

Meeting Schedule

October 9—10, 2007
Joint Councils of Board
Chairs/Presidents
Lakeland College
Vermilion, Alberta

December 5—6, 2007
Council of Presidents
Red Deer College
Red Deer, Alberta

February 13—14, 2008
Council of Presidents
Mount Royal College
Calgary, Alberta

April 2—3, 2008
Joint Councils of Board
Chairs/Presidents
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Lethbridge, Alberta

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Socioeconomic Impact Study

Economic Contribution of Alberta's Colleges and Technical Institutes

A Strong post secondary education system produces a myriad of positive outcomes. The 2007 study on the economic impact of Alberta's colleges and technical institutes highlights the following:

- The Alberta economy receives roughly \$458.2 million in income annually due to the operations and capital spending of Alberta's colleges and technical institutes.
- College skills embodied in the Alberta workforce where former students are employed increase the provincial income by \$10.4 billion. Associated indirect effects increase the income by another \$2.0 billion. Clearly it is accurate to describe the colleges and technical institutes as engines of economic growth.
- The provincial and local community will see avoided social costs amounting to \$9 per student per year for every credit earned by the students, including savings associated with improved health, reduced crime, and fewer welfare and unemployment claims. This translates to \$27.2 million worth of social savings to the province for each year students are in the workforce.
- Provincial and local governments allocated around \$658 million in support for Alberta's colleges and technical institutes in fiscal 2006. For every dollar appropriated by provincial and local government, taxpayers will see a cumulative return of \$3.80 over the course of the students' working career (in the form of higher tax receipts and avoided social costs).
- Students' incomes go up as a result of successful program completion enjoying an attractive 16% annual rate of return on educational investment, and recover all costs (including wages forgone while attending) in 9 years.

Alberta Colleges and Institutes

Enrich the lives of learners;

Increase Students lifetime income;

Generate government revenue;

Reduce the demand for social services;

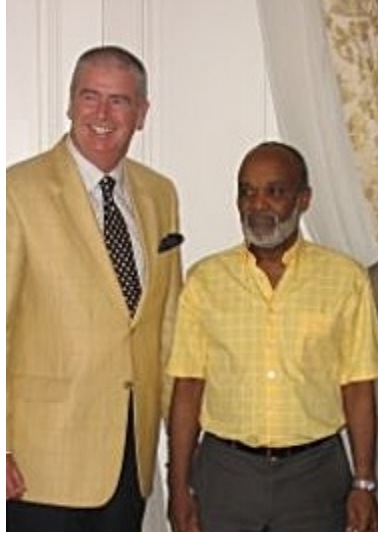
Contribute to the growth of the economy.

The results of this study demonstrate that Alberta's colleges and institutes are a sound investment from multiple perspectives.

Olds College delegation meets with President of Haiti to discuss projects

Thompson was invited to the Universidad Agroforestal Fernando Arturo de Merino (UAFAM) university in the central region of the Dominican Republic as a college official to share his expertise in governance and leadership.

Olds College staff members have been collaborating with UAFAM on agricultural, land and water management projects for the past year. Several Olds College instructors have traveled to the university to share their expertise in golf course management,



H. J. Tom Thompson, President, Olds and
Haiti President Preval

technology training, mine reclamation, agriculture and horticulture.

President Thompson was invited by Dominican Republic government officials to meet with officials from the Government of Haiti and UAFAM, to discuss possibilities to improve the economic condition of people living in Haiti.

While in the Dominican Republic, Thompson also made a presentation on institutional governance models to government officials and the UAFAM university board.

Space Increase for Post Secondary Health Programs

The Alberta Government announced on September 11, 2007, its new Health Workforce Action Plan for 2007-08.

The plan promises to allocate approximately \$5 million to create 258 new public post secondary training spaces. Several AACTI institutes will offer these healthcare

spaces to include medical, nursing and health aide programs. The program will also see an increase in professional development bursaries.

AACTI welcomes the increase and the positive impact these new seats will provide in the delivery of its

health training programs to prospective students.

“Building and enhancing the accessibility, affordability and quality of Alberta’s post secondary system is a priority for government, said Doug Horner, Minister of Advanced Education and Technology”

Practical Nurse Program Bears Portage College Name

Portage College would like to acknowledge the excellent work of the following College Faculty members: Carol Uliac, Coordinator, Practical Nurse; Heather Anderson, PN program; Shelley Franchuk, PN program; Sheryl Giesbrecht, PN Program; and Kim Winger, Instructional Designer, Institutional Research and

Program Development.

Thanks to the efforts of these professionals, working under the direction of Dr. David Keast, Dean of Careers as of June 29, 2007, the curriculum for the Practical Nurse (PN) program has

been accepted by the College of Licensed Practical Nurses of Alberta, resulting in a Practical Nurse program that now bears the name of Portage College.

