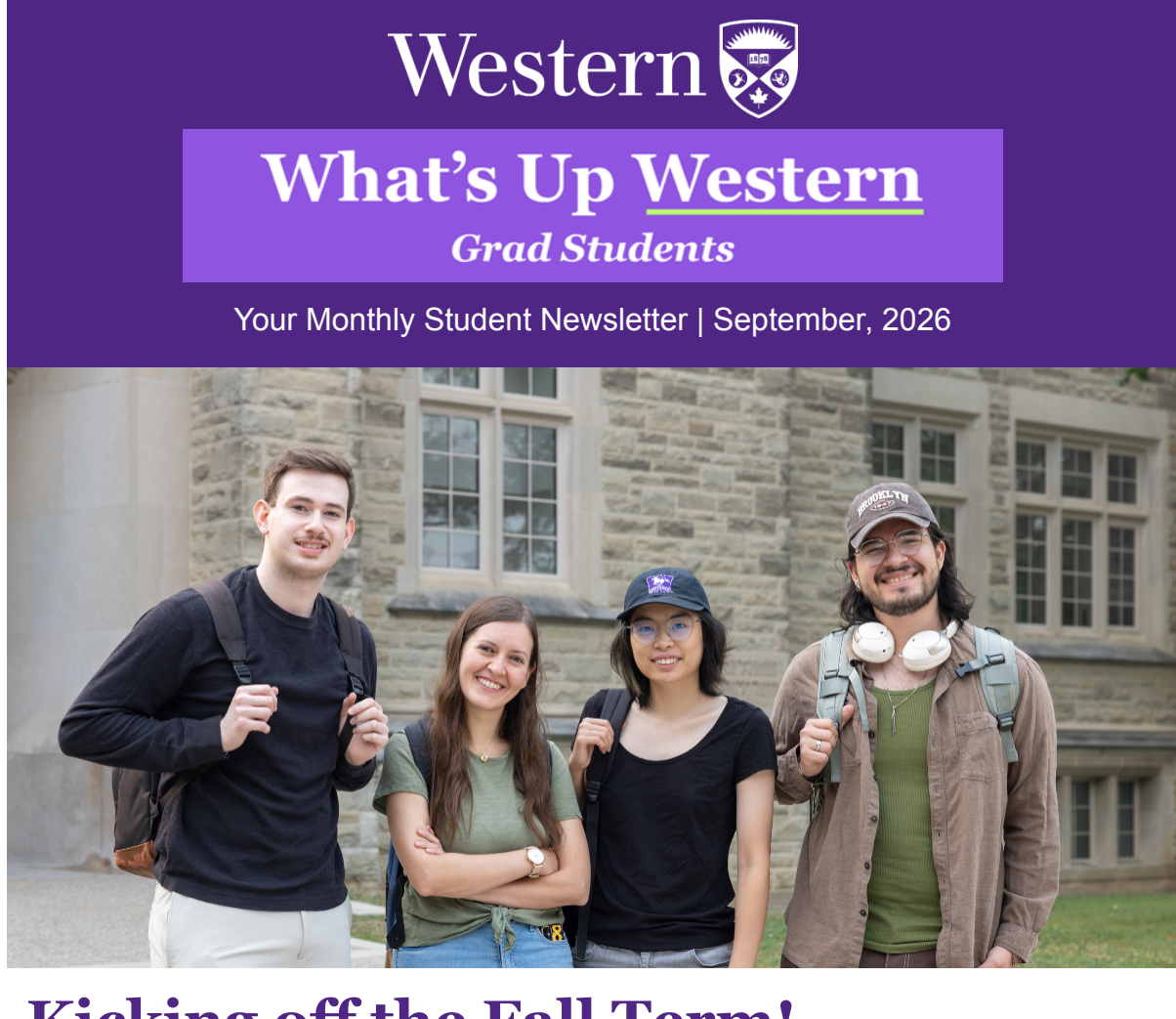




Kicking off the Fall Term!

Welcome to *What's Up Western*—your go-to guide for campus life, news, events, opportunities, resources and supports. As the fall term gets underway, we'll keep you connected to what's happening across campus and highlight ways to get involved, find support, and make the most of your time at Western.

