Where can I direct my student for information on…

ABORIGINAL RESOURCES
Aboriginal Resource Centre
Barrie (M137) - 705-728-1968, ext. 1318
Orillia (B201) - 705-325-2740, ext. 3159
Owen Sound (A147) - 519-376-0840, ext. 2096
Midland (A115) - 705-526-3666, ext. 1318
South Georgian Bay - 704-445-2961
Orangeville - 519-940-0331
Muskoka - 705-646-7629
www.georgiancollege.ca/aboriginal

Also contact for: Visiting Elder Program, Getsijig: Native Education Officer, Niwijiagan Peer Mentor Program, Aboriginal Community Liaison and Aboriginal Education Programs

ADMISSIONS / REGISTRATION
STUDENT RECORDS
Office of the Registrar
705-722-1511
registrar@georgiancollege.ca
www.georgiancollege.ca/admissions

ALUMNI
Office of Development & Alumni Relations
705-728-1968, ext. 1128
www.georgiancollege.ca/alumni

ATHLETICS AND FITNESS
Athletics & Fitness Centre
www.georgiangrizzlies.com
athletics@georgiancollege.ca
Barrie - 705-722-1577
Orillia - 705-329-3123
Owen Sound - 519-376-0840, ext. 2048

Intramural/Extramural Sports
Barrie - 705-722-1577
Orillia - 705-325-2740, ext. 3007
Owen Sound - 519-376-0840, ext. 2048

Varsity
705-722-1577

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS
Awards and Scholarships
705-728-1968, ext. 1483
awards@georgiancollege.ca
www.georgiancollege.ca/awards

CAREER AND EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION
CO-OP EDUCATION AND INTERNSHIPS
Career Services
Barrie (B110) - 705-728-1968, ext. 1340
Orillia (A200) - 705-325-2740, ext. 3090
Owen Sound (Rm 607) - 519-376-0840, ext. 2043
Regional Campuses - 705-728-1968, ext. 1340
www.georgiancollege.ca/careers
www.georgianexperience.com (Job postings)

Co-op and Internships
(705) 728-1968, ext. 1340
coopsupport@georgiancollege.ca
www.georgiancollege.ca/careers
www.georgianexperience.com (Co-op job postings)
Services provided to students at all campuses

CONTINUING EDUCATION / PART-TIME STUDIES
Continuing Education / Corporate Training
Barrie - 705-722-1511
Orillia - 705-329-3129
Owen Sound - 519-376-0840, ext. 2022
Midland - 705-526-3666
Muskoka - 705-646-7629
Orangeville - 519-940-0331
South Georgian Bay - 705-445-2961
continuingeducation@georgiancollege.ca
www.georgiancollege.ca/continuing-education

COUNSELLING
Student Success Services
Barrie (B110) - 705-722-1523
Orillia (A200) - 705-329-3113
Owen Sound (Rm 607) - 519-376-0840, ext. 2099
Midland - 705-526-3666
Muskoka - 705-646-7629
Orangeville - 519-940-0331
South Georgian Bay - 705-445-2961
www.georgiancollege.ca/student-success
Ask a Counsellor - counsellor@georgiancollege.ca
www.georgiancollege.ca/counselling

CROWN WARD SUPPORTS
Crown Ward Champion
705-728-1968, ext. 1020
crownward@georgiancollege.ca

DISABILITY SERVICES AND ADAPTIVE TECHNOLOGY
Student Success Services
Barrie (B110) - 705-722-1523
Orillia (A200) - 705-329-3113
Owen Sound (Rm 607) - 519-376-0840, ext. 2099
Regional Campuses - 705-526-3666, ext. 3711
www.georgiancollege.ca/student-success

FINANCIAL AID AND BURSARIES
Financial Aid Office
One Georgian Drive
Barrie, ON L4M 3X9
705-728-1968, ext. 5267
financialaid@georgiancollege.ca
www.georgiancollege.ca/admissions/finances

FIRST GENERATION SERVICES
First Generation Student Success Services
Barrie/Midland/Orangeville - 705-728-1968, ext. 1920
Orillia/Muskoka - 705-325-2740, ext. 3070
Owen Sound/South Georgian Bay - 519-376-0840, ext. 2316
firstgen@georgiancollege.ca
www.georgiancollege.ca/first-generation

