



## June is Pride Month and National Indigenous History Month

At Western, we are committed to fostering a campus community where everyone feels respected, valued, and included. This June, we recognize and celebrate both **Pride Month** — honouring the 2SLGBTQIA+ community — and **National Indigenous History Month** — learning about and celebrating Indigenous Peoples, perspectives, realities, histories, and cultures.

Join us in celebrating love, identity, resilience, and community. Visit the [Western Pride website](#) and [Western Indigenous Learning Space](#) to learn more about the events, stories and resources throughout June and beyond.

## Events on Campus

June 5

### hirewesternu Healthcare Day

Meet virtually with employers on Thursday, June 5 from 4 to 7 p.m. Hiring for both clinical and non-clinical roles in the healthcare industry.

Healthcare Day

June 5

### From Racism to Resistance

As part of Asian Heritage Month, hear from law professor Sunil Gurmukh about the racism South Asian people face and leave with practical tips to support the community.

Register for Event

June 12

### SOGS Study Hall

SOGS Study Hall is happening on June 12 from 10am to 12pm in the Grad Club. Coffee and tea will be provided at this writing jam session. Come get some work done and meet other grad students!

Register for Study Hall

June 18

### Western Farmers Market

Starting June 18, Western's Farmers Market is back on Kent Drive. Stop by every Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. through October 15 to pick up fresh produce, flowers, baked goods and other local treats. A food truck will also be on site if you're looking to grab a quick lunch between classes or research sessions. Follow @WesternUFood for more!

@westernufood

June 23

### Blooming Workplaces, Cultivating 2SLGBTQ+ Inclusive Spaces

Join the Office of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion for a learning session led by The 519, a leading 2SLGBTQ+ advocacy and support organization, and explore practical ways to create more inclusive, affirming spaces at work. Register to save your spot.

Learn More

June 26

### Lunch & Learn Summer Workshop Series: Relationships

Join the Wellness & Equity Education team for a summer Lunch & Learn series, running through August. Each session explores key topics such as conflict, friendships, values, and boundaries. The June 26 workshop, focused on **Relationships**, takes place from 12 to 1 p.m. in the Weldon Library Community Room. [Learn more here!](#)

Register for Workshop

See All Events

## Campus Life

### WESTERN NEWS: Western musicology student explores legacy of Cold War music in Asia



David Chu (Photo source: Sun Yat-sen University)

David Chu, a PhD student in musicology, is exploring Cold War politics in Asia through music, revealing how songs and composers shape ideologies across borders — insights he says are key to Canada's global future.

Read Full News Story

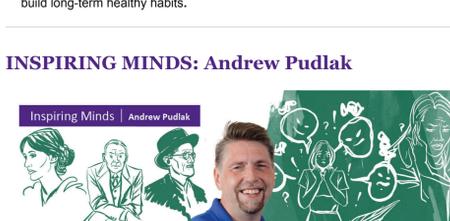
## GET INVOLVED

- **Inspiring Minds submissions are due this Friday, June 6!** Can you summarize your research, scholarship or creative activity in 150 words? [Submit your work today.](#)
- SOGS is currently accepting **nominations for two (2) seats on the Board of Directors for the 2025-26 year!** Nominations are due by June 11, 2025. Election takes place on June 12-13. Learn more at [sogs.ca/elections](#).
- Strengthen your skills, support new international students and make connections as a **Graduate Student Leader** in the International Peer Guide Network. [Learn more and apply by June 22.](#)
- SOGS call out for **volunteer engagement at our committees and commissions!** We're looking for new members to join our operations and advocacy committees. Members earn a \$5 Grad Club gift card for each meeting attended. [Learn more here.](#)
- Looking to get more involved on campus? Explore opportunities with the **Western Peer Leader program**, including Student Writing Advisors, Mustangs TikTok Assistants, Learning Peers, and more.
- **30 Day Indigenous History Month Challenge** - The Office of Indigenous Initiatives has created the annual 30 Day Challenge with daily ideas to acknowledge, celebrate, and learn together over Indigenous History Month this June! It includes a range of learning materials, including podcasts, videos, books, colouring pages and traditional foods.
- Did you know ensemble auditions at the Don Wright Faculty of Music are open to ALL Western students regardless of program or major? **Instrumental audition excerpts for 2025-26 are now available**, with auditions taking place in September.
- **Complete the Anti-Oppression Certificate Program** - Navigate systems of oppression and reflect on stereotypes affecting equity-deserving groups. Become an ally, build compassion and learn how to create inclusive places and spaces at Western.

