CAMPUS CONNECTIONS

A Newsletter for Burman University

Thursday, 16 January 2025

AWARDS NIGHT

AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS CONTINUING IN 2025/202

THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS IN AWARDS AVAILABLE!

DEADLINE: JANUARY 17, 2025

Awards Day is a yearly opportunity for Burman University's generous donors to reward and assist our returning students in continuing their education. Awards Day Scholarships are only available to current full time students (9 credisisemester both fall and winter) that will also be attending full time in the following school year and are not eligible for the second degree discount.



BURMAN UNIVERSITY BURMANU.CA/AWARDSNIGHT

January 17

QUESTIONS? EMAIL STUDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES AT SFS@BURMANU.CA



IMPORTANT ACADEMIC DATES

drop any full-term course without entry on permanent record
 receive full tuition and mandatory fee refund
 Jan.20-Feb.3 The following in effect:

 75% tuition refund in effect
 0% mandatory fee refund
 W grade in effect

 January 20 Applications accepted for 2025/26 graduation

Applications accepted for 2025/26 graduation **starting January 20.** Are you planning to graduate December 2025, April 2026 or August 2026? Apply now before the **\$25 late fee** is in effect on **April 1, 2025**.

See Academic Dates for further information.

Week at a Glance

Sunset: 4:55 pm

Friday, January 17 @ 7:30 PM

CAYA Speaker: Chap C **Where Do You Belong?** College Church

SABBATH

ADULT SABBATH SCHOOL 9:15 AM Singspiration Veronica Chang and Darry Davis Superintendent: Joseph Nyachiro Adult Sabbath School Sanctuary Teachers JW Bruins, Nwamiko Madden, Tennyson Samraj

> UNIVERSITY SABBATH SCHOOL 9:45 AM Social Eyez

CHURCH SERVICE 11:00 AM Speaker: Pastor Dennalia Fray

Coming up....

Saturday Evening @ 9 PM BUSA Comedy Night Spiritual Life Centre

Sunday, January 19 ACRO Centre Grand Opening 3 - 4 PM

> Tuesday, @ 11 PowerUp - Chapel Admin Chapel

WISE January 20 - 25 Student Speakers *The Calling*







ANNOUNCING



ACRO CENTRE GRAND OPENING

SUNDAY JANUARY 19, 2025

3:00 - 4:00PM

7102 52ND ST BAY 12, T4L 1Y9 (NORTHEAST SIDE OF THE FORMER FURNITURE FACTORY)

Stop by and see our recently expanded facility doubled in size!!!

This afternoon will include:

- Acronaire's performance
- Jr. Acronaire performance
- Rise Aerial performance
- Training demonstrations
- Refreshments

... we look forward to seeing you there!

Burman Univers Drama Sociel

BY ARRANGEMENT WITH DRMATISTS PLAY SERVICE INC.

A DOLL'S HOUSE, PART 2 By LUCAS HNATH

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25 7:00 SUNDAY, JANUARY 26 PM

Burman University Ad Building Chapel 6730 University Drive, Lacombel



GENERAL \$15 STUDENT \$10

Tickets available online and at the door

BADMINTON TOURNAMENT

SUNDAY JANURARY 26, 2025

@ 2:00 PM BURMAN GYM



MORE INFO:

aaronpark@burmanu.ca 5878890750

Register <u>Here</u>!

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January 29, 2025

Business Speaker Series

"The Myth Behind Specialness and the Simplicity of Success"

7:00 - 8:00 PM

M 117 McKibbin Centre Burman University

For More information: busreception@burmanu.ca 403-782-3381 X 4095



Jason Lane, Woitzik Polsinelli LLP Burman Alumnus

You don't need to be an extra special human being to secure success, and it ultimately isn't that hard if you just do it. Join us as Jason shares tips that he feels contributed to his success to becoming a successful Lawyer.



https://www.youtube.com/@burmanusmallbusinesscentre7016

DATE: January 30, 2025 LOCATION: Administration Chapel TIME: 1:30-3:30 pm

This is YOUR opportunity to meet with local school districts and SDA Conference representatives! Make valuable connections today that can help jumpstart your career!



DO YOU WANT TO BE PART OF BUSA 2025-2026?

