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Creating Community. Supporting Success. Inspiring Growth.

Where every student matters, every voice is heard, and every experience counts.

Overview

At Canadore College, students are at the heart of everything we do. Guided by our institutional pillars of Student Success, Program and Service Excellence, Innovation and Entrepreneurship, Connection to Community and Sustainability (fiscal and environmental), our Student Life Framework shapes an environment where learners feel supported, connected and empowered to thrive. From orientation to graduation and beyond, we are committed to fostering personal and academic growth, holistic well-being and a strong sense of belonging.

Collaborative Support for a Seamless Student Journey

We believe that the student experience is shaped not just by individual services, but by how those services work together. Our student services team including wellness supports, residence life, Indigenous and international supports, accessibility and student success services and more, engages in a collaborative, coordinated approach to support each learner's full journey. This integration ensures that students experience a seamless network of care and guidance from their first point of contact to graduation. By working together across departments, we can deliver timely, connected and personalized support that drives the best possible outcomes for every student.

Belonging and Community Connection

Inclusive and Welcoming Culture

We are committed to creating a campus environment where all students, regardless of identity, background, or life experience, are respected, welcomed and celebrated. Through equity-focused programming, culturally responsive services and intentional community building, we foster a space where students feel they belong.

Meaningful Engagement and Student Voice

Our community thrives when students engage. Clubs, cultural celebrations, leadership development and campus-wide event such as Orientation, Welcome Month, student expos, Indigenous and multicultural gatherings create opportunities for students to connect, contribute and be heard. We actively seek and amplify student voices in shaping a dynamic and inclusive campus culture.

Deliverables:

- ***Launch bi-annual Student Town Halls*** to gather insights on inclusivity, engagement, and sense of belonging across diverse student groups, using findings to inform programming and services.
- ***Establish a rotating "Student Leadership Committee"*** with representatives from equity-deserving groups (e.g., Indigenous, international, 2SLGBTQ+, mature students) to co-design at least two campus-wide cultural or community-building events each academic year.

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Health, Wellness and Safety

Comprehensive Student Wellness

We support the full spectrum of student well-being by addressing mental, emotional, physical, and spiritual needs. Our holistic and inclusive approach to health is reflected in a wide range of initiatives including mindfulness programming, peer support, fitness and recreation, engaging student life activities and campus-wide wellness campaigns, all designed to support the diverse needs and interests of our students.

Accessible Mental Health Services

Our compassionate counselling team offers timely, confidential support through one-on-one sessions, group programs, and crisis intervention. We meet students where they are by offering in-person, virtual and culturally sensitive services.

Safe, Supportive Environments

Safety is foundational to student success. Canadore maintains 24/7 campus security, inclusive policies, and accessible crisis response. In residence, our supportive living environments are built around community, care and connection.

Deliverables:

- ***Implement a “Wellness Access Pathway” by leveraging our current platforms such as iSucceed and Experience as centralized digital hubs where students can view and book all wellness, counselling, and crisis support services, with culturally adapted options.***
- ***Make quarterly training available to all staff on trauma-informed practices, inclusive safety protocols and mental health response, ensuring safe and supportive living and learning environments.***



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Student-Centred Support Services

Guidance Every Step of the Way

Student Success Advisors offer personalized support in areas such as time management, goal setting, self-advocacy and academic skills. Services are flexible and available in multiple formats to meet students' diverse needs.

Accessibility and Inclusive Learning

We honour the uniqueness of every student. Our accessibility team works collaboratively to create customized accommodation plans and connect learners with adaptive technology and coaching that supports academic and personal success.

Equitable, Tailored Supports for Every Learner

At Canadore, every student matters. We are committed to providing inclusive, equitable support that meets the diverse needs of our entire student community which includes Indigenous, international and domestic learners. The First Peoples' Centre offers culturally grounded academic and personal support for Indigenous learners through traditional practices, Elder guidance and community connection. Our International Student Services team ensures that global learners thrive with tailored immigration, orientation and settlement support. All students have access to a wide range of academic, wellness and career services, ensuring that every learner can succeed and feel supported throughout their journey.