COURSE MATERIALS AND TEXT BOOKS
Georgian Stores
Barrie - 705-722-1570
Orillia - 705-325-2740, ext. 3013
Owen Sound - 519-376-0840, ext. 2093
www.georgianstores.com
info@georgianstores.com

Bits & Bytes Computer Store and Service Centre
Barrie - 705-722-5178
Service Centre - 705-728-1968, ext. 1452
www.georgiancollege.ca/bitsandbytes
bits&bytes@georgiancollege.ca
I’m delighted that one of your family members is preparing to join us at Georgian College this fall! I recently began my new role here as President and CEO, and I can already say with great confidence that making the decision to come to Georgian was the right one for me.

I had many questions when I first arrived at Georgian. First-year students do too—everything from “Where is my class?” to “How can I do well on my assignments?” No matter the question, please encourage your family member to ask! Our friendly and knowledgeable staff members are here to help.

First-year students also face new challenges, such as learning to manage their time, developing effective study habits, taking quality notes and managing a budget. We have the resources and services in place to ensure they transition successfully into college life—from counselling and tutoring, to learning strategies and financial aid advice.

Orientation is a great way to start the year. It’s an opportunity for students to get all the information they need while connecting with other incoming students. But it doesn’t stop there—I know our staff works hard behind the scenes to ensure there are programs and events in place year round, tailored to meet student needs and make them feel part of the overall Georgian community.

One of the things I love most about Georgian is that it’s impossible to get lost in the crowd. Your family member will feel noticed and be noticed. Small class sizes mean personal interaction with professors who know their name and are committed to their success.

There are also many opportunities to stretch and grow outside of the classroom. Your family member can have a voice in student government, participate in clubs and events on campus, join a varsity or intramural team, or make an impact out in the community through various volunteer and fundraising initiatives.

This calendar is designed to provide you with insight into what the first-year experience at Georgian is like. It will help you keep up-to-date with what’s happening and offer tools and tips on how you can contribute to and support your loved one’s success.

What an exciting time for all of us!

MaryLynn West-Moynes
President and CEO
DID YOU KNOW

• Georgian students can attend varsity games for free
• There are approximately 600 international students from more than 40 countries studying at Georgian College
• First Generation students are students whose parents did not attend college or university. First Gen Mentors provide support to the close to 3000 First Gen students studying at Georgian
• Parents and family members can get information and updates through informal networks or the Georgian College Parent Facebook Page, Georgian College - Parents & Supporters
• Students can get a one-hour massage for $20 at the Massage Therapy Clinic at the Barrie Campus ($25 for the general public)
• Georgian hires approximately 160 students a year to work in food operations
• Students should meet with their co-op consultant early and make sure to attend their co-op hour to maximize work term opportunities
• Career Services offers workshops and one-on-one sessions to help students map out their career paths and find part-time, summer or graduate jobs
• College is a full-time commitment - for every hour in class, students should spend one to three hours outside of class time studying
• Students whose parents are alumni are eligible to apply for an annual $1,000 award sponsored by the Georgian College Alumni Association
• All students receive complimentary print credits at the start of each semester, after the add/drop period. Additional credits can be purchased in the Library Commons (BA, OR, OS and MI) or at campus reception (SGB, MU and OV)
Welcome to the Georgian family

Preparing for college can be an exciting, stressful and overwhelming time for students. Students may be fostering new independence and require the space and freedom to do so. Allowing your student to explore their new environment and make their own choices can be challenging. It’s important, however, as they develop an increased sense of responsibility and accountability for their actions.

As a family member of a student attending college, we recognize the important role you play in assisting through their transition. Throughout this calendar we have included information for you to encourage open communication with your student. We hope the information provided allows you to be part of your student’s first-year experience and provide them with support as they require it.

Each month we will include valuable information and opportunities for students to get connected. As your student transitions to college we want you to know that we are here to support them, and to help you support them, throughout their program.

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**OR - First Gen Time Management workshop**

**OS - First Gen Personality Type workshop**

**FACTOR**

**OF THE MONTH**:

- **Fun Fact**: Testing Services are available for students who require test accommodations or need to write a missed/make-up test. Test requests should be made early – five business days notice is required to guarantee a spot.