New to a graduate program this term? To support success in your graduate studies, all incoming graduate students are required to complete mandatory training in their first term. Training must be completed in order to progress beyond the first term of your degree. Learn more about the two required modules:

- [Academic Integrity Training Module](#)
- [Supporting Safer Professional Practice](#) (Gender-Based and Sexual Violence (GBSV) Prevention Education)

Events on Campus

Sept 1-30
Riverfest
Take part in events throughout the month of September to connect with the river and each other.
[Riverfest](#)

Sept 11
Grad Life Orientation
Join us in Weldon Library for a full day of flexible programming focused on developing grad school-specific skills and knowledge. All graduate students are welcome!
[Grad Life Orientation](#)

Sept 24
Therapy Dogs
They're back! Drop by for a visit with the St. John Ambulance Therapy Dogs from 1:30 to 3 p.m. in the Weldon Library Community Room.
[Therapy Dogs](#)

Sept 26
Homecoming & Student Fan Festival
Cheer on the Mustangs as they take on the McMaster Marauders on Saturday, September 26 at 1 p.m. Enjoy the Student Fan Festival with free food, giveaways, live entertainment, and more. Bring your Western ONECard for free entry!
[Student Fan Festival](#)

Sept 9
TA Day
Prepare for your TA role with practical teaching strategies, resources, and support, while connecting with graduate educators across disciplines.
[TA Day](#)

Sept 21-27
SOGS OWeek
Join SOGS OWeek for a variety of on- and off-campus events, including a Grad Club breakfast, Medway Creek Trail hike, wellness crafting, Queerivia, local tours, apple picking, and more!
[SOGS OWeek](#)

Sept 25
Campus Resource Fair
Learn about different services, programs and opportunities on-campus on September 25 in the UCC Atrium.
[Campus Resource Fair](#)

Sept 30
National Day for Truth & Reconciliation (NDTR)
Join the Office of Indigenous Initiatives for the [Survivors' Flag Raising Ceremony](#) on September 28 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Concrete Beach. On September 30, join the [Sunrise Ceremony](#) at 6:45 a.m. Wear orange to show your support for NDTR.
[NDTR Details](#)

[See All Events](#)

Campus Life

Student Welcomes: Connect & Belong



Start the year feeling connected and supported. Join a Student Welcome event to connect with community, discover campus resources and supports, and find ways to get involved.

- [Black Student Welcome](#) (September 15)
- [Muslim Student Welcome](#) (September 17)
- [Students with Disabilities Welcome](#) (September 18)
- [2SLGBTQIA+ Student Welcome](#) (September 22)
- [Jewish Student Welcome](#) (September 24)

All events are 2 to 4 p.m. in SEI 1110. Enjoy activities and refreshments, and bring your Western ONECard to tap in. No registration required, just drop by!

[Student Welcomes](#)

GET INVOLVED

- Leadership & Connection Opportunities**
- **Learn to Lead Summit:** Strengthen your leadership skills, complete your CliftonStrengths assessment, and get started on your Leadership Certificate at the first Learn to Lead Summit of the year on September 25.
 - **Western B.L.U.E.:** The Western Black Leadership University Experience (B.L.U.E.) Program provides in-person, paid, part-time leadership experiences for 20 Black students. Apply now before September 27 and make a positive impact in the community!
 - **Textures in Conversation:** Explore the artistic and social connections between music and textile crafts at a free, three-day festival-symposium on campus September 18-20.

- Campus Recreation**
- **Fall Intramurals:** Looking for a great way to stay active, meet new people and get involved at Western this fall? Registration opens September 9 at 8 a.m. for Fall Intramurals with recreational and competitive leagues for all skill levels. Choose from basketball, dodgeball, flag football, pickleball, soccer, volleyball, and more. Registration closes September 22.
 - **Recreational Sport Clubs:** Try a new sport or continue one you enjoy with Rec Sport Clubs, offering options for a range of skill and experience levels. Fall membership registration opens September 21. Rec Sport Clubs Week is September 21-25, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., in the Western Student Recreation Centre (WSRC) atrium.
 - **Western Campus Recreation:** Discover Group Fitness, Aquatics, Drop-in Sports, and more. Visit the [Orientation page](#) for a video tour, self-guided walking tour, and equipment usage videos to help you get started.

