

## Kicking off the summer term!

Welcome to *What's Up Western*, your pulse on campus life, news and events. If you received these emails throughout the Fall/Winter terms, you'll be pleased to know we're back to support summer students on a monthly basis and help you stay in the loop! If you are new to Western, or here just for the summer, welcome! We hope you will find these emails helpful as you navigate your way around campus.

As you tackle your summer courses, remember that **many campus supports are open all summer long** to assist you every step of the way. Visit the Student Experience website to learn more.

Student Experience

## Events on Campus

May 5

### Red Dress Day

Atlohsa invites you to join us on Tuesday, May 5 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Peace Park (331 Thames Street), as we come together to honour Red Dress Day — the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and Two-Spirit relatives.

Red Dress Day

May 7, 14, 21, 28

### Global Café

Join Western International every Thursday from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the IGAB Atrium for Global Café. Meet people from around the world and learn about different cultures and experiences. Open to all students!

Global Café

May 7

### Indigenous Research Connections

Indigenous Research Connections is pleased to host Dr. Renée E. Mazinegizhigoo-kwe Bédard, Assistant Professor (Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies & Indigenous Studies) in the Wampum Learning Lodge Dome from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 7. No registration required and all are welcome.

Indigenous Research

May 28

### I'm Graduating, What's Next?

If you're graduating this spring, join a virtual workshop on May 28 designed to support you in your transition into the working world, while you prepare for further education, or if you're just not sure what your next steps are.

Workshop Details

See All Events

## Campus Life

### Seize the Spring: May and June Festivals You Don't Want to Miss



Looking for something to do in London this summer? Explore local festivals this May and June, featuring everything from live music to culinary delights.

Read Tourism London Blog

## GET INVOLVED

### Leadership & Job Opportunities

- **hirewestern Healthcare Day:** Save the date! On June 4 between 4-7 p.m., meet virtually with employers hiring for both clinical and non-clinical roles in the healthcare industry.
- **Undergraduate Awards:** Graduating in 2026 or 2027 with A-level coursework? Submit your work to the Global Undergraduate Awards for a chance at international recognition. Submissions are due in early June.
- **Become a Peer Leader:** Learn how you can gain valuable experience and develop your transferable skills through the [Western Peer Leader program!](#) Positions are still available for Fall/Winter 2026-27.
- **Summer Job Listings:** It's not too late to find a summer job! Check out the job boards on [Western Connect](#).

### Provide Feedback

- **Campus Development and Open Space Strategies:** Provide feedback on Western's updated draft Campus Development Strategy and draft Open Space Strategy online or at upcoming town halls. Your input will help guide how our campus evolves in the future. [Learn more here!](#)
- **Career Interest Survey:** There's still time to participate in the [Brainstorm Student Career Interests survey](#) – you could win a \$500 Best Buy Gift Card or one of 10 cash prizes of \$100!

## STUDENT LIFE

### Academic & Career Supports

- **Summer Academic Supports:** Taking summer courses? Connect with [Learning Development & Success](#) and the [Writing Support Centre](#) for help meeting your learning goals and improving your written assignments.
- **Career Coaching:** Summer is a great time to reset and review your career goals to better strategize your efforts now and during the academic year. [Meet with a career coach](#) to learn how!

### Music Ensembles

- **Open Auditions:** Do you play an instrument or sing? Consider auditioning for one of Western's musical ensembles! All Western students - regardless of major - are eligible to audition. Instrumental audition excerpts for 2026-27 are available now.

### Campus Recreation

- **Summer Intramurals:** Registration closes Tuesday, May 5, 2026! Sign up now to join men's, women's, or co-ed leagues at competitive or recreational levels —register as a team or individual. Open to everyone, so feel free to invite friends to join your team!
- **Campus Rec Summer Hours:** Campus Rec will be completing its annual facility maintenance and upgrades in early May at the Western Student Recreation Centre (WSRC). These scheduled closures are part of the regular yearly maintenance cycle and are essential to ensuring a safe, high-quality experience for all members. **Closure Schedule: Pool:** May 1–10, 2026. **WSRC Building:** May 4–8, 2026

**Campus Food Spots This Summer:** [See which campus eateries are open](#) and ready to serve you all season long.

P.S. The Food Hub has new Artisan sandwiches you won't want to miss and the campus-favourite Angry Goose Food Truck is making a return. Keep an eye on [@westernufood](#) for when it's back.

