

Meeting Schedule

January 28—29, 2009
Council of Presidents
NorQuest College
Edmonton, Alberta

May 6—7, 2009
Council of Presidents
Keyano College
Fort McMurray, Alberta

May 2009
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Employment and Immigration Minister helps BVC launch Connexion Carrière



Sharon Carry, President and CEO of Bow Valley College, and Hector Goudreau, Minister of Alberta Employment and Immigration, cut the ribbon to officially launch Connexion Carrière. They got some extra help by a young member of the audience.

The scissors sliced through the material and the ribbon gently fluttered to the floor.

And Connexion Carrière was declared officially open, thanks to Alberta Employment and Immigration Minister **Hector Goudreau** and Bow Valley College President and CEO **Sharon Carry**.

The launch, held Friday, November 7, was a celebration of success that Madeleine Ngoma and her Connexion Carrière staff have been experiencing since they started offering the service in June.

"Already, we've had 2,500 visits, serving 800 clients from not just Canada, but also countries such as Cameroon and Tunisia," said Ngoma, Coordinator for Connexion Carrière.

The service, funded by Alberta Employment and Immigration, provides job-search assistance, résumé development, and employment-preparation workshops. The resource centre offers labour-market information, a job board, internet access, self-assessment resources, training and educational program information, and tools and resources to produce cover letters and résumés.

"Connexion Carrière is the next step in ensuring Alberta's thriving francophone community has access to the resources they need to participate in our labour force," the Minister said. "We look forward to working with Bow Valley College as it delivers a broad range of quality career and employment services to francophones."

With the third largest population of francophones in Canada, Alberta has a government committed to supporting its French-speaking citizens, especially through career and employment services, he added.

"Francophones possess many of the skills Alberta needs to grow and prosper," the Minister said. "It is essential they have access to the resources they need to survive and prosper."

Along with Career Connection, Directions for Immigrants, the Corporate Readiness Training Program and other services, Connexion Carrière joins a family of highly successful career services Bow Valley College has offered to thousands of Albertans over the last six years.

"We ensure all Albertans are able to connect with career and employment services, especially the knowledgeable advice our staff can provide," Carry said. "Today, Bow Valley College takes another step in assisting people to make a successful transition into the labour force."

New Equipment makes hands-on learning easier at Northern Lakes College

What makes all the difference for Oilfield Operator Training Program students at Northern Lakes College this fall is a device called a 'three-phase separator trainer.' It's a collection of pipes, tanks and valves that simulates what goes on (or some of what goes on) in an oil battery, and it allows students to turn classroom theory into hands-on practice.

"I've done Production Field Operator online," says Joanne Nahachick, one of 16 students in the course at NLC's Slave Lake campus this fall. "But I know I'm learning a lot more hands-on."

The instructor is Glen Morton. He's coaching his students in the operation of



Control room supervisor Jerrad Cunningham (green hat) keeps an eye on operators Joanne Nahachick and Nicole Kates in a simulated emulsion separation operation in the Northern Lakes College Oilfield Operators Training Program lab in Slave Lake.

the trainer, which separates an emulsion of water, oil and natural gas by means of heat and gravity (over time) into those three components. That's more or less what happens in an oil battery, explains Cindy Sweden, the program's coordinator.

Northern Lakes College is the first Alberta school to purchase the separator trainer, Snedden says. The Calgary manufacturer has been sending them overseas and to the U.S. for training purposes, but not so much here at home. NLC was looking for an affordable way to give its students the hands-on experience, and this one fills the bill.

Excellence is one of Portage College's Core Values

A fundamental goal of the college is to provide excellence in the learning environment and to meet or exceed recognized standards. *An example of excellence is the Culinary Arts program offered at Portage College.* This program offers professional training in culinary arts, baking and pastry arts, and hospitality and restaurant management, with hands-on cooking classes and courses in classical and contemporary culinary techniques. This program has a qualified staff that continually works on enhancing the course of study and on strategies to ensure success of learners. One of the ways they do this is through professional development For his

professional development activity last year Instructor Jason Sachko joined Culinary Team Alberta.

For the past year, Jason has been training to compete in the Olympic competitions held in Germany this October. Jason won GOLD in the Individual Category A which was a Buffet platter for 8 people and six individual appetizers. Jason passes on all this excellent experience to his students. The community also has the opportunity to test the Culinary Art students' tasty creations at the Bistros that are put on by the staff and students.

