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Greetings, International students!

Welcome to Canadore College once more! We are delighted to have you here.

This semester update is sent once every intake to new and returning international students at Canadore College. It aims to give all Canadore International students access to relevant information, advice, and tools to help them feel comfortable at our vibrant campus.

The staff and faculty at Canadore College continue to be amazed by the fortitude and flexibility displayed by our students despite the many ways in which the pandemic has turned our lives upside down.

With our updated FAQs and our collaboration with other campus support services, the international department at Canadore College is here to assist you on this journey.

We are aware that students from other countries may have different demands and issues. If you have any questions about anything related to international students, please don't hesitate to contact us.

For the quickest response, please visit the Who to Contact page on the Canadore College international website.

Best wishes and a warm welcome to Canadore College once more!

We wish you all success and productivity in this semester.

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### **Special Events**

The International office hosts a wide range of events, on immigration, travel, sustainability and culture.

#### Immigration, Travel and Sustainability

- IRCC representation at Canadore College
- Pre-Departure Webinar Winter 2023
- Winter 2023 Orientation
- CRA Webinar International Students Presentation
- Understanding Ontario's Personal Income Tax
- Credits and Benefits for International students
- RNIP Information Webinar

#### **International Cultural Events:**

- Lunar New Year
- Cinco de Mayo
- Diwali
- International Student Appreciation Day
- Ramadan
- Christmas

### DID YOU KNOW?

You can find important dates such as breaks, holidays, tuition fee due dates and drop/withdrawal deadlines here:

#### IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES

All information related to the events are posted on the <u>iCent App</u>. To know more, kindly download the app and go to notifications.

To know more about the International department, please visit the Canadore College International microsite <u>https://www.canadorecollege.ca/canadore-international/international-students</u>

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### Diwali Night at Canadore College

Diwali, or Dipawali, is India's biggest and most important holiday of the year. The festival gets its name from the row (avali) of clay lamps (deepa) that Indians light outside their homes to symbolize the inner light that protects from spiritual darkness.

The festival is widely associated with Lakshmi, the goddess of prosperity, but regional traditions connect it to Sita and Rama, Vishnu, Krishna, Yama, Yami, Durga, Kali.

For Instances, In northern India, they celebrate the story of King Rama's return to Ayodhya after he defeated Ravana by lighting rows of clay lamps. In Southern India celebrates it as the day that Lord Krishna defeated the demon Narakasura. In Jainism, Diwali marks the nirvana, or spiritual awakening, of Lord Mahavira on October 15, 527 B.C.; in Sikhism, it honors the day that Guru Hargobind Ji, the Sixth Sikh Guru, was freed from imprisonment. Buddhists in India celebrate Diwali as well. In western India, the festival marks the day that Lord Vishnu, the Preserver (one of the main gods of the Hindu trinity) sent the demon King Bali to rule the nether world. Diwali is a five-day long festival. The height of the festival is celebrated on the third day coinciding with the darkest night of the lunar month."

Canadore not only welcomes different cultures, but also celebrates each one. Canadore College International Department hosted a Diwali Party on October 26th, 2022. North Bay students, faculty, and residents joined the celebration. It was a lively night of ceremony, complete with Indian music, food, games, and dancing. Canadore is looking forward to more cultural celebrations.

Memories from that night are included below

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### Off-Campus work hours limit (20 hours), temporarily lifted

International students who are in Canada and have off-campus job authorization on their study permit will not be restricted by the 20-hour-per-week restriction from November 15, 2022, to December 31, 2023. Foreign nationals who have already applied for a study permit as of 7<sup>th</sup> October 2022 will be able to take advantage of this temporary modification, assuming their application is granted.

Study permit holders must continue to balance their study and job obligations, as students who quit studying or lower course loads to only study part-time are ineligible to work off-campus.

To know more about the Temporary lift on Off-Campus work hours <u>https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/news/2022/10/international-students-to-help-address-canadas-labour-shortage.html</u>



### Are Your Classes Online??

Find your Fall 2022 and Winter 2023 academic delivery plan here

#### **ACADEMIC DELIVERY PLAN**

To improve career outcomes and access to the labor market for international students, Canadore College has officially partnered with Devant.

Make use of Devant's professional and knowledgeable network! They provide live interactive seminars, Q&As, and panels on several career development issues on a regular basis so that you may arm yourself with the most up-to-date industry information and advice. Job Posting Analysis, Employer Research, LinkedIn Optimization, Interview Skills, and other topics are covered.

