## **CAMPUS CONNECTIONS**

A Newsletter for Burman University

Thursday, 23 January 2025





## **IMPORTANT ACADEMIC DATES**

January 28 Begin 0% tuition refund for first 1/2 term course
Feb.4 - Mar.4 50% Tuition Refund for full term courses in effect

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: 5:07 pm

Friday, January 24 @ 7:30 PM

CAYA - WISE

Speaker: Dania Pandala *The Call*College Church

Afterglow @ 9:30 Spiritual Life Centre

**SABBATH** 

ADULT SABBATH SCHOOL 9:15 AM Singspiration

Nom Gumede, Joanne Nischuk

Superintendent:

Sheldon Bailey

Adult Sabbath School Sanctuary Teachers Sheldon Bailey, Craig Gerst, Henrique Silva

9:45 AM
Social Eyez

**Student WISE**Speaker: Emmanuel-Olivier Jacques *The Call* 

**CHURCH SERVICE 11:00 AM** 

Coming up....

Saturday, January 25 @ 7 PM

Drama Society Presents

A Doll's House Part 2

Admin building Chapel

Sunday, January 26 @ 2

Badminton Tournament

PE Centre

Tuesday, @ 11

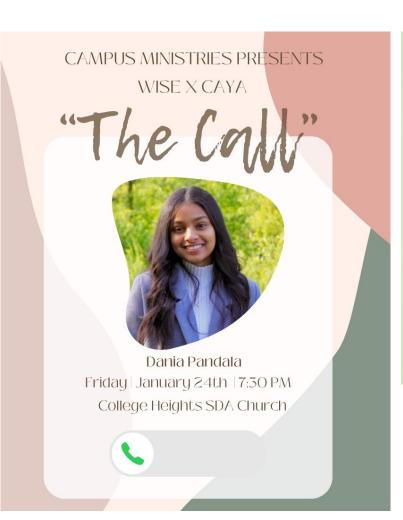
PowerUp - Chapel

Admin Chapel

February 1 @ 7 PM

Cultural Collision

PE Centre





JOIN US FOR

JANUARY 24, 2025 | SPIRITUAL LIFE CENTER | 9:30 PM

## **DID YOU KNOW?**



"Burman University offers a number of minors.

Courses used in fulfillment of discipline requirements for a major, concentration, specialization, or pre-professional requirements may not be used toward fulfillment of requirements for a minor. A minor must be completed in conjunction with the conferral of a degree."

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'Lead' and 'read' rhyme.

Unless you're saying 'lead' and 'read.'

But also 'lead' and 'read' rhyme.

## LET'S TALK! WORSHIP SERVICE CONVO

With Chap C, Chap Mass & Pr Orlando

Sabbath, January 25 5:30 PM



@social eyez



See You There!

Come, Share & Eat Snacks!







SATURDAY, JANUARY 25 SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

> Burman University Ad Building Chapel 6730 University Drive, Lacombel





**GENERAL \$15** STUDENT \$10

Tickets available online and at the door

# BADMINION TOURNAMENT

**SUNDAY JANURARY 26, 2025** 

@ 2:00 PM BURMAN GYM



## **MORE INFO:**

aaronpark@burmanu.ca 5878890750

Register **Here!** 

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## Canadian Conferences

## MEET & GREET SOCIAL



Date: January 27th

Time: 5:00 PM

Place: Hideout

· Light Supper Board Games Conversation Card Games Make a friend

Meet and converse with your conference administration in a relaxing atmosphere.

FOR MORE INFO: 705-208-0206



## LUNCH WITH A LAWYER JOSEPH W. RICHARDS II



Sign up **HERE** 

When: Tuesday, Jan. 28
Where: Admin Building A205
Time: 12:00-1:00 PM

If you are interested please sign up. Lunch will be provided.