Mount Royal unveils new "face"



Students, faculty and staff are the new "face" of Mount Royal. Mount Royal celebrated the launch of its new brand, "Face to Face," on Oct. 16 with an event that featured inspiring speeches and a video presentation featuring instructors, students, staff, faculty and alumni.

The new brand symbolizes what makes Mount Royal Canada's premier undergraduate college – a high-quality education enhanced by smaller class sizes, personalized learning and a

Face to Face celebrates Mount Royal's greatest strengths including that of having a single-minded focus on student success," says Dave Marshall, president of Mount Royal.

responsiveness to the community.

"Face to Face," was created after two years of extensive research, analysis and testing among current and prospective students, faculty, staff, alumni and parents showed that Mount Royal's strengths are

its personal approach to learning and campus life.

Mount Royal recently redesigned its website to reflect the new brand and also launched a specific microsite featuring the new identity (<http://mtroyal.ca/facetoface>).

Mount Royal's passion for student success drives its aspiration to become a fresh, distinctive undergraduate university dedicated to providing the best possible learning and teaching environment for students.

Lethbridge College is on its way to becoming a leader on the world stage with its turbine technician program

The program began in 2004 and achieved Bildungszentrum für Erneuerbare Energien e.V. (BZEE) certification last year. BZEE certification is a recognized international standard established by the German organization. Last year, the college purchased nine wind turbines from a local wind-energy provider that would become the core of a three-stage program it expects to eventually market worldwide.

The first year will be dedicated to establishing a program in southern Alberta, the second year will be dedicated to offering the program at other Canadian institutions, and the third year will be dedicated to marketing the program on a global scale. The college is the only post-secondary institution in Canada approved to deliver BZEE certified programs.

“This is a phenomenal opportunity for Lethbridge College and those who wish to partner with us,” says Suzanne



“The development of wind energy in Canada is set to explode,” says Engineering Technologies instructor Mike Wehrwein. “The power in the wind has been used by mankind for different applications for thousands of years. Only during the energy crisis of the 1970s was it developed as an alternative to conventional electrical generation methods.”

Flannigan, dean of the Centre for Applied Management. “The certification and the turbine purchase open doors for Lethbridge College to function on the international stage as a leader in wind turbine technician training.”

Flannigan also notes there is a demand for nearly 3,000 wind turbine technicians in Canada over the next five years, along with many jobs around the world.

A commitment to the future sees the college continuing to expand its network of industry contacts and professional development opportunities. In September and October, college representatives attended international wind energy conferences in Husum, Germany, and Vancouver. Taking an active role in such events builds partnerships with international suppliers, developers and investors that will benefit the program and enhance career opportunities for students.

Hockey player’s survival credited to successful use of public defibrillator at NAIT arena

A 58-year-old Edmonton man is alive to tell his story of surviving a cardiac arrest, thanks to quick-thinking



teammates and a public automated external defibrillator (AED).

Trevor Forest was taking a break between hockey scrimmages at the NAIT arena around 10 p.m. on Oct. 14

when, all of a sudden, he slouched over.

“He was turning blue and no one could get a pulse,” says David Carnio, Manager of the Macson hockey team.

Teammates rushed to his side to perform CPR and administered one shock with the arena’s AED prior to paramedics’ arrival.

“That machine told us exactly what to do and when to stop. It was very important. EMS also arrived quickly, that was a big help as well,” says Paul Dolphin.

“It’s an incredible feeling to realize that I’m still here,” Forest says. “They played the ultimate game with my life as the prize.”

The public defibrillator at the NAIT arena is part of the Edmonton Heart-Safe program, a partnership between

Edmonton EMS, Alberta Health Services and the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Alberta, NWT & Nunavut.

NAIT became part of the Heart-Safe program in February, and now has 11 AEDs on its campuses. The defibrillator used to save Forest was donated by the NAIT staff hockey club.

“We respond to more than 700 cardiac arrests in the community every year. Through the Heart-Safe program, we put the right tool in the hands of bystanders to provide that care before paramedics arrive,” says Joe Acker, Chief of Edmonton EMS.

