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WHO WE ARE

Your Part-Time and Mature Student Union!

The Organization of Part-Time University Students (OPUS) is a student association that provides services and programs for part-time and mature undergraduate students at the University of Windsor!

OPUS has a long history on campus and was established in 1969 to provide part-time students with a means to hear their voices on campus.

***Students
Advocating
For
Students!***



OUR MISSION & MANDATE

OPUS IS A DYNAMIC ORGANIZATION THAT
ADVOCATES AND PROMOTES A
REWARDING UNIVERSITY OF WINDSOR
EXPERIENCE FOR PART-TIME STUDENTS.

WE BELIEVE THAT PART-TIME & MATURE
STUDENTS HAVE DIFFERENT NEEDS AND
CONCERNS DISTINCT FROM THOSE OF
THE REST OF THE UNDERGRADUATE
STUDENT BODY.

THESE STUDENTS WORK HARD TO
BALANCE THEIR MANY
RESPONSIBILITIES OF HOME, FAMILY,
WORK AND EDUCATION.

OPUS STRIVES AND ADVOCATES TO HELP
STUDENTS COPE WITH THE ADDITIONAL
PRESSURE OF STUDIES AND THE
ADJUSTMENT TO AN ACADEMIC
ENVIRONMENT.

OPUS BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF

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ADMINITRATIVE CLERK

PRIYA SADANANDAM

A MESSAGE FROM THE OPUS PRESIDENT CHRIS BAILLARGEON

For some of you this will be an all new academic year, and for others it will be an all too familiar year as we make it through the pandemic during these challenging times with resilience. My name is Chris Baillargeon, and I am currently your elected President for the Organization of Part-time University Students for the 2021-2022 semester year. As many of you know, it can be a very busy time between school, work, family and other commitments to keep pace with your future endeavours. This is especially true and becomes quite apparent with the financial commitment one makes in pursuing their goals and meeting overall expectations for success.

As your OPUS President, I am involved with this organization advocating for students representative of its mission, vision and values. The commitment we make believing in students through our advocacy of part-time and mature students is exemplified in the spirit of the organization. We continue to address your needs and concerns in various capacities with our involvement in the campus community life. We aim to improve the overall student experience through continued growth and change. We are all in this together. We work to inspire and motivate you to do your very best.

We continue to meet our goals and objectives through the various initiatives we bring to our members as an organization through our various webinars, services and information we provide to help students. When we can meet once again in person we offer Friday Pizza Days, Annual OPUS BBQ and Winter and Fall Socials with a featured keynote speaker.



We are committed to deliver on our services and offer value to you as our part-time member. OPUS offers the resources and supports necessary to encourage students to achieve their best. As a valued member, OPUS also offers a lounge to study, rest, and socialize in with their peers.

You are here to achieve your goals for career success. You will obtain transferable skills for future gainful employment possibility. Take part in the vast array of experiential learning opportunities as a volunteer to network and gain connections to build your future success. Continue to learn, grow, see, and do all the things you need to be the best you can be. Good choices will lead you to good consequences. Communicating effectively will assist you in achieving greatness. Take time out for hobbies and travel on exchange or road trips to gain a broader perspective upon reflection. Go forth and make a difference in the world as a change agent for the common good aspiring to achieve results!

Lastly, I would like to thank the OPUS staff for their continued dedication and commitment to the organization's success in assisting students, board members, and the greater campus community-at-large. Education is a right!

"Get involved, get connected!"



A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

MARYAN AMALOW

Dear Members,

To all new and returning students at the University of Windsor, welcome! OPUS annual newsletter keeps members in the loop with stories, updates, and more. Our OPUS team has pulled together admirably to continue delivering excellent services in the face of this unprecedented pandemic. There has been a lot of change and a lot of progress over the last year

I would like to begin my message by thanking the many people associated with OPUS who supported us through this difficult time, but certainly memorable time. This year, we held all our annual events virtually, including our Annual Awards Ceremony, Mental Health Webinars, Orientation, Annual Potluck, due to the covid-19 pandemic. We are grateful that we were able to continue to provide events and services to our members during the pandemic. We know that the pandemic has heavily impacted all students at the University of Windsor.

During this difficult time, OPUS continues to support our members and offer our essential services. This includes bursaries and awards, a comprehensive drug and dental plan, volunteer and employment opportunities, educational webinars and more.

In addition, take advantage of all these great services including our latest Beacon services that you have through our Green Shield health coverage which offers a full spectrum of digital mental health supports. OPUS is on the lookout for new virtual online services and programs geared towards wellness and education for part-time, mature students.