Here's your chance to step into leadership and make a difference! The Burman University Student Association (BUSA) is preparing for the 2025-2026 leadership team, and we're looking for students like YOU to take the lead.

Applications open in January, but now is the perfect time to start thinking about how you can contribute to your campus community.

Scan the QR Code or visit the link in our Instagram bio for detailed information.





FEB 6TH, 2025

INTRODUCTION TO SEXUAL VIOLENCE

Join the Sendero Centre and the SSC for an informative introduction to sexual and gender-based violence.



WWW.YWCACANADA.CA

WHEN:

Feb. 6th

11:00 - 12:30

WHERE:

Room A041

Lunch will be provided

Sign up using the QR below



Everyone is welcome

Questions?

Contact the SSC



2025 BLACKTIE DINNER SILENT AUCTION

THE VEDGE CAFETERIA AT BURMAN UNIVERSITY

6:00 DOORS OPEN6:15 AUCTION STARTS6:45 DINNER SERVED7:00 PROGRAM

TICKETS GENERAL ADMISSION \$55 STUDENT ADMISSION \$45



Rethink, Reframe and Stand against Gender-Based Violence

Lakeview Community Worship Feb. 12th, 2025

Join the SSC as they host a short TedTalk presentation and discussion related to gender-based violence.

refreshments will be served



Feb 27th, 2025 Supporting Survivors

Join the Sendero Centre and the SSC for a presentation on how to support survivors of sexual and gender-based violence.



<u>WHEN</u>: Feb. 27th 11:00 – 12:30

WHERE:

Room A041

Lunch will be provided Sign up using the

QR below



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Questions? Contact the SSC for more info.

PAYROLL ADVANCE REQUEST



A Step by Step Guide



DID YOU KNOW?

"Promotional tours and mission service trips provide extracurricular opportunities for students... Participating students must meet the following academic standards:
1. Be enrolled with a minimum academic load of 9 semester credits and have regular admission standing.
2. Have a 2.00 GPA with no grade lower than "C" in the most recent completed term with a minimum of 9 credits.
3. Have a cumulative GPA of 2.00, unless a higher cumulative GPA is required for their program of study.
4. Maintain a reasonable record of attendance for all classes and required laboratory courses." Page 34

WWW.BURMANU.CA/ACADEMICCALENDAR

Steve joined the gym in January. He's had disappointing results. Today he's finally decided to head down there himself to find out what's going on!



At the of the day, it's night.

SUMMER EMPLOYMENT

Vegetation Management Technicians (VMT) (aka. Weed Sprayer, Herbicide Applicator)

This is a seasonal position from early May to the end of August with the possibility of extension into the fall.

Please note the required qualifications in this posting

web site: www.acevegetation.com

Looking for a great summer job that pays well, gives you lots of diverse work experience and is super fun? Come be a VMT with ACE Vegetation!

We anticipate the job (your training) to start in early May in Nisku, AB.

This position involves:

- Working away from home, in the field across western Canada, for extended periods
- Herbicide application and weed management
- Weed identification and record keeping
- Inventory and equipment management
- Equipment operation and maintenance
- Quality customer contact and public relations

Conditions of employment:

- Be 18 years of age or older
- Be able to pass a Drug (Cannabis) and Alcohol test
- Have valid class 5 driver's license for at least 2 years within Canada
- Provide a driver's abstract suitable to our insurance
- Standard First Aid Level C certification with AED
- H2S Alive
- CSO/CSTS 2020

These certifications are an added bonus:

- UTV Safety Training
- Herbicide Applicator License (BC, AB, SK, MB)
- Wildlife/Bear Awareness
- Class 1 or 3 driver's license
- Confined space

We want people who:

- Have strong written and verbal communication skills
- Have a great attitude and are safety focused
- Are in good health, bondable and energetic
- Are willing to work with others outdoors for long hours with overtime

Expected compensation for full-season participation is as follows (this estimate is based on previous seasons; staff are paid hourly). Wages are \$20--25 per hour depending on experience.

RVICE

First year VMT \$14,000-\$18,000 plus meal allowance paid over the course of the season Second year VMT \$16,000-\$22,000 plus meal allowance paid over the course of the season Third year VMT \$19,000-\$24,000 plus meal allowance paid over the course of the season

Accommodation and meal allowances are provided while working away from home base.