GRAD STUDENT LIFE

- Academic & Learning Support**
- **Resource TAs:** Are you a TA looking for support? The Resource TAs are available to help—contact the team at ResourceTA@uwo.ca.
 - **Graduate Student Study Space:** Western Libraries offers Master's, PhD and postdoctoral scholars dedicated study space at Weldon Library, including private study rooms and the Graduate Commons in the Scholars Lab. Apply for space by September 15.
- Career Development**
- **International Student Career Workshop Series:** Access career advice, job search strategies and resources designed specifically for international students from September 22 to October 1.
 - **Employer Events:** Employers are already recruiting for Summer 2027 and beyond, and they want to meet you! Check out the organizations hosting events this month.
 - **Free Professional Headshots:** Upgrade your LinkedIn profile with free professional headshots in the Careers & Experience office! Available Monday - Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in UCC 210.

ROAD CLOSURES: Plan ahead for campus travel

Getting around campus may look a little different this fall. To support pedestrian safety during residence move-in and OWeek, some [campus roadways will close](#) intermittently between Saturday, Sept. 5 and Saturday, Sept. 12. And don't forget: roadwork on Western Road is ongoing, and Philip Aziz Avenue remains closed while the [City of London completes upgrades](#).

INSPIRING MINDS: Jessica Holmes



Jessica Holmes, PhD Candidate in Health and Rehabilitation Sciences, explores how children learn to speak by studying the relationship between auditory feedback and speech motor control. Her research aims to improve our understanding of speech development and communication disorders.

[Read about Jessica's Research](#)

WESTERN WELLNESS

- **Health & Wellness Services:** The Health & Wellness team is here to support you with [physical health appointments](#), [mental health support](#), and more. Call 519-661-3030 or visit Thames Hall, Room 2170 to book an appointment. Once registered with the clinic, you can set up a TELUS Health Connect Account to book appointments [online](#) and manage your clinic profile.
- **Wellness Support Groups:** Connect with other students through Wellness Support Groups, including Queer Connections, Journey Together, and Grief & Loss Support. These facilitated groups offer a safe, affirming space to connect and explore strategies to support your well-being. [Learn more & register to join a group today.](#)
- **Spiritual Guides:** Did you know Western has Spiritual Guides on campus? Drop in Wednesdays from 8 to 11 a.m. in UCC 38B to talk, reflect, and find support, or connect with a guide to arrange a time to meet.
- **Mindful Moments:** Relax, recharge and refocus with weekly drop-in meditation sessions on Wednesdays starting September 23 from 12 to 12:30 p.m. in UCC 38B.
- **Western's Self-Defence Training:** Build confidence and learn practical self-defence skills in this two-day training for female and non-binary members of the Western community. Attend both days: October 1, 5 to 8 p.m., and October 2, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. [Register here!](#)

MUSTANGS MINUTE

Western students get in free to all regular season home games with a valid Western ONECard.

Upcoming home games:

- **Friday, Sept 11:**
 - Women's Soccer, 6 p.m. vs Brock Badgers, Western Alumni Stadium
 - Men's Soccer, 8:15 p.m. vs Brock Badgers, Western Alumni Stadium
- **Saturday, Sept 12:**
 - Women's Rugby, 1 p.m. vs York, Alumni Field
 - Field Hockey, 7 p.m. vs Queen's, Mustang Field
- **Sunday, Sept 13:**
 - Field Hockey, 2 p.m. vs Waterloo, Mustang Field
 - Men's Rugby, 3:30 p.m. vs Guelph, Alumni Field

Come cheer on your Mustangs!

[Full Sports Schedule](#)

OWN YOUR FUTURE

Upcoming Workshop: Introduction to Entrepreneurship

This session is offered as part of the [Own Your Future](#) program's Career Engagement curriculum in partnership with the [Morrisette Institute for Entrepreneurship](#).

Interested in exploring how entrepreneurship could fit into your career after your grad studies? In this session we'll talk about what entrepreneurship means and how you can leverage your skills and knowledge in an entrepreneurial way. We'll cover all the supports and resources available to help you on your entrepreneurial journey.

Date: September 17
Time: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Location: IGAB 1N05

[Register Now](#)

Important Dates

- **September 8:** Due date for fall term tuition (first installment).
- **September 15:** Grade submission deadline for summer term grades for continuing students.
- **September 30:**
 - Last day to enrol in graduate courses starting in the fall term. Students who are not enrolled by this date cannot receive academic credit for the fall term.
 - Last day to declare an audit for a course starting in the fall term.
 - Last day to drop a graduate course beginning in the fall term without it appearing on the transcript. Students who drop after this date but before November 1 will receive a WDN on their transcript.
 - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation: Non-instructional day. Explore Western's [NDTR resources and toolkit](#).

[See More Dates](#)