Lethbridge College Reopens Cousins Building after \$11.8 Million Renovation

Donning safety glasses and a lab coat, the Honourable Doug Horner, Alberta's Minister of Advanced Education and Technology, unfurled more than the newly refurbished sciences building at Lethbridge College.

In a scientific demonstration, the Minister unveiled banners with the College's new logo in the atrium of the extensively renovated, 40 year old Cousins Building, which will house all Lethbridge Colleges applied sciences programs.

The modified ribbon cutting was part of a grand reopening ceremony held at the College, August 24, 2007, says Dr. Tracy Edwards, president of the institution.



Lethbridge College New Logo

"Our new logo is a metaphor for a fresh and redesigned approach to post secondary education at Lethbridge College," noted Edwards, who has been instrumental in leading the institution through the change process.

"The redevelopment of the Cousins Building is a perfect example of what we're doing here on campus. Our goal is to honour the past and embrace the future."

James Kinnear pledges \$10 M to The Banff Centre

James Kinnear and the Friends of Pengrowth have pledged \$10 million to The Banff Centre, to be used for the construction of the new Kinnear Centre for Creativity and Innovation. The Kinnear Centre will be the second facility to be constructed as part of The Banff Centre Revitalization project. Construction will begin later this

year. "The Banff Centre is an influential, inspiring, and innovative institution says Kinnear, president and CEO of Pengrowth Corporation. "Through the construction of the Kinnear Centre, we

will continue to advance our vision for the future: supporting creative connections, interdisciplinary

learning, and inspired leadership," says Mary Hofstetter, Banff Centre President and CEO.

"James Kinnear's personal donation is the largest individual gift ever received by the Banff Centre"

Carmen Haakstad back at GPRC

Grande Prairie Regional College is exceptionally pleased to announce that Mr. Carmen Haakstad will be returning to the College as Executive Director of Community Relations, effective Wednesday, August 1, 2007.

Haakstad is returning to the College with enthusiasm for another

opportunity to strengthen post-secondary education in our region. "I am excited to be back at the College," Haakstad says. "Advanced education is so vital to the future of our community; information and knowledge are the most important resources of any culture. I have

always enjoyed building. The College is poised for expansion and I am pleased to be able to be a part of making that happen."

"The College is fortunate to have the enthusiastic services of Carmen to drive our fundraising efforts once again," says President Don Gnatiuk.

Update

The **Annual Rural Policy Conference of the Canadian Rural Revitalization Foundation** will be held in Vermilion, Alberta, October 11—13, 2007. The hosting parties are the Town of Vermilion and Lakeland College, Vermilion. Three plenary sessions will address: The Search for Rural and Urban Synergies, the Role of Community Colleges and Universities in Rural Development, and Rural Health.

An **Alberta /BC Skills Development Roundtable** is scheduled for November 14, 2007 in Vancouver. The meeting will examine issues around skills shortages.

Grand opening of the **Robbins Health Learning Centre, Grant MacEwan College** Wednesday, September 26, 2007. The Robbins Centre was made possible by a generous gift from Bill and Mary Jo Robbins and The Robbins Foundation Canada, and by the support of the Government of Alberta. The Robbins Health Learning Centre is a 27,000-square-metre, state-of-the-art health learning facility housing many of MacEwan's health facility science programs, beginning in September 2007.

A date has been set for the **2008 biannual Board of Governors Conference and the biannual Provincial Awards Celebrating Excellence**. Both events will be held in Banff, Alberta, May 29 to June 1, 2007. An organizing committee has been formed to coordinate the events. More details to follow.

**Look out for PACE
Nominations—October
2007**

NAIT Opens Two New Centre's of Excellence

Canada largest apprenticeship trainer increases its capacity

NAIT will be able to train hundreds more apprentices each year thanks to the opening of the Spartan Centre for Instrumentation Technology and the Petro-Canada Centre for Millwright Technology.

"This expansion is important for NAIT, for industry and for the sustainability of our economy," says Dr. Sam Shaw, NAIT's President and CEO. "There are more than \$195 billion in major projects underway in Alberta requiring skilled workers."

The new centres increase NAIT's training capacity by 25% for millwrights and by

more than 60% for instrumentation apprentices.

"It took leadership and vision to build these centres, to recognize the important role NAIT's growth plays

in addressing the skilled labour shortage," says Dr. Shaw. "Business and Industry should be commended."

The showpieces of the Instrumentation Centre are two large processing labs enclosed by glass. In the Millwright Centre, the lab area is equipped with a 5 tonne overhead bridge crane. The atrium which joins the two centres is three stories high, flooded by natural light and has a glass fireplace as the focal point.



Spartan-Petro Opening