## Service Interruption Notice: Outdoor Stairs beside WSRC



As the summer term begins, some campus areas will be impacted by construction and maintenance, including temporary disruptions to the outdoor stairs beside the Western Student Recreation Centre (WSRC), so please allow extra time when arriving and check which locations may be affected.

Service Interruption Details

## WESTERN WELLNESS

### Student Health & Wellness Services are open all summer!

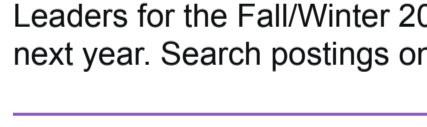
[Book an appointment](#) to meet with a doctor, or [mental health counsellor](#). Summer hours are Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mental health counselling is also available virtually for students, whether you're on campus or not.

### Make the Most of Your Health Plan

PurpleCARE is your health, dental and travel coverage, along with a virtual health care option. [Register](#) & access your benefits **until August 31!** You'll need: Plan Number: 177890 & Certificate Number: Your Student ID.

### Become a Wellness Peer Leader

Want to get involved? The 2026-27! Apply today to make an impact on campus next year. Search postings on [Western Connect](#) (Job ID: 127164).



### Western Mustangs Host 85th Annual Awards Celebration

The Western Mustangs community gathered at Alumni Hall in April to celebrate excellence, legacy, and achievement at the 85th Mustangs Awards Celebration. With more than 800 student-athletes, staff, alumni, and supporters in attendance, the evening highlighted the accomplishments of the 2025-26 season. Beyond athletic success, the event emphasized leadership, academic achievement, and community impact as key pillars of the Mustangs experience.

Among the evening's top honours, **Hallee Knelsen** was awarded the **Karen Danylchuk Award** as the top female senior student-athlete, while **Aaron Thompson** received the **G. Howard Ferguson Award** as the top male graduating student-athlete. Both awards recognize excellence across athletics, academics, and campus involvement.

The celebration also recognized emerging and standout talent. **Sydney Cowan** and **Jackson Mackay** were named **Female and Male Rookie of the Year**, respectively, after making immediate impacts within their programs. **Sophie Coultts** earned the **F.W.P. Jones Trophy** as the top female contributor to intercollegiate athletics, while **Lukas Geske** received the **Dr. Claude Brown Memorial Trophy** as the top male contributor. **Jonelle Clarke** and **Jackson Mackay** were named **Mustangs Female and Male Athletes of the Year**, highlighting their outstanding success at the provincial and national levels.

Bronze W and Graduating Rings were also recognized at the event, and the evening concluded with the presentation of the **Mustangs Purple Blanket awards**, recognizing graduating student-athletes who have demonstrated sustained excellence in both academics and athletics. The award winners reflect the tradition of excellence within Western Mustangs Sports & Recreation.

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## Important Dates

### Summer Distance Studies & Summer Evening:

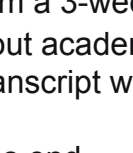
- **May 4:** 12-week courses and 6-week first-term courses begin
- **May 8:** Last day to add or drop a 12-week course, or a 6-week first-term course. Courses dropped by this date will not appear on a transcript. Courses dropped after this date will appear on a transcript with a grade of 'WDN' (withdrawn, without academic penalty)

### Intersession:

- **May 11:** Last day to add or drop a 3-week first-term course. Courses dropped by this date will not appear on a transcript. Courses dropped after this date will appear on a transcript with a grade of 'WDN' (withdrawn, without academic penalty)
- **May 15:** Last day to add or drop a 6-week course
- **May 27:** Last day to withdraw from a 3-week first-term course resulting in a grade of 'WDN' (withdrawn, without academic penalty). Course withdrawals after this date will appear on a transcript with a grade of 'F'
- **May 29:** 3-week first-term courses end

See More Dates

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