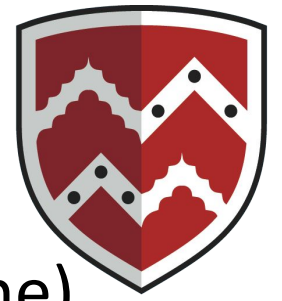


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Grad '26 Parent Meeting

Navigating the next 9 months – @ STMC & @ Home

Grade 12 The Road to Post-Secondary



Hank Bouwman: Senior Academic Counsellor (Blocks A & B Day One)

Aaron Mitchell (Block A)

Yvonne DeWith: CLE Coordinator (Excellent Resource)

Student Services Team: Ms. Chinnapen, and Ms. Walker (Day Two)

EVERYTHING WE ARE SHOWING YOU TONIGHT, YOUR SONS OR DAUGHTERS WILL SEE IN THEIR CLC CLASS AND THIS SLIDE SHOW WILL BE ACCESSIBLE ON THE SCHOOL'S WEBSITE.



Easing the stress!



The process can be quite daunting for parents and, of course for your sons and daughters.
While you may be new to the process, we are not. Trust the process.

- Unless there are **very** unusual circumstances, **all our students graduate**.
- We meet with all our grade 12's in **Career Life Connections class biweekly** and give them related tasks.
(Application and scholarship tips and deadlines.)
- Mr. Bouwman will reach out to students through **Religion 12 and CLC**. This gives opportunities to connect and help students with their plans.

In addition, our teachers are excellent and will help prepare and support your sons and daughters as well!





The Career Life and Post-Secondary Information Google Classrooms

Your sons and daughters are signed up on two important sites.

The **Post Secondary information site** informs the students about upcoming university/college events and scholarship opportunities. The **Career Life site** includes all the assignments related to Career Life

12. This is a mandatory course that all students must complete to graduate from BC.

Universities do not count the mark in their admissions process but this mark appears on their transcript so schools and scholarship committees can see the mark. Your sons or daughter can invite you to see these sites.

Post Secondary Inform...

Grade 12 2025-26

Career Life 12 2025 2026

Bouwman and DeWith

Post-Secondary Info and Events



	CANADIAN UNIVERSITY EVENTS (The CU...	Posted Yesterday	
	U of T Opens a new information site	Edited Yesterday	
	SFU Beedie School of Business Info Sessi...	Posted Yesterday	
	Canada's Largest UK University Fair Oct...	Edited Sep 9	
	Universitv of Toronto Book Award	Posted Sep 7	

External Scholarship Opportunities



	University of Toronto Wolf Scholar Nomi...	Due Oct 6	
	University of Toronto Book Award Nomin...	Due Oct 6	
	Loran Award October 16	Posted Sep 7	
	Father Ted Colleton Scholarship October...	Posted Sep 4	



THE APPLICATION PROCESS SIMPLIFIED

Students and parents are in the **shopping mode** at this point.
All schools are offering info sessions over the next few months.

Admission is based on GPA **and** personal profile questions, not your date of application.
You do not need grade 12 marks to apply.

When applying, schools simply want your demographic info, your intended major
and your money.





Choosing intended majors can be strategic and involve some planning.

Schools will ask you to **choose two** faculties or programs.

REMEMBER WHEN STUDENTS CHOOSE A FACULTY, THEY ARE NOT LOCKED IN FOR LIFE!

Up to 70% of students will change their major at the post-secondary level.

For career options, go to sites like this one offered by SFU.

[What can I do with a degree in?](#)

or

[UBC Program Offerings](#)



There is **no real advantage to applying to a large number of schools.** Narrow down the **legitimate options** and always have a fail-safe back up plan!



2-4 schools is MORE than enough.

There is a *needless* trend to apply to numerous schools (Over 10).

Attend **info sessions (either virtual or in person)**, visit us and do your research

Parents and students get anxious because the applications sites for most schools are already open but really **you do not have to rush.**

Your job is to trust the process and encourage your sons and daughters to be proactive.
Students sweat over every mark and test. Encourage them to do their best on a consistent basis and things will work out!

This is a stressful time for them and they may need an extra dose of your love and support.





MARKS AND GPA AVERAGES

IT IS EASY TO TELL STUDENTS AND PARENTS TO NOT WORRY ABOUT MARKS BUT OF COURSE THEY PANIC. THEY JUST HAVE TO DO THEIR BEST.

Honestly, UBC is not for everyone and **NO AMOUNT OF STRESS WILL IMPROVE YOUR GPA.** It is all about working hard and finding YOUR best fit. There are a lot of options.

The best strategy is for students to consistently work hard right from the start.
Grade 11 marks DO play a role in early admission decisions.

SCHOOLS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO SEE A STUDENT'S GRADE 12 GRADES UNTIL EARLY DECEMBER.

THE MOST IMPORTANT GRADES ARE THE ONES REPORTED AT THE END OF THEIR SECOND TERM.
Students will eventually have to release their marks through the site below. We help them through the process through Career Life

[STUDENT TRANSCRIPT SERVICE](#)





Where the Grads of 2025 went!

