



Parents & Families Newsletter - Thanksgiving Edition

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Thankful for Your Support of Your Student

As the leaves change colours and families celebrate Thanksgiving, we want to thank you for your support of your student as they study at Algonquin College's Pembroke Waterfront Campus. This is a wonderful time of the year on campus with picturesque views of the Ottawa River and plenty of maple trees providing spectacular colours that create spaces for students to enjoy the Fall season.

As we move forward into the Fall term, your student may need some extra support. There will be more assignments, midterms and final exams and more things to juggle as the semester progresses. As a parent or supporter, you can help us ensure that your student accesses the supports that are available to them. From Academic Advising to tutoring and library support, we have many services that are free to students to help keep them on track. If you are unsure of what services are available, visit our [Student Support Services website](#) to learn more.

Our campus believes that having the support of family members is critical in helping students succeed in their post-secondary journey. We welcome you as partners in student success. We wish all of you a very Happy

Thanksgiving and hope that our parents and families newsletter will provide a bit of a glimpse into student life on campus while also sharing some reminder dates that you and your student should be aware of.

Orientation was Fantastic!

We hope your student participated in some of the fun activities that our student services team and the Algonquin Students' Association organized during the first month of school. Among the activities were a sunset boat cruise on the Ottawa River, an afternoon of fun on inflatables where students participated in mazes, obstacle courses and much more, a 5 kilometre walk/run along the Kiwanis walkway just outside the campus, and a paint day with our Learning Strategist, Sheila O'Brien.



There will be more fun activities as the Fall term continues as we start up intramural sports and add more social activities to the calendar. Bookmarking the [Students' Association Calendar of Events](#) is a good idea for students and families to keep informed of all of the fun things that are happening on campus and in the broader Algonquin College community.

Watch these short videos to learn more about orientation fun on campus. You might just see your student participating!

[AC Day One Inflatables Fun](#)

[Ottawa River Sunset Boat Cruise](#)

[Painting with Sheila](#)

[5 KM Walk/Run on Kiwanis walkway](#)

Upcoming Events

OCT
28

SUSAN AGLUKARK IN CONCERT
Pembroke's Festival Fall, 7 p.m.

NOV
10

REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY
Student Commons, 10:30 a.m.

DEC
6

HOLIDAY SEND OFF FOR STUDENTS
Student Commons, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

FEB
5-9

WINTERFEST CAMPUS CARNIVAL
Fun winter activities throughout the week

FEB
8

STUDENT-STAFF HOCKEY GAME
Pembroke Memorial Centre, 3 - 5 p.m.

Accessing Help from Student Services

Within the student services team is a group of caring staff who support our students in their academic courses as well as their day-to-day life. Almost all of our staff are trained in mental health first aid and as we enter the darker days of November, they will be paying particular attention to how students are feeling on campus.

Our team includes a counsellor, a counsellor for students with disabilities, a learning strategist, an assistive technologist, a health nurse, an Indigenous Elder and a Kampus Kokum and student success specialists. All of these staff are additionally supported by team members that work in our library, financial aid, admissions, housing, co-op and tutoring/coaching services.

Parents and supporters can help us connect students to support services by encouraging their student to drop by student services or by sending us an

email at yourfuture@algonquincollege.com. Student Services is located on the first floor of the campus, right across from the elevators. We're here to help, so please encourage your student to make contact with our dedicated team.

Important Dates

Mid-Term Break Week (most programs)

22-27 Oct

Winter tuition fees due for returning students

15 Nov

Winter timetables available through ACSIS

4 Dec

Final Assessment Week for most programs

9-16 Dec

*For most programs. Actual date reflected on students timetable.

Did you know?

The Pembroke Campus is part of the Canadian Intercollegiate Lumberjacking Association. Our team of men and women athletes compete against other Canadian colleges and universities in a series of competitions that include pole climbing, axe throwing, cross cut sawing, chain sawing, standing block chop and more.



Upcoming Competitions: November 4, 2023 at Fleming College in Lindsay and March 9, 2024 at McGill University in Montreal.

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Feedback Welcome!

We're thankful for your interest and support in learning more about our campus. If you have any questions about the content included in this newsletter or student services, please feel free to email me at: brambuj@algonquincollege.com. Have a wonderful long weekend.

Sincerely,

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