'Get Hired at Home,' a FREE virtual job development fair for international students and alumni, is being hosted by Devant. Participate in online workshops to improve your employability. Then, at their virtual booths, you can view 50+ employment prospects and network with 25+ employers in real time.

To know more about Devant and to sign up for free, please visit <u>https://www.canadorecollege.ca/sustainable-canadore/initiatives/canadore-x-devant</u>

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### **Canadore College Outbound and Inbound Mobility**

Canadore will make it a priority to involve as many of its domestic students and personnel as feasible in international mobility overseas. This encompasses both short-term and long-term international academic and non-academic exchanges, with a specific focus on underrepresented student groups (including Indigenous learners, students with disabilities and low-income students).

Canadore College has several relationships with organisations in the majority of world areas. Canadore College continues to aggressively look for advantageous international agreements as a regulated public institution in Canada with a keen interest in foreign collaborations. In the winter of 2023, Canadore plans to send domestic students to Costa Rica and Mexico.

This year, Canadore College hosted 4 students from Aeronautical University in Querétaro, Mexico.



(From left to right :Santiago López Morón ,Christopher Haines Granados, Francisco Jesús Domínguez Sosa, Fidel Angel Juárez Martínez )

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Santiago, Christopher, Francisco, and Fidel are enjoying their first international study adventure. They are from Mexico, a bustling nation famed for its cuisine, culture, and scenic beauty.

They are in Canada to complete their technician program and to further their understanding of Canadian aviation.

What influenced their decision to settle in Canada? "I wanted to have new experiences, meet new people, and improve my English and aviation knowledge," Santiago explained. When asked why they chose Canadore, Francisco stated, "I want to study avionics in an exceptional institution with a fantastic aviation campus, meet individuals who share my interests, and perfect my technical English."

They claim that the instructors at Canadore College make learning enjoyable and straightforward to understand. The faculty's efforts are not just apparent but also worthwhile and inspiring. When asked about the student experience in Canadore, Fidel said "The professors are excellent, the laboratories very equipped, and the schedules are very adequate. I would definitely like to finish the avionics program at this school".

They adore North Bay for its breathtaking scenery. The locals are friendly, courteous, and welcoming. The hike in Algonquin was their favorite experience in Canada. They absolutely like their time at Canadore College in North Bay and said they would strongly suggest attending.

Finally, the lesson they have learned from it all is to face all challenges and problems that come your way.

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### **International Student Spotlight**

Best Friends Abiya and Chitra are from Kerala, a southern state in India. Kerala, one of the top ten paradises on earth, is well known for its ecotourism programs and stunning backwaters. Kerala is one of the most well-liked tourist destinations in the world thanks to its distinctive culture and traditions as well as its diverse population.

Abiya and Chitra share a commitment for improving the lives of those who are vulnerable in addition to sharing a common place and culture. They decided to pursue a profession in social service because of this desire.

They recall the time they arrived in North Bay. They fell in love with the city because of its clean, fresh air, several beaches, friendly neighbors, and a variety of indoor and outdoor activities available year-round.



Name: Abiya Anna Sam Program: Social Service Worker Intake: Winter 2021 From: Kerala, India



Name: Chitra Unnikrishnan Program: Social Service Worker Intake: Winter 2021 From: Kerala, India The pandemic altered not only their way of life but also the educational system. Although they had their doubts about studying online, Canadore College made it incredibly convenient and approachable.

They had the opportunity to take both online and offline classes. They think professors are entertaining, fascinating, and great at making difficult material more understandable by utilizing examples from real life.

In addition to offering high-quality education, Canadore is known for its excellent student services. They were quite pleased with their international experience, and they recommend Canadore College to anyone looking to study and be adventurous.

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### **Health Insurance**

All International Students at Canadore College benefit from inclusion in a health insurance plan. For the health and safety of our students and community this is mandatory and included as part of international students' ancillary fees.

#### **Health Insurance Resources**

- A dedicated portal for Canadore College International students to access health insurance has been set-up and may be accessed here.
- Guard.me International Student Health Insurance Orientation can be accessed here.
- For more information, see the Guard.me International Student Health Insurance Guide

### HEALTH INSURANCE CONTACT

For all questions and concerns related to health insurance at Canadore College, please contact:

International.Insurance@canadorecollege.ca

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### We Care..