## "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.



# Education Fair

**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.



# Addiction Recovery Awareness SCAVENGER HUNT

Jan. 30th (Q)
Sakala Success Centre
11:00 am

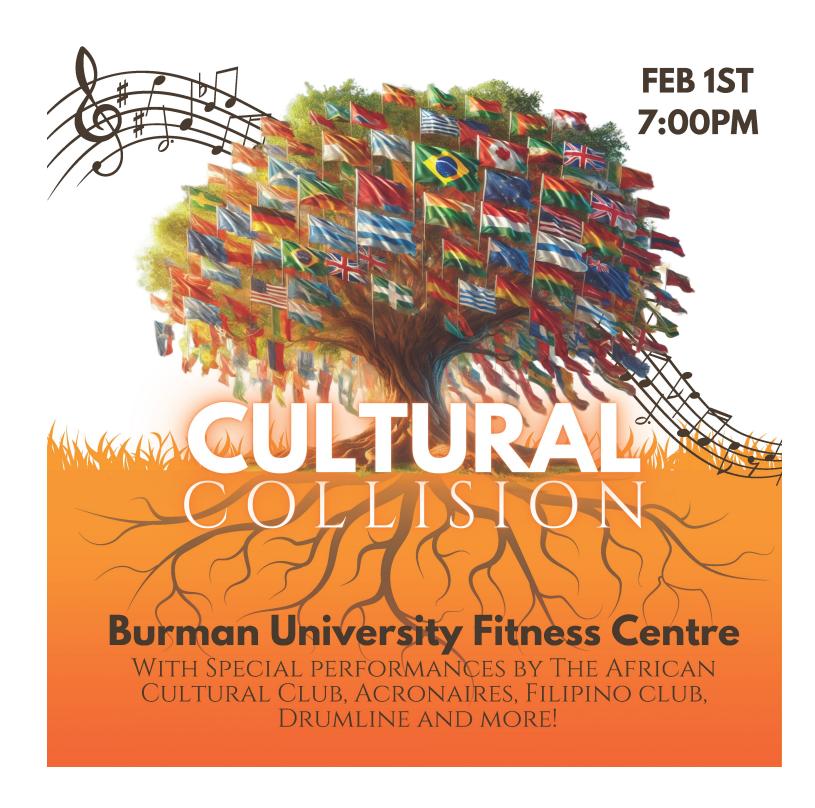


Are you ready to explore and put your problem-solving skills to work?

## **Why Participate?**

- Gain awareness
- Discover resources
- Help reduce stigma
- Have fun / Pop Up Cafe
- Prizes Prizes Prizes

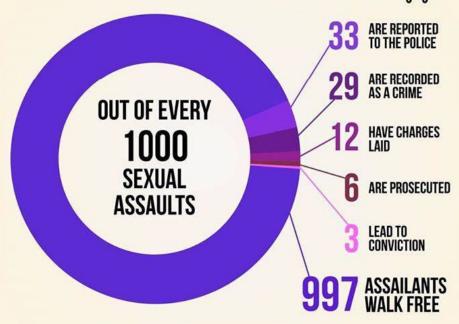




**CONCERT:** Burman's next **Sunday @ 4** concert features the ORENTES GUITAR TRIO, playing a range of music from classical guitar to flamenco style! Sunday, February 9, 2025 at 4:00 pm in the campus church. FREE for Burman students/staff/faculty & immediate family. Admission charge for others; see <a href="https://www.burmanu.ca/sundayat4">www.burmanu.ca/sundayat4</a>.

## THERE ARE 460,000 SEXUAL ASSAULTS

in Canada every year





## FEB 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2025

## INTRODUCTION TO SEXUAL VIOLENCE

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



## WHEN:

Feb. 6th

11:00 - 12:30

## WHERE:

Room A041

Lunch will be provided

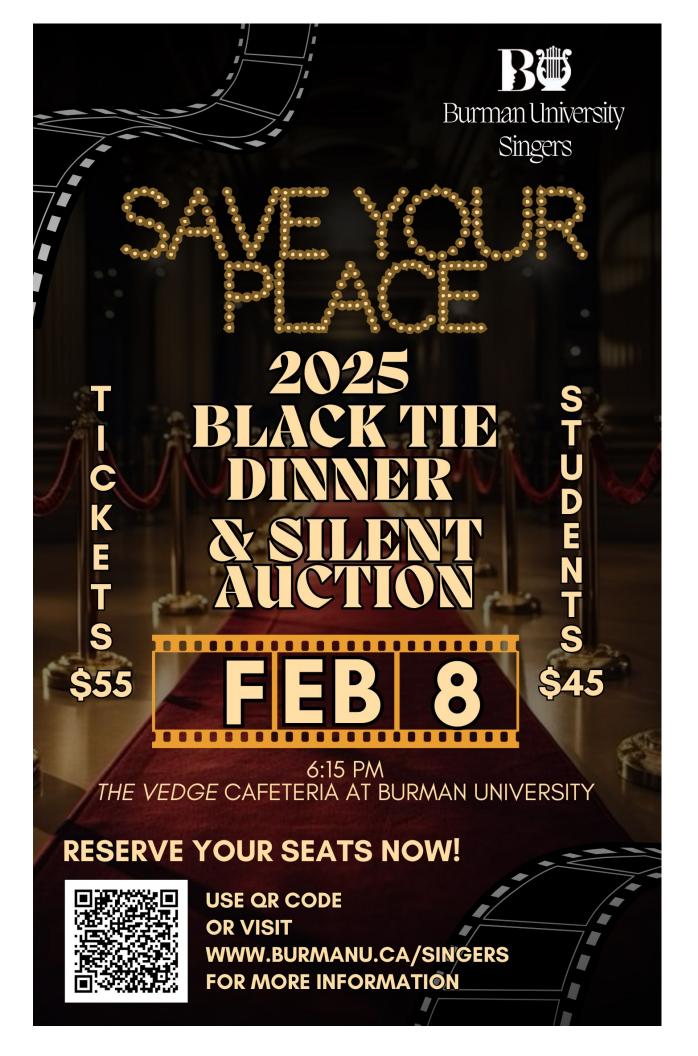
Sign up using the QR below



Everyone is welcome

**Questions?** 

**Contact the SSC** 





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 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Supporting Survivors

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



## WHEN:

Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>

11:00 - 12:30

## WHERE:

Room A041

Lunch will be provided

Sign up using the QR below



Everyone is welcome

**Questions?** 

Contact the SSC for more info.

## 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.

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

## 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 <u>taxes for newcomers</u> 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

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

<u>Canada child benefit</u> – 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.