# **Vanier Collegiate** Career Education Newsletter - April 20, 2020

# **Your Career Your Future Your Way**

- 1.1 Be true to you.
- 1.2 Find your mentors.
- 1.3 Do what you love.
- 1.4 Your career is not you.
- 1.5 Never say never.
- 1.6 Keep learning.

Source: https://www.saskatooniec.ca/siec-wordpress/wp-content/uploads/Relevance 2020-lowres.pdf

# **Grade 9 -11 Information**

- Vanier's own career, opportunity and scholarship site: https://pursueonline.htcsd.ca/
- Myblueprint.ca (access code: vaniersk): <a href="https://myblueprint.ca/">https://myblueprint.ca/</a>

# **Question and Answer Period**

- **Google Meet Appointments** 
  - Email Ms. Lapointe at <a href="mailto:christa.lapointe@htcsd.ca">christa.lapointe@htcsd.ca</a> to arrange a time (AM) for a google meets so that you can ask any career, postsecondary, employment and other questions relevant to education and transitioning out of high school.



# **Financial Literacy**

- McGill University Personal Finance Essential Course https://mcgillpersonalfinance.com/
- **GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN MORE ABOUT FINANCES!**
- You will also obtain a certificate of competition!
- 6 Modules:

MCGILL PERSONAL FINANCE ESSENTIALS
In collaboration with RBC Future Launch and The Globe and Mall

If you're ready to take charge of your personal finances, then you're in the right place. From budgeting to borrowing, real estate and beyond, invest a hours in this free, online course' and you'll gain the knowledge and confidence to make a lifetime of smart financial decisions. Taught by professors from McGill University's Desautels Faculty of Management, the course is open to everyone.

Finish all course modules to receive a McGill Personal Finance Essentials attestation of completion?.

Join us and take charge of your financial future!



Introduction to Personal Finance Module 1:

Module 2: **Debt and Borrowing** 

Module 3: Your Money: Today and Tomorrow

Module 4: Strategic Budget Building Module 5: The Art of Investing 1 Module 6: The Art of Investing 2 The realities of Real Estate Module 7:

Module 8: **Behaviour Finance** 

# CAREER Superpowers

Tomorrow's Toolbox

Think of soft skills as your career toolbox. You carry this toolbox from job to job, adding new tools and sharpening existing tools as you go. The more tools you have, the more jobs you can do.

#### **Must-have essential** skills:

- Reading
- Numeracy
- Writing
- Oral communication
- Working with others
  - Continuous learning

# Highly valued people skills:

- Resilience: maintain a positive attitude in all kinds of situations, "grit".
- Cognitive intelligence: reason & plan, solve problems, think abstractly and learn from experience.
- Emotional intelligence: perceive and manage your own emotions as well as the emotions of others
- Social intelligence: connect with others, sense reactions and stimulate desired interactions.
- Virtual collaboration: work productively as a member of a virtual team.

#### In-demand workplace skills:

- New media literacy: use various forms of new media for
- Design mindset: develop tasks and work processes to reach desired goals.
- Transdisciplinarity: understand concepts across multiple
- Computational thinking: translate vast amounts of data into abstract concepts.

#### Helpful applied knowledge skills:

- Novel & adaptive thinking: come up with solutions beyond the usual Sense-making: determine the deeper meaning of things.

Source: iftf.org/futureskills

By 2030, six out of 10 of your classmates will be working in jobs that don't exist today. Cool, right? Except ... how do you prepare for a job Annota that doesn't exist yet?

Easy. Focus on developing your career superpowers, a.k.a., your skills. Your success is about building people skills, communication skills, digital skills and information seeking skills. It's about resilience and learning how to adapt in the face of change so you can thrive in the workplaces of tomorrow. Our peers and mentors share their insights on the skills you need to succeed.

#### **#1 Superpower: Communication**

Put communication in bold letters with exclamation marks after it. Communication is not just talking, it's asking questions and listening to the answers. It's more than texting and email, it's being able to talk face to face. You need to understand eye contact, tone of voice, body language and words, because all these things together are part of communicating.

- Mentor Rachelle Brockman, principal, Eureka Experience

Good communicators aren't born; it's a skill everyone can learn. Sometimes, we develop bad habits and think it's part of our persona, that we're just not good communicators. But communication isn't about who you are as a person, it's a skill you practice and grow, just like you would practice soccer skills or music skills.