Deliverables:

- **Develop a cross-promotion plan with support service areas** to ensure Student Life events and communications consistently highlight complementary services (e.g., academic workshops, cultural support, counselling), reinforcing a seamless student support network.
- **Facilitate quarterly connection sessions or joint events** with teams such as the First Peoples' Centre, International Student Services and Student Success, to co-host informal "meet and greet" opportunities that build familiarity, visibility and trust among students.

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Living and Learning Beyond the Classroom

Supportive Residence Communities

Living on campus is more than just housing, it's an experience. With programming focused on wellness, academics, social connection and life skills, residence becomes a place of growth, support, friendship and connection.

Leadership and Impact

Students are leaders, collaborators, and changemakers. Opportunities like the Canadore Students' Council, peer mentoring, iCanLead, AthLeadership, Canadore Volunteers and involvement in campus governance ensure that student voices help shape the college experience and future direction.

Deliverables:

- *Offer at least two co-curricular leadership development opportunities per semester such as iCanLead and AthLeadership workshops, volunteer experiences, or student event planning roles.*
- *Track and recognize student involvement through a Student Life Co-Curricular Record highlighting leadership, engagement and community contributions.*

Celebrating Success and Inspiring Growth

Recognition and Milestones

Celebrating student achievement is integral to our culture. Signature events such as: The Evening of Excellence, program showcases, convocation, our Panther Press publication, honour student contributions, growth, and success inside and outside the classroom.

Reflection and Lifelong Learning

By establishing a collaborative relationship with Alumni and Canadore Employment Solutions we can strengthen pathways for student reflection and lifelong learning throughout both their academic and career journeys.

Through ongoing reflection and goal-setting, students are encouraged to recognize their personal and academic development. This growth mindset prepares learners not only for graduation but for meaningful, sustainable futures in their communities and careers.

Deliverables:

- *Implement "Student Life Impact Awards" at the end of each year: Highlight students who demonstrate leadership, engagement, peer support, or community contribution in Student Life programs (e.g., iCanLead, volunteers, peer mentors). Recognize as a dedicated segment of the Evening of Excellence.*
- *Include a "Student Spotlight" feature in Panther Press: Share short profiles of diverse students across programs who demonstrate growth, resilience and involvement in campus life, focusing on peer inspiration and recognition.*
- *Collaborate with Alumni and Canadore Employment Services on a "Pathways to Life After College" event series: Host at least one event per semester where alumni share stories of growth and success and help students connect campus involvement to career and life outcomes.*

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Conclusion

The Student Life Framework at Canadore College is a living commitment to our students. Rooted in our institutional pillars and centred on student voices and well-being, it is designed to ensure that every learner feels connected, cared for and equipped to succeed. Together, we build a vibrant campus community where students are not just participants, but co-creators of the college journey.

Framework Area	Metrics	Target	How to Measure
1. Belonging & Community	Event participation (per term)	800+ students/term	Track event sign-ins, registrations
	Sense of belonging (Town Hall feedback)	80%+ agree/strongly agree	Student feedback on sense of belonging
2. Health, Wellness & Safety	Attendance at wellness-themed events	300+ participants/term	Track attendance at wellness events
	Awareness of wellness/safety supports	70% can name 3+ supports	Pre/post event survey or termly check-in
3. Student-Centred Support	Joint events with support services	3-4 per semester	Event logs and collaborative tracking
	Cross-promotion engagement rate	10-15% increase/term	Monitor social media/iSucceed uptake
4. Living & Learning Beyond Class	Participation in leadership volunteer roles	75+participants/year	Program registration & completion logs
	CCR (Co-Curricular Record) usage	20% year-over-year increase	CCR request and entry data
5. Celebrating Success & Growth	Students recognized through Student Life	150+ students/year	Track awards, features, event attendees
	Recognition event satisfaction score	85%+ feel valued/recognized	Post-event feedback forms
	Alumni/career reflection event attendance	100+ students/year	Event sign-in or registration data

GREAT THINGS HAPPEN HERE

