



# Whoo's News



December 18, 2020

## And that's a wrap . . .

The Kelowna Secondary School community of students, staff and parents are to be commended for their amazing efforts in getting through this last week! This has been a challenging fall and we look forward to a restful break for everyone.

***On behalf of all the staff at Kelowna Secondary, we would like to extend sincerest wishes to our school community for a wonderful winter break.***

***We look forward to everyone returning in the new year!***



Spring 2021 Enrollment



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The enrollment application period begins **Monday February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 (beginning at 7:00 am on-line) – Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021.**

The Summer Enrollment Application period begins: **Tuesday, August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021 to Thursday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021.**

***Please see page 4 for all the details***

## Please Mark Your Calendar:

December 18	Term 3 (Q2) Ends
December 18	Last day of school before Winter Break
Dec. 21 - Jan. 1	Winter Break
January 4	First day back to school - Day 2 (Blocks 4 / 2) Group B
January 12	PAC Meeting 6:30 p.m. on Zoom
January 20	First Dry Grad Meeting on Zoom (stay tuned for all the details in the Jan. 8th Whoo's News)

**Monday,  
January 4, 2021**

Day 2 - 4/2  
Group B



## Grade 12 Post Secondary Prep



### WELCOME!

This information will be helpful for students as they navigate potential post-secondary options.



## COBSS Corner

CENTRAL OKANAGAN BURSARY & SCHOLARSHIP SOCIETY

### About COBSS

The Central Okanagan Bursary and Scholarship Society (COBSS) is a charitable foundation with local **volunteers** coordinating financial assistance for our high school graduates for their post-secondary education.

We collect and administer money from area **donors** including community and school groups, businesses, and individuals. Through COBSS, local Grade 12 **students** can apply for over 550 awards. Criteria is set by the donor to recognize student achievement (such as citizenship, scholastic or athletic achievement) and/or to assist with financial need for further education.

### New donors and volunteers are welcome!

Email us at [COBSS@shaw.ca](mailto:COBSS@shaw.ca) and visit our website at [COBSS.sd23.bc.ca](http://COBSS.sd23.bc.ca)



### Donor comments

*As a recent University grad, I know the financial pressures on students are REAL! I donate to COBSS because I was given lots of help - and it's time for me to pay it forward.*  
GEM Miller Family Scholarship

*At Strut, our loyal customers value education and round up on each of their purchases. As a result we are proud to allocate 4 awards to Central Okanagan graduates.*  
Shandi, Strut Footwear and Apparel



### Important dates

November 25, 2020	donor deadline for 2021 awards
December 1, 2020	student online applications open
January 11, 2021	student applications due*
March 29, 2021	awards selection begins
June 2021	awards presented to grads

\*ask your school counselor for details



Dear Grad Coordinator,

Thank you for choosing Mountain West Studios for providing graduation photos for the 2020-21 grad class.

The Grad Photo Session is booked as per the following schedule:

### Graduation photos

## Kelowna Secondary School

January 11<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021

Students can book their session through our website at [mountainwest.ca](http://mountainwest.ca)

- Select "BOOK a PHOTO SESSION" at the top of the page.
- Select your school and proceed to sign up for your preferred date and time.

Location:

### Kelowna Secondary School- Drama room

- Please arrive at least 10 minutes early to sign in and make any last minute preparations.
- There is a NO sitting fee due to the photographer.
- Mountain West Studios will provide the cap, gown, school colours, flowers, diplomas and a variety of backgrounds and creativity.
- Your Graduation portrait session is a special, once-in-a-lifetime event. Please take the time to prepare and you will love your portraits.

### What to Bring:

- Women please wear V-Neck shirts or tank tops for your cap & gown photos. Avoid the use of sparkles in your hair and makeup.
- Hair and make-up should be done before you arrive, but bring supplies for touch-ups.
- Men please wear a Shirt & Tie for your cap & gown photos. Clean nails and styled, tidy hair.
- If you do not have a shirt and tie, we will provide you with one of our "half" shirts and ties to wear under the grad gown.
- We also encourage all of you to bring any special personal props/sports items, etc. to include in your portrait session.
- We would be following the COVID protocol which requires temperature and masks worn up till point of photos
- The Web Code to view and order online is available at the Camera and also will be emailed in 7-10 days after the photo day

If you have any questions email us at [grads@mountainwest.ca](mailto:grads@mountainwest.ca) or call 1-888-644-4494 ext 126

If you have any questions, please contact Mountain West Studios.

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## UBCO Geering Up All-Girls STEM Workshops GRADE 8-12 2020/2021

Registration Link: <https://geeringup.apsc.ubc.ca/all-girls-okanagan/>

As a reminder, these workshops take place from 4:00-6:00pm via Zoom and are offered for free, but the registration closes the Sunday before the session date for that specific grade level.

**Design our Future (Grade 10)** Wednesday Jan 27th

**The Future of Tech (Grade 11)** Thursday February 25th

**Invitation to Create (Grade 8)** Thursday March 11th



## Grad Photos

It is time to sign up for a grad photo appointment! Grad photos will be taken after school at KSS from January 11-22. Please visit this website in order to sign up: <https://www.mountainwest.ca/>. At the top right, select "Book a Photo Session," and then follow the prompts to select a time and fill in a profile. **Ensure that your information is correct** as your photo proofs will be sent to your email.

