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Local Scholarships – Nanaimo Schools Financial Assistance Society (NSFAS)

Approximately \$225,000 in scholarships and bursaries, donated by local individuals and organizations, will be given to graduating students at the Dover Bay Awards Ceremony or at District Honours Night in June. Scholarship booklets and applications are now available to grade 12's. The booklet is available from the Careers Centre or can be viewed on line at www.sd68.bc.ca/career_services Parents also need to look through the scholarship booklet to help identify family affiliations. **The due date for applications throughout the district is 2:00 pm on Friday, February 25th. Late applications will not be accepted.** The District Selections Committee considers the applications and matches up the most suitable candidates for the awards, taking into consideration the information the student has provided and distributing the funds to as many Nanaimo grads as possible. Successful applicants will be notified in mid-May.

It's Application Season

Remember waiting until the last minute to buy last year's Christmas presents, then frantically trying to find perfect gifts when there was no selection left? We all know it doesn't have to be this way and with a bit of planning and foresight, things can be done well ahead of time. Planning and applying for post secondary education is much like Christmas shopping, and February is crunch time.

Now is the best time to complete your educational plan and get your applications ready for submission.

The earlier you apply, the better the chances you will get the program you want. Check out Opening Doors at www.openingdoorsbc.com and PASBC (post-secondary online applications) www.pas.bc.ca. They offer one-stop shopping for anyone who wants to study in BC and they are open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

College for a Day

Have you applied to Malaspina University-College? If so, you may want to attend post-secondary visitation day for grade 12's on Friday, February 11th. Bring your signed teacher/parent permission forms to the Careers Centre and we will reserve your seat on this school-sponsored trip. Find out about programs, extra-curricular activities, sports, international opportunities and tour the campus. The school bus leaves Dover Bay at 9:00 am and returns at 1:30 pm.

Incoming Outstanding Student Initiative at Malaspina

The IOS initiative is a special proposal from the Deans of the Bachelor of Science, Arts and Business Administration programs to provide full access to first year classes for the strongest applicants who are entering Malaspina in September 2005. If you qualify, you won't want to miss this opportunity.

Your high school transcript must show at least three "A" grades and one "B" grade. These grades must be attained in English 11 plus three additional grade 11 courses selected from the following list:

- Math 11 (Principles or Applications)
- Social Studies 11
- Biology 11
- Chemistry 11
- Physics 11
- Earth Science 11
- Information Technology 11
- A Ministry-approved second language course 11 (not a beginner's level)



To be considered as an Incoming Outstanding Student, you must send a letter requesting consideration and an official transcript by April 15th to:

Registration Centre–IOS Selection Committee
Malaspina University-College
900 – 5th Street
Nanaimo, BC
V9R 5S5

Parents' Night at Malaspina

Students are encouraged to join their parents at an info session on **Wednesday, February 23rd at 7:30 pm** in Building 180, Room 134. Information will be provided on Admissions, Programming, Financial Aid, and Scholarships at Malaspina University-College.



Work Experience Grad Requirement

Most grade 12's have completed their 30 hour Work Experience component for graduation and we are confident that many more are near completion. Students with jobs or volunteer hours already done need to pick up the *pink sheets* from the Careers Centre and get your paperwork done. Students without 30 hours complete need to arrange a placement made by the Careers Centre.

Early Admission/Entrance Awards

Students can apply for early admission at UBC, Simon Fraser, University of Victoria, University of Northern BC on February 28th. If you think you might qualify for an Entrance Scholarship, please note that February 28th is the application deadline for Simon Fraser and University of Victoria. **Applications for Malaspina's Entrance Scholarships, due March 15th, are available online or in the Careers Centre.** Entrance Scholarships are exclusive awards and some require a significant amount of time to complete. In addition to having outstanding grade 12 marks, they often require letters of reference, a personal essay and evidence of school and community leadership.

January Provincial Exam Results

The Ministry of Education has changed the

way they provide provincial exam results, moving from a mailing process to a web-based access system. Approximately one month after the exam session, the Ministry of Education will post your exam results. Students will be required to identify themselves using standard criteria that includes their Personal Education Number (PEN), date of birth and last name. Once access has been granted, students will create a password to view their exam and scholarship scores. PEN numbers are available in the Counselling and Careers Centres.