**THINGS TO KNOW THIS MONTH**:

- The Library Commons in Barrie, Orillia and Owen Sound offer services to assist with writing skills, math skills and technology. Encourage your student to visit Write On, the Math Centre and Click On for support.

- Students may begin to question their program choice as they get into the semester. Career Consultants provide support to students in exploring career options and seeking employment. Students should contact career or counselling services prior to changing or withdrawing from their program.

- Students who are living away from home may also have concerns about their roommate or housemates. Encourage them to connect with their residence assistant or a counsellor to mediate or discuss their concerns.

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Getting involved on campus

A well-rounded college experience includes getting involved in campus life. Volunteer opportunities, part-time employment, athletics, clubs and associations, SAC and events on campus are designed to build connections between students and enrich their learning experience.

Often family members are concerned about their student’s involvement in activities on campus negatively impacting their studies. Typically, this is not the case. Involvement in activities outside of academics enriches the academic experience. It can also assist students in determining their interests, building experience for their resumé, and contributing positively to their community.

Encourage your student to join a club or association, attend or participate in events or athletics. Students can connect with the SAC Office for information on clubs on campus, check with their First Generation Mentor about events, visit career services for information about on-campus employment, or the Fitness Centre (Barrie, Orillia and Owen Sound) for varsity, intramurals or extramural opportunities.

Things to know this month:
- The deadline to withdraw from a course or program without academic penalty is Nov. 15. Students should connect with their program co-ordinator or contact the Office of the Registrar for information
- Registration begins for winter co-op work terms this month. Co-op students should be attending their co-op hour and meeting with their co-op consultant
- Barrie, Orillia and Owen Sound campuses have an anonymous Food Locker program for students who are struggling to purchase food. They can contact SAC for information or fill out an online application through the SAC website
- Fees are due for the winter semester on Nov. 20

Fun fact
Students should review class notes within 24 hours of each class to retain the information. For a three-hour class students should spend 30 minutes reviewing their notes or they may risk losing 75 per cent of the information.
F U N  F A C T

Georgian offers a huge variety of Continuing Education courses - visit our website for information on corporate training, certificate programs, credit courses and general interest courses.

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Almost done semester one

Students are nearing the end of the first semester and are busy completing assignments, tests and final exams. Heavy workloads at this time of year can lead to poor eating habits, lack of sleep, stress and anxiety. Supporting your student through this stressful time is important. Keep the lines of communication open and be aware of resources to support them if they become overwhelmed.

Weather can also be a concern during the winter months. Extreme weather may dictate a campus closure or class cancellation. Closure of the college and widespread cancellation of classes will be announced on our website and on local radio stations. More information is available on our website.

The stress eventually ends and students are ready to relax for the holiday break. Students may be preparing to head home for a few weeks before the start of semester two. Openly communicate your expectations about your holiday schedule and encourage your student to do the same. Recognize your student may have been living independently for a few months and require time to adjust to being back in the family home and old routines. Spend quality time with your student, but appreciate they may want time for themselves or to connect with old friends.

THINGS TO KNOW THIS MONTH:

• Make note of important dates including registration for the winter semester, OSAP deadlines and college holiday closures

• Students may be experiencing financial stress going into the holidays and may not be able to meet family expectations. Have an open discussion with your student to reduce their financial stress

• Celebrate the end of the first semester. It is an accomplishment and a testament of hard work and dedication!

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Welcome back

After the holiday break, students are returning to campus and often reflecting on their past semester. Second semester is a great opportunity for students to increase their involvement on campus and explore activities they may not have known about in their first term. Many programs at Georgian offer January starts so there will be new students on campus that may require support as well. Encourage your student to assist others with their transition or volunteer to be involved at orientation.

Students have the opportunity to learn from past challenges and try something new. Support your student by urging them to set goals moving forward. Students with academic challenges in their first semester can connect with services early, and students who were not academically successful should contact counselling services to discuss their options and learn about the Fresh Start program.

The winter semester is also a great time to start thinking about preparing for summer and next year. Students should begin looking at housing options, summer employment and preparing for co-op work terms.