> Omayra Issa, CBC journalist & public speaker

#### Superpower: Listen to Feedback

Communication is also about listening to feedback, and being able to take in feedback, without taking it personally.

> - Raegan Pollard, P.Eng., Senior Project Manager, **Graham Construction**

#### Superpower: Attitude

All of the nine essential skills come into play for me as a welder. But one thing this last year of training for WorldSkills taught me is that a positive attitude counts. At Skills competitions, everyone is trying to be the best they can be. At that level, you can't leave things to chance, you have to put your best foot forward no matter what. I think that translates to the real world of work.

- Adam Sebastian, 3rd Year Apprentice Welder, WorldSkills Team Canada 2019

# Superpower: Flexibility

In my field, I think the ability to adapt and grow with change will become more and more important. Technology and workplace standards are constantly changing, which means new procedures and techniques. Science is always moving forward.

- Donalee Olynick, CLX technologist, Wadena Hospital

#### **Superpower: Learn from Mistakes**

Don't let mistakes rule you. I was raised to know that it was okay to make mistakes, but to learn from them, correct t and move on. Mistakes are teaching lessons.

- Omayra Issa, CBC journalist & public speaker

### Superpower: Being Human

With all the innovations in technology, I think it's important to discover our humanity. The challenge of the tech world is that it connects us to faraway places, but disconnects us to close places, like friends, family and community. The beautiful gift we have as humans is that we are human. As humans, we are positioned to understand and deal with the issues and challenges of our world. It's our responsibility to honour that aift to ourselves.

- Mentor Neal Kewistep, Executive-in-Residence, Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy

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- Check out https://pursueonline.htcsd.ca/ for all the scholarships updates!
- OLD scholarship from last newsletter:
  - Prairie South School Division / Moose Jaw Bursary Fund Deadline May 1
    - https://pursueonline.htcsd.ca/moose-jaw-bursary-fund-pssd-vanier-scholarships/
  - Vanier Scholarship Forms Deadline May 1
    - Submit through email: <a href="mailto:christa.lapointe@htcsd.ca">christa.lapointe@htcsd.ca</a> (subject: VANIER SCHOLARSHIP)
    - SAVE IT WITH YOUR NAME AND TITLE IN PDF FORM
      - EX: Sally Johns Vanier Scholarship Form
    - o Form:
      - https://pursueonline.htcsd.ca/vanier-collegiate-general-scholarship-applicationform/
- NEWLY POSTED LOCAL scholarship that have been posted to purse:
  - Vanier Collegiate Evan Thomas Memorial Scholarship
  - Holy Trinity Teacher's Association Bursary
  - Vanier Collegiate Ned Andreoni Memorial Scholarship
  - o CUPE 5506 HTCSD
  - o CUPE 5512 PSSD
  - Vanier Collegiate Redemptorist Fathers Scholarship
  - Vanier Collegiate La Bourse Arthur Landry Bursary (French Immersion Students ONLY)
  - o Local Moose Jaw (Church of Our Lady) Knights of Columbus Scholarship
  - Local Moose Jaw (St. Joseph) Knights of Columbus Scholarship coming soon
  - o Local Moose Jaw Catholic Women's League coming soon
  - CUPE 600 Community Scholarships coming Soon
  - Saskatchewan Apprenticeship and Trades Industry Scholarships talk to Ms. Lapointe
  - o Cando Scholarship coming soon/talk to Ms. Lapointe
  - Moose Jaw Curling Scholarship
  - o Elementary School Community Council (SCC) Scholarships
  - Friendly City Optimist Friend of Youth Scholarship
  - o Rotary Club of Moose Jaw Scholarships
  - o Moose Jaw Co-op Caring for the Community Student Scholarship
  - Moose Jaw Co-op Student Employee Scholarship
  - Moose Jaw Marilyn McCrea Scholarship (females)
  - NEW Hillcrest Ladies Golf League Women 'Fore' Women Golf Tourney and Scholarship
  - o <u>2020 Young Community Leader Bursary Insurance Brokers of Saskatchewan</u>
  - NEW The Smith Legacy Scholarship TBA

#### OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS

- o Leader Post Foundation
- Prince Edward Arts Scholarship
- o Bayer Scholarships for Students Agriculture
- o G3 Grow Beyond Scholarship- Agriculture
- Les Donnelly Scholarship
- o **SGI Scholarships**
- Saskatchewan Hockey Association
- Saskatchewan Golf Scholarships
- o Paddy O'Rourke Poetry Scholarship
- o Nelson Civil Leadership Scholarship and Indigenous Student Scholarship
- Saskatchewan School Board Association Scholarships (essay)

# **Student Loans**

- 2020-2021 Student loan application is usually available at the beginning of June.
  - You can look up online for handouts and step by step guides.
  - I will be arranging some time of google hangout/meeting opportunity in May How to finance your education ... through an online conference... something so new to all of us!
  - Website: <a href="https://www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/education-and-learning/student-loans">https://www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/education-and-learning/student-loans</a>

# **Transcripts**

- Go online to request your official transcript to be sent to the post-secondary schools you are applying or have already applied to.
- You need to have it sent ASAP and after June exams. I would also have them sent to your house after June exams.
- Cost: \$25
- Read and follow the directions online! <a href="https://www.k12.gov.sk.ca/etranscript/">https://www.k12.gov.sk.ca/etranscript/</a>



# Get PAID to LEARN

A growing number of post-secondary education programs include work experience as part of their curriculum. But you can also use these links to find internships and other paid work experience opportunities that match your interests.

- Computers for Schools (CFS) Saskatchewan Technical Work Experience Program offers paid work experiences for youth (ages 15–30) seeking a career in the IT field, cfs-sask.ca.
- Federal Student Work Experience Program provides high school and post-secondary students access to a wide variety of work experience, canada.ca/en/public-service-commission/jobs/services/recruitment/ students/federal-student-work-program.html.
- Indigenous Clean Energy Network 20/20
  Catalysts is a mentor-based capacity building program for people interested
  in using clean energy initiatives to create positive change in their communities,
  indigenouscleanenergy.com/2020-catalysts-program/become-a-catalyst.
- Katimavik National Experience is a 5-month program that lets you gain life skills and work experience while contributing to community development through volunteerism, <u>katimavik.org/en/we-are</u>.

- Saskatchewan Government offers summers jobs and internships in a variety of government departments, <u>careers.gov.sk.ca/studentjobs</u>.
- Science Horizons Youth Internship Program offers green jobs to recent college or university graduates in science, technology, engineering or math (STEM), ec.gc.ca/scitech/default.asp?lang=En&n=B58899DC-1.
- Summer Youth Internship Program (SYIP) provides paid work experience to students in Grades 11 and 12 in construction, manufacturing, IT, automotive and tourism sectors, <u>saskatooniec.ca</u>.
- Summer Apprenticeship Program (SAP) focuses on 6-10 and 11 students looking to explore occupations in the trades through summer employment, <u>rdiec.ca/summer-apprenticeship</u>.
- Young Canada Works provides a variety of summer jobs and internships. Log in to create a profile and begin your search, canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/services/funding/young-canada-works.html.

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# **5 TIPS** FOR EXPLORING THE TRADES

# 1. Do your homework

Spend some time exploring different trades at <u>saskapprenticeship.ca</u> and <u>careersintrades.ca</u>. Which ones are you most interested in? Which have the best job prospects? What do they pay?

# 2. Keep your options open

Specialized trades often require industry-specific knowledge and skills. This can be a good thing, because you can become a specialist in your field and command top wages, but it can also narrow your job market. If you'd like more career flexibility, consider trades with transferrable skills.

# 3. Take a pre-employment program

Saskatchewan Polytechnic,
Saskatchewan Indian Institute of
Technologies, Gabriel Dumont
Institute and Saskatchewan Regional
Colleges all offer short (3-4 month)
pre-employment programs in the
skilled trades. It's a great way to test
drive a trade, while also building
transferrable skills.

# 4. Become a niche area expert

Becoming the go-to expert in a niche area of your trade can provide a great foundation for career growth. It's important to start by developing a broad set of skills, both industry-specific and transferrable. But if you see an opportunity to excel in one area (especially if you can earn a premium wage), get all the training and experience you can in that area.

# 5. Keep learning

After getting journeyperson certification, it might be tempting to close the books and just focus on work. But stay open to more training. Careers in skilled trades are evolving; as they evolve, new opportunities emerge — getting training in new areas will help make your career recession-proof (and robot proof). Check out the full article at talentegg. ca/incubator/2016/03/07/selecting-skilled-trade-7-mind.