## GRAD STUDENT LIFE

- Stay on top of grad school with **GRADUpdATE**—your monthly dose of tips and strategies for success. In the [June Issue](#), we discuss daily distractions and how small adjustments can help you reset and focus.
- **Relax, recharge**, and refocus with drop-in meditation through [weekly Mindful Moments](#). Wednesdays from 12 to 12:30 p.m. in UCC 38B until August 20.
- Summer is a great time to check in on your career goals. [Chat with a career coach](#) to plan your next steps!
- **Pickup Anywhere** allows you to request books to and from 16 universities across Ontario or walk in to a partner library, pick from the shelves, and check out using your Western ONECard. The same goes for returns – drop off books at any partner library.
- **Heading to the Western Student Recreation Centre (WSRC)?** The main level/3rd floor fitness centre will be closed from June 2-23 for floor installation. The 4th floor fitness centre will be open during this time. Check out [Campus Recreation](#) to plan your visit!
- **Personal training at the WSRC** goes beyond fitness — it supports motivation, personal growth, and overall well-being. A great way to invest in yourself and build long-term healthy habits.

## INSPIRING MINDS: Andrew Pudlak



Andrew Pudlak, PhD candidate in English, Faculty of Arts and Humanities, is exploring, through his research, how schizophrenia—as both a clinical concept and cultural metaphor—shaped the experimental literary styles of Joyce, Woolf, Eliot, and Faulkner. His work combines psychoanalysis and deconstruction to examine how "literary madness" reflects fractured identity, linguistic instability, and creative transformation. By investigating the aesthetic and philosophical dimensions of madness, Andrew aims to deepen our understanding of imagination, mental illness, and the role of literature in the medical and health humanities.

Read About Andrew Pudlak's Research

## WESTERN WELLNESS

Reminder: Student Health & Wellness Services are open Monday to Friday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. during the summer. You can book an appointment to meet with a doctor, case manager, or mental health counsellor. [Mental health counselling](#) is also available virtually for students, whether you're on campus or not!

Did you know we have a Gender-Based and Sexual Violence (GBSV) team dedicated to preventing, responding to, and supporting survivors? Visit our [GBSV website](#) to learn more.

Wellness & Well-being



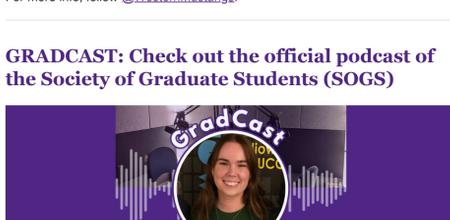
Western won a trio of top awards from the Ontario University Athletics (OUA) celebration of the 2024-2025 season on May 14, 2025. Vickie Croley was named 2024-25 OUA Coach of the Year, Favour Okpali won 2024-25 OUA Athlete of the Year, and the Western Mustangs Women's Track & Field Team was crowned 2024-25 OUA Team of the Year.

Western track and field athlete Favour Okpali has also been named OUA finalist for the 2024-25 U SPORTS Athlete of the Year Award.

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For more info, follow [@WesternMustangs](#).

## GRADCAST: Check out the official podcast of the Society of Graduate Students (SOGS)



**GRADCAST** is the official podcast of the Society of Graduate Students (SOGS) at Western, showcasing the research and experiences of graduate students. New episodes drop every Tuesday, featuring a different grad student guest.

In this episode, hosts Riya Sidhu and Ryan Baxter interview **Literature Birt**. Catherine, a Doctor of Musical Arts (DMA) candidate in Performance and Literature, is studying collaborative piano -- this, though, is just the tip of the iceberg! In addition to her interest in piano, Catherine explores the emerging interplay between climate activism and classical music. Intriguingly, Catherine points out that there has been a growing presence of environmental themes in classical music -- one example being the late 1970s and early 80s, coinciding with the anti-whaling campaign.

Listen to Catherine's Episode

## IMPORTANT DATES

- **June 4: Emergency Weather Siren Testing:** The live on-campus testing of Western's emergency weather siren will take place on Wednesday, June 4 around noon. Unless otherwise notified, this is only a test and no action is required.
- **June 9-20: Spring Convocation**
- **June 11:** Due date for second installment of summer-term tuition for those paying in 2 installments.
- **June 26:** Last day to provide proof of Permanent Residency to have summer term tuition fees reduced to the domestic rate.
- **June 30:** Last day to withdraw from a graduate course beginning in the summer term without academic penalty. Students who drop after this date will receive an F on their transcript.

Have feedback or want to share your story? Email us at [WhatsUpWestern@uwo.ca](mailto:WhatsUpWestern@uwo.ca)



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