THINGS TO KNOW THIS MONTH:
• There are awards, scholarships and bursaries with January deadlines. Check out the website for information
• If your student needs to change or drop a course, encourage them to do so early. The deadline to receive a refund (if applicable) for dropped courses is Jan. 18
• Being involved with the Students’ Administrative Council is a great way to have a voice at the college. SAC nominations open Jan. 14 for 2013-2014
• Students with disabilities need to pick up their letters of accommodation for semester two; they should meet with their disability specialist early
• First Generation students should connect with their First Gen Mentor to discuss events and workshops available during the winter semester

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Fun Fact

At Georgian Stores, you can get more than just books - purchase course materials, take advantage of online ordering, the Books in Rez program and textbook rental program.
Starting to think about summer

There may be snow on the ground but students are already starting to think about summer!

Many summer employment opportunities are posted early. Encourage your student to connect with career services on campus to look for summer employment options. Career services staff can assist students in preparing their resume, cover letter and job applications. Students can also check online for job postings relevant to their program by visiting www.georgiancc.experience.com.

Throughout February and March many program areas and campuses offer career fairs, bringing employers on campus. These employers are looking for students in Georgian programs and offer part-time, summer and graduate employment opportunities. Students are encouraged to meet with a Career Consultant to prepare for these events. Understanding the employers' expectations will increase their opportunity for success.

Support your student by discussing with them their summer employment or co-op goals. Encourage them to network in the community they want to work in to build contacts. Many employment opportunities are not advertised and students are hired through connections. Your student can use the winter study week to make connections and apply for positions back home.

THINGS TO KNOW THIS MONTH:

- Cold, dreary weather can lead to students feeling down. Encourage your student to stay connected, utilize services and participate in social events
- Discuss with your student their financial plans – many students struggle financially at this time of year
- Regular contact with Co-op Consultants and meeting appropriate deadlines is required to find a co-op work term
- There are lots of services available to help your student academically during assignments and mid-terms. They can take advantage of these services through the Library Commons, Student Success and Learning Strategies and Peer Services
**F U N  F A C T**

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**BA/OS/OS - Look for March Madness events in the Fitness Centre**

**OR - Campus Career Fair**

**OR - Live Bands tonight in The Den**

**BA - Pow Wow on Campus**

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**Registration begins for summer Co-op Work Term**

**BA/OR - Students should check out the Knowledge Hubs in the Library Commons**

**BA - Tuesday Night ticket at TLC every Tuesday**

**Tri-campus Basketball Tournament**

**OR - St. Patty’s Pub at The Den**

**Library Commons Facebook Giveaway**

**Last day to withdraw from most programs/courses without academic penalty**

**Co-op registration deadline for Winter semester**

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**BA - Wicked Wednesday Pub Night at TLC every Wednesday**

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**Would your student be interested in being a tutor or mentor next year? Have them apply to Peer Services now!**

**Deadline for Request to Graduate forms for spring convocation**

**OR - Active Living Challenge ends**

**COLLEGE CLOSED GOOD FRIDAY**

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**It’s all about respect**

At Georgian College, we are lucky to have students from all over the world with a diverse range of backgrounds, cultures, orientations, skills and experiences.

In 2009, SAC launched a RESPECT campaign on campus as a reminder that all individuals deserve respect: “We believe that respect is a human right and at Georgian we want to foster and promote a supportive, inclusive environment. We want to challenge the attitudes, beliefs and behaviours that fail to recognize human dignity and teach and model appropriate ways to interact with others. At Georgian we promote respect for community, relationships, environment, and self.”

As supporters of Georgian students, we ask you to join us in our campaign. Encourage inclusive attitudes and understanding at home. Pick up RESPECT clothing and gear at Georgian Stores and spread the word so we can Recognize, Educate, Speak up, Participate, Empathize, Connect and show Teamwork in maintaining a respectful environment in which to study and work.

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**THINGS TO KNOW THIS MONTH:**

- Join us for events on campus celebrating Diversity Week, March 4 to 8
- Take part in the Pow Wow at the Barrie Campus on March 9
- March 15 is the last day students can withdraw from a course or program without academic penalty
- Co-op students can register for summer semester co-op work terms starting March 18
- Fees are due on March 19 for students attending the summer semester
- Students planning to graduate in the spring need to submit their Request to Graduate forms to the Office of the Registrar by March 28
We’re nearing the end of year one

April brings many emotions for students – excitement, fear, stress and relief. As students near the end of their first year they are not only wrapping up their academic requirements, but also preparing to move home, start summer employment, begin a new co-op work term, travel and more.