We are very fortunate to have a very strong and diverse organization within which we have been advocating for part-time & mature students for over 50 years. We hope to continue providing an excellent experience for all part-time and mature students at the University of Windsor.

We have board members that represent you at the senate and other university committees to ensure that your rights are protected and that the part-time and mature students' experience at the University of Windsor continues to be a great one. This includes maintaining the quality of academic programming and services available to students, including academic counseling, writing help, psychological services, career counseling, services for students with a disability, and many other valuable student resources

OPUS is fortunate and grateful to have the continuous support of many sponsors. Such as Campus Dental, the Alumni Association, OHREA, and Green Shield. I would like to extend a special thanks to those organizations that have sponsored some of our monetary bursaries. Your commitment and dedication have helped us to make OPUS a 'UNIQUE' student organization at the University of Windsor.

We hope to continue to provide services and programs to part-time and mature students for many years to come.

Our organization is currently working remotely due to the COVID-19 risks. Although not physically in the office, we will be monitoring e-mails and checking phone messages. We are always here to support our members.

In solidarity

***We got you covered, so get connected
with OPUS! Students advocating for
Students!***



A MESSAGE FROM THE HEALTH PLAN ADMINISTRATOR STEVE JANCEV

Dear Members,

I'd like to welcome all part-time and mature undergraduate students to the University of Windsor. I understand that the Covid-19 pandemic has impacted you all and I would like to assure you that OPUS continues to provide support and services throughout these challenging times.

As the Benefits Plan Administrator, I manage the operations for the OPUS Drug and Dental plan including the handling of all student inquiries ensuring that each matter is dealt with efficiently.

The OPUS Drug and Dental Plan is providing its 14th year of service to students for the 2020-21 benefit year. Our benefits plan provider is Green Shield along with the Canadian Federation of Students

Our insurance coverage is based on a pay direct system where students are not required to pay up-front and wait to get reimbursed later like some other student plans.

Students are only required to pay out of pocket and wait for reimbursement later during the blackout period while we wait to receive the enrolment data from the university.

We know our members are looking for more convenient ways to access health care during this time and we are excited to inform all plan members that they have access Maple virtual care in addition to Beacon.

Beacon is a proven effective mental health support therapy that uses cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT). This service allows students to connect with mental health and provide CBT digitally. Students can access BEACON through their benefits plan, using the psychology benefit \$500 per year combined, including \$300 per year for the BEACON program. Visit: <https://info.mindbeacon.com/gsc-students> for more information.

Our plan members and their eligible dependents can use MAPLE (Canada's leading telemedicine provider) to connect with Canadian-licensed physicians via video or audio call, receive medical advice, prescriptions, lab requisitions and more. Visit: <https://getmaple.ca/green-shield-learn-more> for more information.

For more information about the OPUS health and dental plan, visit uwindsor.ca/OPUS/drug-dental-plan or student.greenshield.ca

"We're Here For You"

A MESSAGE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

DIANA MARION



A challenging year to say the least where Virtual is our temporary name. We have held a virtual awards ceremony, virtual webinars, virtual student socials, and virtual board meetings. University Committee meetings have been virtual as well as Canadian Federation of Student National and Provincial meetings. We have kept up with these meetings and have continued to advocate for you the Student. We have continued to award our monetary scholarships, have awarded grocery gift cards as replacements for the luncheons and dinners we often provide, and have mailed and/or delivered our OPUS gift packages and bags to you our student members. As an organization we have endured and we have remained as your student organization. I currently am the VP with OPUS and I am honoured to participate in the many services that we have maintained on your behalf. Committee meetings, CFS Provincial and National meetings, board meetings, OPUS socials and awards meetings, all continue as the necessary services that we at OPUS participate in, provide, and organize for you the student. This most difficult time will pass, our face to face classes will resume, and yes we here at OPUS, your part time student organization will be here.

I am Diana, your student advocate and your student representative and we are OPUS. Stay Safe and Be Well.



A MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER

SAMEENA SULTANA

There can be many situations that can lead to a number of challenges, and require you to prepare ahead of time before considering any of your school work. I have achieved a BA in Child Psychology, and an Honors BA in Developmental Psychology while studying part-time. Without OPUS, I would not have started my education or simply wouldn't have been able to achieve it. I have been involved with OPUS for over four years and currently, your Treasurer. It's an honor to be given the opportunity to be your voice and to represent your interests in various committees. It's our mission to advocate for you on issues and concerns that could affect your academic life. We would love to hear any feedback or ideas you might have, or you can drop it off in our suggestion box outside the OPUS office. We would be very happy if we could be of any assistance to you in any way possible.