Institution	Location	#	Institution	Location	#
BCIT	Burnaby	9	SFU	Burnaby	30
Capilano Univ	North Van	5	UBC Vancouver	Vancouver	39
Cornell Univ	New York	1	UBC Okanagan	Kelowna	3
Douglas College	New West	7	U of Alberta	Edmonton	2
GAP		2	U of Calgary	Calgary	3
Gonzaga Univ	Spokane	1	UNBC	Prince George	1
Kwantlen Poly U	Surrey/Rich	4	U of Toronto	Toronto	9
Langara	Vancouver	6	U of Victoria	Victoria	6
McGill	Montreal	1	University of Waterloo	Waterloo, Ontario	1
McMaster	Hamilton	1	Western University	London	4
Professional Flight Centre	Delta	1	Wingate University	North Carolina	1
Royal Military College	Kingston	1			

**FINDING THE
BEST FIT!**

**Remember!
DIRECT ENTRY
INTO UBC
OR SFU IS NOT THE
BEST FIT FOR
EVERYONE.**





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APPLY

Create one account and apply to multiple post - secondary institutions.

Apply Online



Education Planner is a centralized resource that helps learners plan, search and apply for admission to post-secondary institutions in British Columbia. When you apply to a BC school, you will be automatically taken to this site as a first step.

<https://educationplannerbc.ca/>



A FEW IMPORTANT DATES! The Outliers

[Langara College Applications](#) open on October 1, 2025 For Fall 2026

Course selection dates can be influenced by the date you applied.

[Douglas College Academic Foundations for Potential Nursing Applicants](#)

Fall 2026 applications will open on Monday, October 1, 2025 at 9:00am
There is an advantage to applying early.

There is an Information Session for Douglas College on October 28th.
[Register here](#)





UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO NATIONAL BOOK AWARD

- STMC can only nominate **one** student; this student is the **only one eligible** to apply for UofT

Nominee application form is on the **Post-Secondary Information** Google classroom and is due on **Thursday, October 6th**.

This BOOK AWARD is intended for students who demonstrate superior academic performance, original and creative thought and exceptional extra-curricular achievement **and are seriously intending to head to University of Toronto**.

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP **Deadline is October 17, 2025 (11:59pm EDT)**

NEW! U of T Wolf Scholarship The school can **nominate 3 students** who are heading to U of T Arts and Sciences **There is a school nomination form due October 6th**.

General U of T Info <https://future.utoronto.ca/>

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO APPLICATION FINAL DEADLINES January 15-February 2 (Depending on program)

BUT IF YOU READ THE FINE PRINT, IT ACTUALLY SAYS . . .

- For early consideration, **we recommend that you submit your application (OUAC 105) by November (Nov 7)**, and submit your supporting documents as soon as possible thereafter.
- BC students utilize the Ontario Universities Application Center (OUAC 105)



ALL UBC'S INFORMATION SESSIONS WILL CONTINUE TO
BE VIRTUAL OR ON THE UBC CAMPUS THIS YEAR!



THEY WILL NOT BE MAKING ANY VISITS TO HIGH SCHOOLS!

SPECIFIC PROGRAMS WILL MAKE VISITS (like Sauder)

VIRTUAL INFORMATION SESSIONS ARE PLANNED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.
LOOK FOR THEM ON THIS LINK

[UBC Info sessions and tours](#)



[UBC's Application Site](#) will open in early October..

UBC EARLY ADMISSION DEADLINE is December 1st



- If you wish to be considered for the [Presidential Scholars Awards](#) and
- [UBC Centennial Scholars Entrance Awards](#).

OR

- If you wish to be considered for a [first-round offer of admission](#). If you are accepted, you will know your status by early February.
- If you do not get in during the first round of admissions, your application is still active but you may not find out your status until mid-March.

UBC FINAL APPLICATION DEADLINE IS JANUARY 15TH

***PERSONAL PROFILE
REQUIRED
This takes time!***

**EARLY ADMISSION IS BASED
ON GRADE 11 MARKS AND IS
*HYPER COMPETITIVE!***

**UBC HAS AN EXCELLENT
VIDEO GOING OVER THE
APPLICATION PROCESS!
[CLICK HERE](#)**



SFU's APPLICATION SITE is Open October 1st - January 31st

December 15, 2025: High school Undergraduate Scholars Entrance Scholarship application for the Fall term

January 31, 2025: Documents for High school Undergraduate Scholars Entrance Scholarship competition (references, grades etc)

April 30, 2025: Application and documents for all other entrance financial aid applications

SFU WILL BE ATTENDING OUR POST-SECONDARY INFORMATION NIGHT ON DEC 1, 2025

Although details have not been finalized, we will be organizing other in-person visits through the year.