Mountain West has only released the first week of appointments and will release the second week once the first has filled up, to avoid unfilled appointments at the end.

**Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, Mountain West will not be offering group photos or parents in the building during photo sessions, but students are encouraged to bring props and even pets, as long as a KSS student can hold them during the grad gown portion of the session.**



**\* COBSS AWARDS \***

- **GRADE 12'S** – Are you attending a post-secondary school in September of 2021?
- **Apply to COBSS** (Central Okanagan Bursary & Scholarship Society) which allows you to apply to multiple awards with one application.
- **Info on KSS website** – "Students" > "Bursaries & Scholarships" to view video on how to apply.
- [www.cobss.ca](http://www.cobss.ca) for additional information.
- KSS school access code is – **kss2021**
- **MUST read instructions** as incomplete applications will **NOT** be accepted.
- Applications open until **11:59 pm Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>**.
- Printed applications **due by 9:00 am Jan 12<sup>th</sup>** to your school counsellor.



## High School Girls! Join us for Virtual STEM Events

### All-Girls Events

Join us as we learn about engineering design with fun, hands-on activities led by current university students and meet inspiring mentors. Connect with other like-minded students and talk to current engineering students and professionals who will share their stories and experience.

#### Who & When?

Grade 12: Sustainability for our Future - Thursday Oct 29th, 2020  
Grade 9: Robotics Today - Thursday Dec 3rd, 2020  
Grade 10: Design our Future - Wednesday Jan 27th, 2021  
Grade 11: The Future of Tech - Thursday Feb 25th, 2021  
Grade 8: Invitation to Create - Thursday Mar 11th, 2021

#### How Do I Register For These Free Events?

<http://geeringup.ca/high-school/kelowna/all-girls>

\*We have an inclusive view of the word "girl" and we welcome trans, genderqueer, and non-binary folks interested in these workshops

Find out more at [geeringup.ca](http://geeringup.ca)

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# MINDFUL MONDAYS @12PM IN ALL OF THE CHAOS, LET'S FIND SOME PEACE.

Register for this online mindfulness  
workshop at:

<https://us02web.zoomus/joining/register/tZctd-GprTsrH9LAVRberibJSioRcthnTygP>

FOUNDRY

SFU SIMON FRASER  
UNIVERSITY

SFU's Faculty of Applied Sciences invites students to join them for a series of webinar sessions throughout the month of January!

The webinars will be taking place on the following dates and times:

January 7th - 4:30 - 5:30 pm – General Applied Sciences  
January 13th - 4:30 - 5:30 pm – General Applied Sciences  
January 27th - 4:30 - 5:30 pm – General Applied Sciences  
January 19th - 4:30 - 5:30 pm – Sustainable Energy Engineering  
January 20th - 4:30 - 5:30 pm – Software Systems  
January 21st - 4:30 - 5:30 pm – Mechatronic Systems Engineering

<https://www.sfu.ca/fas/prospective-students/events.html>



# BACHELOR OF ENGINEERING IN SOFTWARE ENGINEERING

Create your own path with a  
career in Software Engineering

Do you want a career that allows you to make an impact, and that is part of one of the fastest growing and most in demand professions in Canada? Do you want to contribute to the ever-growing need for software based solutions across a variety of industries and professions?

With a focus on skill-based learning and a commitment to small class sizes, the Software Engineering program at TRU provides a hands-on experience led by industry professionals. By blending engineering, business, computing science, project management and quality assurance, students receive a well-rounded and multi-faceted education that equips them with skills needed for the workplace.

## EXPERIENCE HANDS ON LEARNING

The program's focus on experiential learning includes two mandatory co-op work terms in the fourth year of the program, which puts students in the position to be a paid employee before graduation and have opportunities to test-drive the wide variety of career options available in software engineering.

## Career Paths in Software Engineering

- Manufacturing
- Research
- Medicine
- Automobiles
- Banking
- Technology companies such as Google, Amazon and Facebook
- Entertainment

## THE TRU SOFTWARE ENGINEERING ADVANTAGE

- Offers strong foundations in principles and practice of software systems development, and related computing technologies.
- Students develop knowledge of the tools, technical skills and competencies required to design, develop, test and maintain cycles of software product.
- Emphasis on project-based learning practices that apply theoretical concepts to practical problems.
- Co-op work terms to gain relevant, paid work experience in industry.
- One-year design capstone project from real world industry to gain in-depth experiential learning.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

### First Year Entry

- BC Grade 12 (or equivalent).
- BC English 12 with a minimum of 67% (or equivalent).
- Pre-Calculus 12 with a minimum of 67% (or equivalent).
- Chemistry 12 with a minimum of 67% (or equivalent).
- Physics 12 with a minimum of 67% (or equivalent).

You may also be considered for second or third year direct entry if you have completed or partially completed first or second year sciences, engineering or cognate department courses. Please contact Dr. Fahem Ahmed for more information and evaluation at [eng@tru.ca](mailto:eng@tru.ca).