Access Provincial Exam results at
www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams
 at the end of February

Provincial Exam Rereads

A reread is another marking of your exam. For a \$50 fee you can request that your exam be remarked. It is important to know that the new exam mark becomes your permanent score and marks can increase or decrease. You can obtain a reread request form and reread deadlines from the Counselling Centre. You will find complete details at www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/handbook

Provincial Exam Rewrites

If you are unhappy with an exam result you can choose to write the exam again without having to redo the course. When you rewrite an exam, your school mark is combined with your best exam score within a 12-month period to produce a new final mark. You may rewrite an exam only once within 12 months of completing the course. Contact your counsellor to register for a rewrite. English 12, Chemistry 12 and Principles of Mathematics 12 can be rewritten in April, other courses in June.

SFU Scientific 1 on February 18th

Are you interested in things scientific? Simon Fraser has set up a hands-on fun day to learn more about careers in science and see their state-of-the-art facilities. See Mr. McDonough if interested in participating.

Camosun College Open House

Interested students and parents are invited

to visit Camosun's Interurban Campus to tour labs, shops and classrooms; speak with faculty, staff and students; and engage in hands-on activities, contests and games. Did you know that Camosun will soon be offering a full four-year Accounting Degree. Offered through Camosun's School of Business, the new Bachelor Degree in Business Administration with a major in Accounting will welcome its first students in May, with two more classes starting in September 2005. The Accounting Degree students will complete a minimum of two practical work terms before graduation and graduates will have skills relating to employment in occupations such as:

- controller
- asset manager
- internal or external auditor
- business consultant or owner
- financial analyst, planner or manager
- corporate, management or public accountant



Mark Thursday, February 24th, 9:00 am–7:00 pm on your calendar if you are considering post-secondary studies at Camosun College.

Student Shadowing at UBC

Find out what it's like to be a UBC student. Through Student Shadowing, grade 12 students are paired with a current UBC student. They will spend the day with their UBC host, going to class, discovering clubs and activities available to students, discussing course material and getting to know the campus from the students' perspective. Student Shadowing is offered Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays until April 2nd. There is a \$5 registration fee for participation. Register online at www.welcome.ubc.ca/students/events

Unique Study Opportunity in Finland

Rovaniemi Polytechnic in Finland wants to attract English speaking students to attend four programs that are taught in English.

- Info Tech
- Tourism
- International Business
- International Project Management



There are no tuition fees for foreign students. For more information and an application form, visit the website at www.ramk.fi. Applications are due on February 15th.

General Scholarships and Bursaries

Grade 12 students should be checking the Careers Centre regularly for scholarship opportunities.

Date indicates due date

- Feb 25 ~~X~~Monta-Young Women in Public Affairs
- Feb 28 University of Victoria Entrance
- Feb 28 Simon Fraser University Entrance
- Mar 11 ReMax Quest for Excellence
- Mar 15 University of Alberta -Leadership
- Mar 15 Malaspina Entrance**
- Mar 21 BC School Superintendents-Essay
- Mar 31 Gowlings Biotech Essay Contest
- Mar 31 Guide-Outfitters Assn. of BC
- Mar 31 Miller Thomson Foundation
- Apr 01 BC School Trustees Association
- Apr 01 BC Hydro Scholarships
- Apr 15 CGA of Canada Scholarships
- Apr 08 BC School Sports – McDonald's MVP Scholarships
- April 29 SuperPages Scholarships

Learn and Earn

Have you made plans for your future yet? Why not take a look at the exciting career options available in trades and technology. Learn about the Secondary School Apprenticeship program and how you can "learn and earn" as an apprentice in more than 100 different careers. Check out your options while you are still in high school.

An apprenticeship is work-based training combined with post-secondary education. An apprentice spends about 80% of their time learning their craft on the job, under the direction of a highly skilled journeyman, and about 20% of their time learning in the classroom. On average, an apprentice will start out making 50% of a journeyman's wage, with increases every six months. An apprenticeship usually lasts about four years, after which the average tradesperson makes more than \$20 per hour. Many trades pay more than \$40,000 per year. Sixty percent of the jobs opening up in the next ten years will be in trades and technology and the wide variety of trades makes them an appealing career choice. As a certified tradesperson your skills are in demand and career paths are endless. Within your trade, you can become:

- a contractor
- an entrepreneur
- an inspector
- a college instructor and much more



Visit the BC Government website at www.learnandearn.bc.ca or come to the Careers Centre to explore possible career choices.