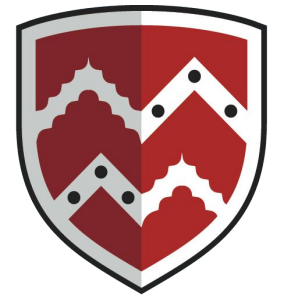


SIMON FRASER
UNIVERSITY

**SFU Beedie School of Business will be coming for a visit
Wednesday, Nov. 28 (Sign up details to follow)**

FOR THOSE THINKING OF STAYING IN BC

PSIBC Information Event (Post-Secondary Night)



WILL ONCE AGAIN BE FACE TO FACE AT STMC!

Monday, December 1 7-8:30PM

Douglas College, UVIC, Kwantlen, UNBC, Capilano University

Corpus Christi, Justice Institute, Langara, VCC, SFU,

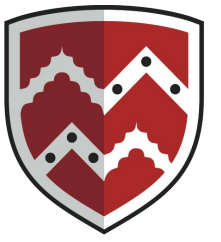
Trinity, Thompson Rivers, Vancouver Island University



**University
of Victoria**



BCIT Students can apply at any time during the year. If a student knows the program they want, it is wise to apply early as many programs have waiting lists. **BCIT Big Info Night Oct. 8** [Click Here](#) for info



Local Colleges have deadlines that extend well into the next year. Cap, Kwantlen and Langara offer earlier course selection based on application dates. **Non-BC Canadian Schools** have application dates that go from mid-December on. For Ontario schools it is a good idea to apply by Christmas but the deadline is later. January 15th.

USA Schools have a variety of application dates: Students should apply early before Christmas or by mid January at the latest. SATs are required in many cases and students must register to write this test through the [College Board](#). The US application process is complex and it is important for the students to be proactive.



FOR THOSE THINKING OF GOING OUT OF PROVINCE

CANADIAN UNIVERSITY EVENTS website is a wonderful site if you are looking for info on schools outside of BC. They host in-person events in the lower mainland toward the end of September



Here is the link <https://cuebc.org/universities/>)



Study and Go Abroad Fair is a chance to meet with top universities, graduate schools and professional schools from Canada and around the world.

Saturday, October 18th, 2025 Fair Times: 1 pm – 5 pm

Free Seminars: 12 noon – 5 pm [Study and Go Abroad Registration](#)

If you are thinking of heading down south, you should entertain the idea of writing your SATs. You are on your own to sign up for this at the [College Board](#)



SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Looking for scholarships does involve work. Typically the scholarships awarded in the fall are very competitive, but as the year unfolds numerous smaller scholarships become available. Below is a link to External Scholarships that our students have won over the years.

[External Scholarship List](#)

Note: It is early so a number of these scholarships have not yet been updated.

We also have a number of scholarships offered by STMC each year. Again these lists have not been updated and the application deadline is in May 2025.

[STMC INTERNAL SCHOLARSHIPS 2026 NO APPLICATION REQUIRED](#)

[STMC INTERNAL SCHOLARSHIPS 2026 APPLICATION REQUIRED](#)

One thing that students should do to keep themselves informed is to register on a scholarship search site called like **YCONIC** (<https://yconic.com/>) , **STUDENT AWARDS** <https://studentawards.com/> Or **Scholar Tree** (<https://scholartree.ca/>) These are reputable sites.

StudentAwards

yconic.



ScholarTree

Scholarship Information

We will attempt to keep you informed about scholarships as the information becomes available through the year.

It is imperative that students not rely on the school to keep them informed about all the scholarship opportunities. They must register on one of these sites below.

On the next slide we have included information about an upcoming scholarship opportunity that is very competitive.

**Student
Awards**

<https://studentawards.com/>

yconic.

<https://yconic.com/>

 **ScholarTree**

<https://scholartree.ca/>



LORAN

Scholars Foundation



CHARACTER
SERVICE
LEADERSHIP



The Loran Awards are **extremely prestigious and highly competitive**. Awards range from \$100,000 on down.

Students must complete their online application by **October 16th** before 8pm Eastern time.

You will also be asked to include the school's rep and e-mail address. That is me: (hank.bouwman@stmc.bc.ca).

The Loran Award supports promising young Canadians who show strength of character and a commitment to service in their communities, challenging them to fully realize their leadership potential. In 2023-24, the Loran Scholars Foundation will offer up to 148 financial awards funding studies on Canadian campuses.

For more details concerning the application process and the award itself, go to . . .

<http://www.loranscholar.ca/>

The Loran Application Process is very thorough. But it helps you to prepare applications for all future scholarships. Check it out!





Students must be proactive!
Attend sessions and read notices.

It will all work out!





To find
Post-Secondary
Information...
Look under
Knight Life on
the school
website.

Post-Secondary Information

The process of transitioning to life after graduation can seem daunting. As the Academic Counselling Team, however, it is our pleasure to walk alongside our students as they explore their gifts, talents and callings and as they plan for possible career paths. STMC is proud of the graduates who leave our school to make their mark in our broader communities.

Grad Parent Info

This section will be used to update parents about info related to the transition to post-secondary life. All this information plus more will be made known to students via their Google Classroom site and through Academic Assemblies.

Slides: **Grad of '26 – Parent Meeting**

[Post Secondary Information on School Website](#)



Thank You,
Questions?