A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR AT LARGE

BERNARDA DOCTOR

Please know that I am driven to do humanitarian efforts on your behalf. It is at this time of my life that creating music has become important – a synergy that blends my mind, emotions and deeds – spontaneous expressions of my faith in God (and the Holy Spirit in me). As a result, approval of our university anthem "Beloved U-Windsor" is in progress. Sing it with great pride!

For over 21 years, I sustained (and will keep going) my part-time studentship for obvious reasons: CARE/SERVICE for ALL! I need ongoing self-growth alongside my students in Windsor and Essex/Tecumseh communities. I am with the Student Senate Caucus, Residential speaking on your behalf. Please be in touch if you wish!



A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR AT LARGE

BIANCA LENARDUZZI

My name is Bianca and I am on the Board of Directors with OPUS as a Director at Large. This experience has changed my life positively. As a Director at Large, I have attended Student Walk outs against Ford, a Climate Change Protest, OPUS Socials, OPUS's 50th Anniversary Banquet, the OPUS Banquet Virtually, Welcome week, Club Day, the OPUS Annual General Meeting, My Sub Committees, General and National Meetings with the Canadian Federation of Students, Free Pizza Fridays, Swag Giveaways (because OPUS merch is ALWAYS fun!), the Student Barbeque, where you can free Tuition, attended training to better myself as a Board member as well as Board meetings, just to name a few. I have Advocated on behalf of Part time Students. I have seen positive change happen both within and outside of OPUS as a Board member and a Student. I have benefitted from both and am so grateful that I can help be the change that students want to see both on and off campus. Thank you OPUS for giving me this opportunity to serve as a Board member for this wonderful organization. Your dedication to the students every day is why I ultimately chose to ask to join the board in the first place. Your hard work behind the scenes and in and out of the office does not go unnoticed.



A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR AT LARGE

JANICE MCADAM

Hello to all the part-time and mature students of OPUS. The past year has been so challenging for all of us. Support from OPUS as well other areas of the University of Windsor continue to be so crucial in keeping our community connected. The key role of OPUS continues to be a very important advocate. With so many changes, we are committed to ongoing communication through social media. Zooming is an example of the way we are now participating in various committees of the university; Leddy Library Strategic Planning Task Force, Mental Health Services, The Academic Policy Committee and Giving Tuesday are just a few examples of OPUS' participation.

Unfortunately, the social events from the past years are now virtual, but we know that there is a light at the end of the tunnel, and we will be able to see our many OPUS friends again. The wonderful events such the Annual Award Banquet, weekly pizza Fridays are a few of our social events that we share with so many. During the important social events we were able to develop new friendships who share the same goals.

As a long-time member of the university alumni and a returning part time student who has experienced the dedication of OPUS, I urge you to visit our website at uwindsor.ca/opus for further information of OPUS' legacy of more than 50 successful years. Congratulations again to OPUS. Again, many thanks for the hard work of so many during 2020 - 2021.



A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR AT LARGE

DONNA PATERSON

Serving as an OPUS Board member for a second term has been a great opportunity to be a voice for our part time student members. I have had the opportunity to participate on committees such as the Student Senate Caucus and Implementation Committees, Leadership courses, OPUS BBQ's, Awards banquets and Social events.

OPUS is a positive, driving force within the University that values the part time student experience. As a past recipient of a bursary award the benefits have supported me not only financially, but also as an opportunity to be a part of an advocacy group that upholds their mission statement. Come and see the opportunities that await you on your journey.

A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR AT LARGE

EDY HADDAD



Welcome University of Windsor students! Here at OPUS we will continue to support you through this incredibly difficult time. With our bursaries and scholarships, our amazing health plan, our hard-working staff, and the incredible work we do as a board to serve you as students, rest assured this will be a successful year for all of us. While we understand how incredibly difficult everything is for people right now, especially students, we will be there with you step-by-step as you continue on this educational journey you are on. Malcolm X said "education is a passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today. Wishing you all the best of luck!



A MESSAGE FROM THE PAST PRESIDENT

DR. EDWARD KING

Although I am not as involved with OPUS as much I was during my years as President, I am still very active. This past year I remained on the Senate and also served on Senate Governance which appointed the recipients for honorary degrees at Convocation. Additionally I served on the University Library Administrative Committee, the Library Committee on Permanence, Renewal and Promotion and several Library Search Committees. I was also a member of UCAPT which deals with the renewal, promotion and tenure of faculty members. OPUS advocates effectively for part-time students and in cooperation with UWSA and GSS for all students. We are also on the Provincial Executive Committee of the Canadian Federation of Students where I served for many years as the provincial representative for OPUS. We offer many benefits to our members including an excellent health plan, advocacy generally and individual help for students with problems whether academic or personal. We also represent part-time distance education students. We have an excellent "History of OPUS" written by the late Mary Schisler, a past president of OPUS. I would strongly recommend getting involved at the University of Windsor outside of classes. This will make your life at the University richer and involved students do better academically.

A MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

PRIYA SADANANDAM

A vibrant workplace full of energy and enthusiasm. I had the opportunity to work with OPUS for two terms. During my time at opus, I have learned a lot from day one from leadership to decision making and organizational skills. One best thing that happened in OPUS is getting to work along with Maryan, I have learned a lot from her about how to deal with situations with both grace and courageousness. I will be forever grateful for the knowledge that I have gained through this experience!



ALEXA LEPERA

I've enjoyed my time at OPUS as an Administrative Clerk immensely. OPUS is always working to make sure part-time and mature students have the resources and support they need. All the staff and board members at OPUS are incredibly hardworking and I can't wait to take the skills and values I've learned into future positions.

NILOOFAR KHASTAVAN

As an IGNITE work-study student, working in OPUS has been an enriching experience. It is great to work in a place where employees are more than just coworkers. OPUS has a positive and dynamic work environment and a place where values like respect, professionalism, and meaningful interactions are encouraged. Being a member of the OPUS family is truly a great honor.





A MESSAGE FROM THE OPUS ANTI-BLACK RACISM TASKFORCE REPRESENTATIVE

DE'NEA ROSE

**"I am finished with
this old way of
thinking and I enjoy
doing my part in
making a difference."**

My name is De'Nea Rose. I am a Film student at Windsor University. I came to this school with the dream that I could one day make a movie. I have a love for painting and poetry as I am a creator. I also have a love and passion for my black community. This is what led me to join the Anti-Black Racism Team for OPUS. I believe that we as black people deserve a fair chance to be treated like everyone else, no different. The colour of my skin does not determine who I am as a person.

I am finished with this old way of thinking and I enjoy doing my part in making a difference. Not only is it for me, my family, and friends but it is for the future generation of black folks that will one day join us here on earth. I urge you to help us out with our right to equality. Support black businesses and help black people become a strong and solid people once again. I thank you in advance.

#BlackPower #BlackLivesMatter
#SupportBlackBusiness
#UnitedWeRsie

ADVOCATING FOR PART-TIME STUDENTS and OPUS team is excited to meet the University of Windsor president

OPUS is very grateful for the support of President Dr. Robert Gordon. We met with the President during our board meeting in March of 2020 before the covid-19 campus lockdown. We addressed a lot of unique issues that part-time and mature undergraduate students face.

Our new president, Dr. Robert Gordon attended our potluck in November 2020.

We were also happy to have the president in our virtual Awards Ceremony on October 30th, 2020.



In loving memory of
George McMahon

SEPTEMBER 8, 1933 - JANUARY 13, 2021

*on behalf of OPUS, we're grateful for his many
years of support to students*

*We won't forget his lengthy involvement
with OPUS in the organization's early
years.*

*George was the first Dean of Students,
he also was the recipient of the OPUS
lifetime achievement award in 2013.
We had the honour to have him in the
OPUS promotional video that same
year.*

*OPUS donated \$200 to the Alzheimer
Society in his memory for his lengthy
involvement with OPUS*

*We are also planning to create a bursary
for the part-time and mature
undergraduate students starting Fall
2021 in memory of George.*



He will be missed forever.

OPUS SERVICES

ADVOCACY

At the university level: by serving on numerous committees where decisions affecting part-time & mature students are made.

We address issues such as accessibility, course and program offerings, fees, student services, quality of student life and more.

Beyond the university level: OPUS activities include liaising with other part-time & mature student associations from other universities, working with the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) to develop and maintain relationships with local MP's and MPP's, lobbying efforts concerning part-time & mature student issues, researching and collecting data on part-time & mature student trends.

STUDENT LIFE

Lounge, Study & Kitchen Area

Newsletter

Printing, Faxing & Photocopying

Information Sessions/ Workshops

Health & Wellness

Professional Development

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES STUDENT SERVICES

Drug & Dental Plan

Awards & Bursaries

Bus Pass

Free Tuition & Orientation Bursaries for New Students

Free Welcome BBQ

Volunteer Opportunities

Student Refugee Support Program

Free Pizza Fridays for all Students

Student Funding Support



OPUS OBJECTIVES

To represent part-time & mature students at the University of Windsor in matters affecting University life

To work with other student organizations for the achievement of common objectives

To promote equal access and opportunity to all education and services at the University for part-time & mature students

To assist and encourage part-time students in their academic achievement

To help provide information of events and services on the University campus to all members of OPUS

From time to time, we provide, with the help and participation of the members, extracurricular activities for the members to enhance their University experience

To encourage all members to become active participants in the Organization and to afford opportunity for giving expression to their opinions upon all questions bearing on or affecting their interests



10TH ANNUAL APPRECIATION WEEK

From September 8th-11th OPUS hosted our Annual Appreciation Week to welcome all part-time students into the new academic semester.