Since the last two years have not been easy, many people are now having a hard time coping with the new challenges that life has brought them. No matter where you are, there are a number of resources and programs available to assist with your wellbeing.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you think something is impacting your wellness. You're not the only one who has felt social isolation and culture shock.

In their first few months in Canada, more than 500 000 international students who come here every year experience culture shock, feelings of loneliness, and social isolation.

We are here to support you academically, socially, and personally with short-term (free), private mental health and emotional wellbeing services from the international department and Canadore's <u>Student Success Services.</u>

We provide support to help you overcome personal obstacles that can stand in the way of your success, connect you to other community resources, and help you acquire the skills, attitudes, talents, and insights to meet both academic and life problems.



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Registered students at the North Bay and Parry Sound campuses are welcome to get in touch with our international student success navigator, **Jillian Gear** by emailing to <u>Jillian.Gear@canadorecollege.ca</u> to discuss any difficulties you may run into while taking classes. If You or Someone You Know is in Crisis:

Visit <u>More Feet on the Ground</u> in the <u>Are you in Crisis</u> section you will have access to national, provincial and international resources.

\*\*If you require immediate, in-person emergency care, go to your nearest emergency department, or dial your local emergency services telephone number for immediate help

Disclaimer: The information provided in this correspondence is not intended as a substitute for medical professional help or advice but is to be used only as an aid.

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### Who can I contact for the quickest response?

Insurance, Travel to Canada, etc. For the most efficient response time, please find the most appropriate contact in the below "Who to Contact" sheets separated by campus: <u>North Bay/Parry Sound Students</u> Toronto Students

\*IMPORTANT NOTE: contacting more than one person will result in further delays and will not help you in any way.

We urge you to review the details outlined above and contact the individual who can direct your query most appropriately. <u>Frequently Asked Questions</u> (FAQs) by International Students.

There is a wealth of resources available to international students on our Canadore College website. These include our FAQs. Some of the topics available on our FAQs include Admissions Requirements, Health Need a course completion letter?

You can request your letter here:

**COMPLETION LETTER** 

For Student ID <u>Click here</u>

For Transcripts Click here

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### **Meet the Team**

Many questions arise when living and studying in a new country. Whether you are studying remotely, or in Canada, our committed International Student Services team are ready to assist you.

International students at Canadore College can be serviced in Urdu, Hindi, Gujarati, Punjabi, Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, Malayalam, French, Spanish, and English.

**Uzair Shahid – International Student Advisor** : Mr. Uzair holds the RISIA (Registered International Student Immigration Advisor) qualification.

Uzair's services and support to Canadore College international students will include immigration, study permits, work permits, and work hours related queries, among other things. Students in North Bay and Parry Sound can reach Mr. Uzair by emailing to <u>Uzair.Shahid@canadorecollege.ca</u> or meet in person at the Commerce Court Campus, (room E101).



**Cenayda Serrano-Vergara (Ceny) - Coordinator, International Student Services:** Mrs. Cenayda is tasked with enhancing student services and student engagement activities like conducting events and programs. She is also coordinating Canadore's health insurance program.

Students in North Bay can reach Cenayda in-person at College drive campus (room C210) or by emailing to <u>Cenayda.SerranoVergara@canadorecollege.ca</u>.

**Carlyn Sheruba** – **International Office Assistant :** Ms. Carlyn is in contact with international students across all Canadore campuses by managing the main international student mailbox -international@canadorecollege.ca.

Sharing timely notices with international students via the iCent App and update the site resources such as FAQs and many more are her responsibilities. Students can reach Carlyn in – person at Aviation Campus (Room Y119) or by emailing to Carlyn.Sheruba@canadorecollege.ca



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### International Student Ambassadors



Name: Nazneen Suraiya Name: Sonal Rathod From: Bangladesh Intake: Fall 2022 **Program:** Project Management IT

From: India Intake: Spring 2022 **Program:** Human **Resource Management**  Name: Alan da Silva From: Brazil Intake: Fall 2021 **Program:** Strength and Sport Conditioning

Name: Naveen Gehlawat From: India Intake: Spring 2022 Program: Project Management

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Canadore College offers international students the opportunity to work on campus as International Student Ambassadors.

The Student Ambassadors provide email assistance and customer service to the International mailbox.

They help the International Department with administrative tasks as well as project and initiative support.

To know more about on campus job opportunities and career development, please visit https://canadorecareerdevelopment.ca/home.htm

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