Email resume and cover letter to Patrick Sherback: psherback@acevegetation.com.

We look forward to seeing your application, a great season is waiting for you with ACE!

STUDENTS, IT'S TIME TO GET TAX SAVVY - THE BENEFITS (AND CREDIT PAYMENTS) OF FILING YOUR TAX RETURN

As a student living in a digital world, you're probably already pretty tech savvy, but now it's time to get tax savvy! We know filing an income tax and benefit return can feel overwhelming and confusing, but we can help.

Tax savvy tip – filing your tax return every year can make your funds go further. You can potentially:

- get (or continue to get) the benefit and credit payments you're eligible for, like the goods and services tax/harmonized sales tax (GST/HST) credit
 and related provincial or territorial credits
 - claim tax credits, like the tuition tax credit and interest paid on student loans
- get a refund

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International students don't miss out!

If you're an international student living in Canada, filing a tax return can also help. You could be eligible for some benefit and credit payments. <u>Visit benefits</u>, <u>credits</u>, and taxes for newcomers for more information.

To find ways to file your tax return, including through a free tax clinic, check out Get ready to do your taxes. This page will be updated in late January 2025.

Take a look at our guidelines for becoming tax savvy below:

REMEMBER THESE DATES

February 24, 2025 - This is when you can start filing your tax return online

April 30, 2025 - This is the deadline for most individuals to file their tax return

If you have a balance owing for your 2024 tax return, pay it by April 30, 2025, to avoid penalties and interest

June 15, 2025 - This is generally the deadline to file your tax return if you or your spouse or common-law partner are self-employed

Since that date falls on a Sunday, your return will be considered filed on time if the CRA receives it or it is postmarked on or before June 16, 2025 **Tax savvy tip** – add these dates to your calendar so you don't forget them!

MAXIMIZE YOUR MONEY

Life can be expensive, but benefit and credit payments, along with tax credits and deductions, can help.

You might be eligible for tax-free payments such as the:

GST/HST credit - a quarterly payment that can help eligible individuals get up to \$533 a year

It may also include a related provincial or territorial credit amount

<u>Canada Carbon Rebate</u> – a quarterly payment that can help eligible individuals and families in certain provinces offset the cost of the federal pollution pricing

Canada child benefit – a monthly payment made to eligible families that can help them with the cost of raising children under 18 It may also include a related provincial or territorial benefit amount

YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO CLAIM THE:

Disability tax credit (DTC) – \$9,872 as a non-refundable tax credit, persons under 18 may also be eligible for an additional \$5,758 Any unused amount may be transferred to a supporting family member

Tuition tax credit – reduce the taxes you owe by claiming tuition amounts

Tax savvy tip – You may be able to transfer or carry forward unused amounts

Interest paid on student loans - a non-refundable tax credit for the interest you pay on your government student loans each year

Moving expenses - if you moved at least 40 km closer to your educational institution

Tax savvy tip – non-refundable tax credits reduce the taxes you owe, but only to zero so they cannot be refunded to you.

SAVINGS PLANS 101

Saving might feel out of reach right now. But if you're able to, there are plans, including tax-free savings plans, you can take advantage of. Tax savvy tip – it's only tax-free if you follow the rules!

Tax-Free Savings Account (TFSA): set money aside tax-free throughout your lifetime.

Registered Retirement Savings Plan (RRSP): save for your retirement.

First Home Savings Account (FHSA): save up to buy or build a qualifying first home.

Registered Education Savings Plan (RESP): save for education after high school, including trade school, college, university, and more.

Tax savvy tip - keep track of your contribution limits (especially if you have more than one plan) to avoid overcontributing.

BOOST YOUR TAX LITERACY

Improving your tax literacy will help you make informed tax decisions with confidence. Our tax literacy page has resources to help.

Want to keep up with the latest CRA updates? Follow us on Instagram so you never miss out on tax tips. You can also listen to our Taxology podcast which covers topics like the platform economy. Multitask by listening to our experts talk taxes while you're commuting or taking a walk.

Tax savvy tip – understand what taxes are, how to do them, and what's in it for you with the Learn about your taxes online learning tool.