As the semester draws to a close, encourage your student to continue to commit themselves to their course work, attend classes regularly and focus on assignments. After many months of studying, students may become fatigued and require some extra support and encouragement to make it through the home stretch.

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Things to know this month:

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As a Georgian graduate, your student automatically becomes a member of the Georgian College Alumni Association, giving them access to exclusive discounts, special events and post-graduate opportunities.
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**THINGS TO KNOW THIS MONTH:**

- **It can be hard for students to concentrate on academics during the summer with competing demands and nice weather.** If your student is taking courses, encourage them to join or create study groups to meet other students and keep on track.

- **If your student needs to change or drop a course, they should do so early.** The deadline to receive a refund (if applicable) for dropped courses is May 17.

- **Students with disabilities need to pick up their letters of accommodation at the beginning of each semester.**

- **Do you know any students coming to Georgian for the first time in the fall?** There may be transition programs available for students with disabilities, autism spectrum disorder and First Generation students. Contact Student Success for information, 705-722-1523.
Supporting Georgian students

As a family member of a Georgian student, you have been a key supporter in their academic journey. As a community member, you also have the ability to support students in other ways.

Many programs at Georgian offer hands-on experience to complement academic work. Student labs provide students with the chance to put into practice their theoretical knowledge while being supervised by professionals in the field. At the Barrie Campus, many programs offer services to the general public, including:

- Georgian Dining Room
- Georgian Optical
- Harmonize for Speech, Hearing and Language Clinic
- Massage Therapy Clinic
- Oral Health Clinic (outreach also available in Orillia)
- Spa and Esthetics Clinic

Contact your local campus to find out about ways you can get involved with Georgian, participate in events, activities and fundraising efforts that contribute to a positive student experience.

THINGS TO KNOW THIS MONTH:

- Fees are due for the fall semester on June 20
- For graduating students, spring convocations are held throughout the month of June. If your student is graduating, they should receive information in the mail if they completed the Request to Graduate form in the spring
- “Glad You’re a Grad” sessions are offered by career services to assist those graduating with finding graduate employment. Contact Career Services for dates and information at 705-728-1968 ext. 1340
Preparing for the fall

With September just around the corner, July is a great time to ensure things are in order for returning to school in the fall. Students should have housing arranged and begin thinking about what their new living accommodations will require. For students living off campus for the first time, it may be an adjustment and quite different from residence or home life. For assistance finding off-campus housing, visit www.Places4Students.com.

Applications for on-campus employment opportunities are accepted throughout the summer. Opportunities are available in various departments including the Library Commons, Residence, Fitness Centre, Athletics, Food Service Operations, Peer Services, First Generation program and more.

Students are encouraged to connect with their program co-ordinators to ask any questions they may have about courses for the fall. Registration opens in mid-August and classes can fill up quickly so it’s a good idea to ask questions early.

As a key support, encourage your student to become familiar with their program requirements and look into what courses they need to take in their second year. Promote opportunities for involvement on campus and consider supporting other parents of first-year students through informal networks or the Georgian College Parent Facebook Page, Georgian College - Parents & Supporters.

**THINGS TO KNOW THIS MONTH:**

- OSAP applications should be completed for next year, with all documentation in order
- There are lots of other funding options students can look into as well, including scholarships, awards and bursaries. Contact the Financial Aid Office with questions or concerns
Beat the rush

Reflect on the difference in the level of confidence and independence in your student from this time last year to now! As year two approaches, students understand the expectations of college and are more self-assured in entering the next year of their program.

August brings the opportunity to register for classes, arrange financial aid and prepare for the next year. Students are encouraged to complete their college business early to avoid the rush in September.

As you support your student during their second, and maybe final, year recognize that they may go through the same stresses and anxieties experienced in year one due to the nature of the college schedule. Continue to provide support and referral to services, and understand that this is a crucial time for them to grow as an individual.

**THINGS TO KNOW THIS MONTH:**

- Students can purchase parking passes, course materials (in person or online) and Fitness Centre memberships this month to avoid line ups in September
- Students with disabilities should connect with their disability specialist early to set up accommodations for the fall
- Volunteer opportunities exist for those who want to help out at orientation

Thank you for being such a great support for your student and for becoming part of the Georgian College family. Here’s to a successful year two!