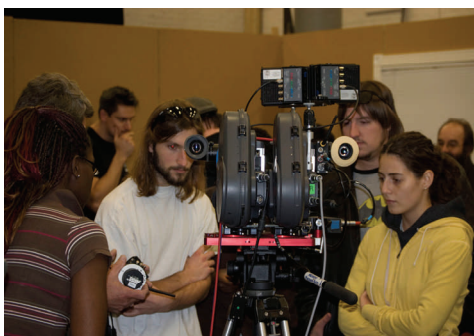
“We are thankful we had an AED on site that saved Trevor’s life and we commend the NAIT staff hockey team who raised the funds to purchase this particular unit earlier this spring.”

RDC Offers Innovative 3-D Film Workshop

Never before has a workshop been offered that allowed students to handle expensive three-dimensional film equipment and learn hands-on with the industry's best...until now.

Red Deer College's Motion Picture Arts Program (MPA) recently offered an exciting and innovative 3-D Workshop to third and fourth year students. 3-D experts Ken McNeil, Bill White, and Paul Taylor shared their knowledge while presenting 3-D demos, fielding questions, and leading 3-D and steadicam workshops.

"This literally was a once in a lifetime opportunity for the students," explains Don Archbold, RDC Instructor and event organizer. "It was the first time that top industry professionals shared their knowledge of 3-D capture and post production with students. 3-D technology is the future – both for theatrically released films and shows produced for television – and RDC has a



RDC Motion Picture Arts students gather to learn the ins and outs of 3-D film production

jump on the rest of the world."

Students had the opportunity to watch a specially prepared 3-D presentation of test footage shot to demonstrate many of the challenges of filming in 3-D, not just the polished, finished product. Later, during equipment demonstrations on the RDC soundstage, students posed questions and learnt hands-on with the experienced film industry guests.

"The workshop was an incredible eye

opener," says RDC student, Alexandra Mihill. "It was amazing to be shown by professionals what the future of film will ultimately look like, and what we, as film makers, are capable of doing."

The Bachelor of Applied Motion Picture Arts (MPA) at RDC is the only program of its kind in publicly-funded post-secondary institutions in Western Canada. It provides students with the specific skills and experience they need to gain an advantage in the highly competitive industry of film. Since its inception six years ago, the students and faculty of the MPA Program at RDC have been nominated and received many awards including those of the Alberta Film and Television Awards, sponsored by the Alberta Motion Picture Industries Association (AMPIA).

For more information, visit RDC online at www.rdc.ab.ca

NorQuest College Pharmacy Technician Diploma program receives national accreditation

The Canadian Council for Accreditation of Pharmacy Programs has granted provisional accreditation to NorQuest College's two-year Pharmacy Technician Diploma program, making it the only pharmacy technician program in

"As the role of the pharmacy technician grows in scope and importance, finding technicians with proper skills, knowledge and training is essential," says Ross McKay, Executive Vice President Operations and Chief Operating Officer for Medicine Shoppe Canada. "The national accreditation granted to NorQuest provides a measure of assurance to the industry that NorQuest graduates are meeting national pharmacy technician education standards."

Alberta with national accreditation.

"The accreditation is extremely

positive for graduates of this program," says Pat Furey, Acting Dean of Health and Human Service Careers at NorQuest. "It means our graduates possess the skills to meet national standards and their credentials will be recognized nationally. It also validates how our program is responding to the ever-changing role of pharmacy technicians."

The pharmacy technician program prepares students to work in hospitals, retail pharmacies, insurance agencies, and for pharmaceutical companies. NorQuest graduates, under the supervision of a pharmacist, help to fill prescriptions, prepare compounded medications, prepare sterile products, repackage pharmaceuticals and provide customer care.

The Pharmacy Technician Diploma program is just one of the many rewarding Allied Health Careers programs available at NorQuest College.

Whether its physical therapy, mental health rehabilitation or therapeutic recreation, nearly 100 per cent of NorQuest graduates find employment in Alberta's thriving health care industry. As well, NorQuest's new Occupational Therapy Assistant Diploma program is currently under review, with an anticipated start date of September 2009.

NorQuest College serves around 10,000 students each year through full-time, part-time and distance programs in communities across Alberta. In addition to health care, allied health, human services, business and industry career programs, NorQuest offers expertise in adult literacy, English as a Second Language (ESL), intercultural education, Aboriginal education, academic upgrading, and learner supports for students with disabilities. For more information on NorQuest College programs and services, phone 780-644-6000 or visit www.norquest.ca.