## CONTACT US

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To apply for this program, visit [tru.ca/admissions/apply](http://tru.ca/admissions/apply)

[tru.ca/se](http://tru.ca/se)



Let it Snow!



## THE SEL SCOOP – DECEMBER 2020

Supporting your Child Socially and Emotionally  
SPREADING KINDNESS AND FINDING JOY

We want our children to be happy but how do we help our children achieve contentment, find joy and grow into happy adults? The latest research on happiness gives us surprising answers. The largest determinant of our happiness is our own mental, emotional, and physical habits. So, SEL instruction is the gateway to helping our children find their happy.

**KINDNESS IS CONTAGIOUS** The positive effects of kindness are experienced in the brain of each person who witnesses the kind act. It can significantly increase a person's mood and make them more likely to do another kind act. This means one good deed in a crowded area can create a domino effect and improve the day for others.

**KINDNESS = PLEASURE** In addition to boosting dopamine (activating pleasure and reward centers), when you are kind to another person, your brain stimulates the production of serotonin, a neurotransmitter that helps regulate mood. This feel-good chemical heals your wounds, calms you down, and makes you happy contributing to the "helper's high" (Emory University).

**KINDNESS INCREASES HAPPINESS** A 2010 Harvard Business School survey of happiness in 136 countries found that people who are altruistic, are happiest overall. Research shows that the pride of contributing to the betterment of society makes us happier. Our job as parents is to find ways for our kids to make a positive difference in the world so they can enjoy and learn from this experience.

“Kindness is  
a gift everyone can  
afford to give.”

— Unknown

### Intentional Acts of Kindness Over the Holidays

1. Give up your spot in line
2. Pay for someone else's coffee
3. Send cards to the elderly
4. Donate food to the foodbank
5. Donate pet food to pet shelter
6. Smile at everyone you see today
7. Take on a chore that is not usually yours
8. Help neighbors shovel their driveways or clean snow off of their car
9. Create holiday decorations for others and put them on a tree in their yard
10. Leave a happy note for someone to find

### Conversations with your Kids

- What does Kindness mean to you?
- What does kindness look like/sound like/feel like?
- Think of a time when someone was kind to you. How did you know that was kindness?
- In what way could it motivate you to be kind too?
- In our family, what are kind things that we already do for each other?
- What can we do to bring more kindness into our home? /your school? /our community?

Learn more by watching:

<https://www.parents.com/kids/development/social/social-and-emotional-skills-to-teach-kids-that-will-help-them-be-kind/>  
Dr. Christine Carter on raising happy and kind kids: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=10gyfE5MTA>



Central Okanagan Public Schools Social Emotional Learning Team



Megamind Learning Centre  
presents...

# MEGAMIND FOUNDER'S \$CHOLARSHIP

Do you love writing? Are you a Canadian student in Grades 8-12? If so, you are eligible to apply for the Megamind Founder's Scholarship! All you have to do is write a short story or informational text (not more than 800 words) in either English or French and submit it on our website. The winner will win \$1000. The last day to apply is January 31, 2021.

Please visit our website for the application form and additional details: <https://megamindlearning.com/scholarship.html>



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### **HOW TO APPLY**

In your web browser type: <https://enrollment.sd23.bc.ca>

**No internet access?** Go directly to a school on February 1st or later to complete the online application.  
Assistance will be provided.

**PLEASE NOTE:** *The application process is online only, no paper enrollment is available. You are required to have a valid email account.*

Applications will be assigned a date-time stamp on a first-come, first-served basis, which will factor into a student's placement priority.

Complete the online application as early as possible, and provide the required documents listed below directly to the school either in person or by email by **Friday, March 12, 2021**.

1. **Birth certificate** or other government issued proof of age and citizenship
2. **Proof of B.C. Residency**
  - a. BC driver's license of parent/legal guardian AND
  - b. BC CARE card of parent/legal guardian OR
  - c. Other supporting documentation - <http://www.sd23.bc.ca/DistrictInfo/schoolenrollment/>
3. **Proof of Student's Living Address**
  - a. Property ownership, lease or rental agreement OR recent utility bill

### **AFTER Thursday, September 2, 2021**

**New in-catchment area enrollments:** Parents will be notified by a confirmation email when the school has accepted the student's application for enrollment. Board Policy 405R – Student Placement (Regulations), will be used to determine student placement and priority.

**New out-of-catchment area enrollments:** Parents may not be notified until after the summer enrollment period is over and all in-catchment area students have been placed.

**Qualifying age:** The School Act requires that a child must be five years of age by December 31, 2021 to qualify for school enrollment in September 2021. No exceptions.

**For further information, please visit the School District website [www.sd23.bc.ca](http://www.sd23.bc.ca) or call (250) 860-8888.**



Plan, search, & apply to B.C. post-secondary institutions: <http://www.educationplannerbc.ca>

This information is *a guide*. Institutions may change entrance requirements without notification.

Students are responsible for researching and verifying all post-secondary entrance requirements for any institution they wish to attend.

## UBC Admissions