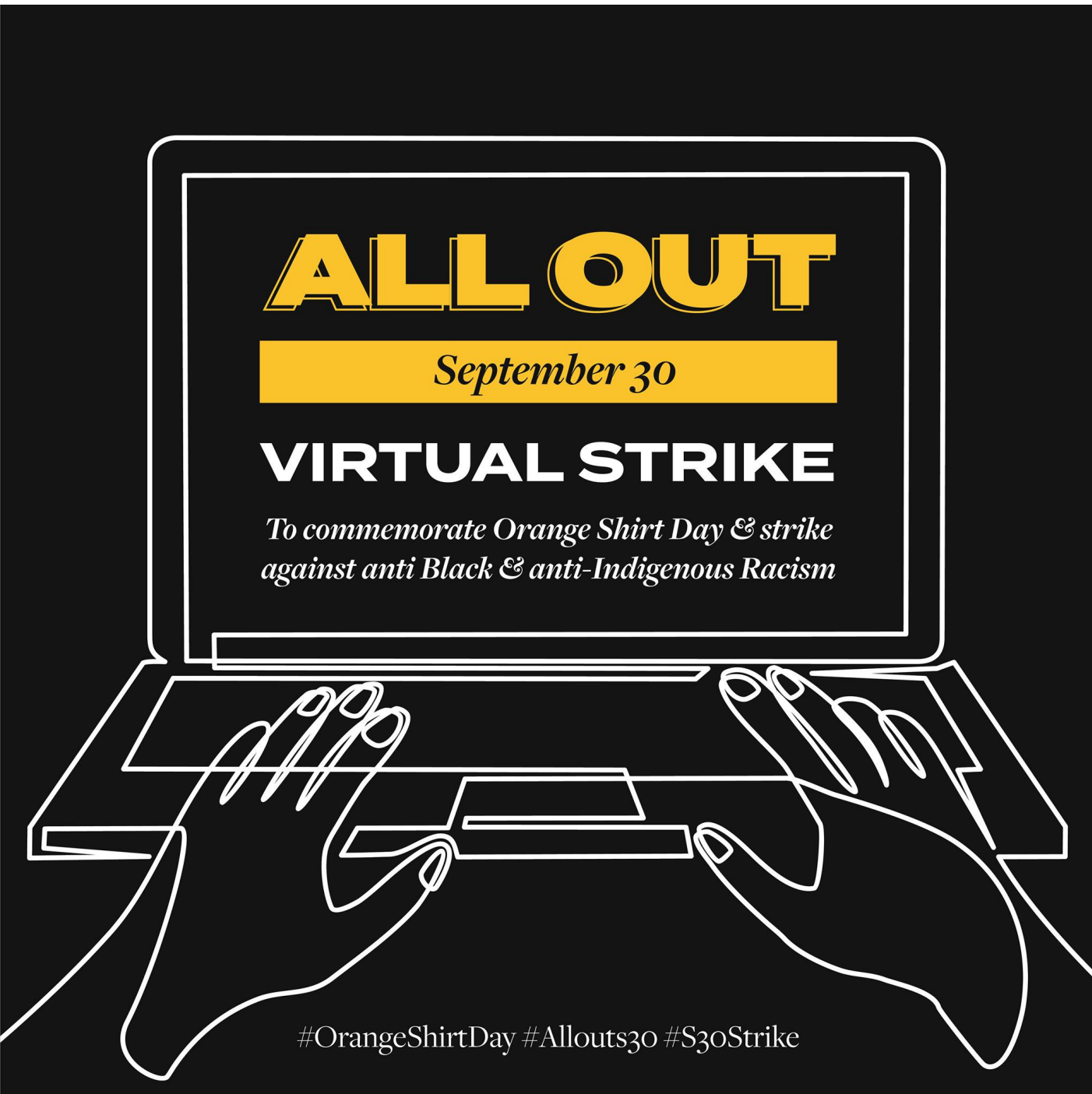
Even though we could not see our students in person we tried to make this year's appreciation week special for students. We mailed out FREE gift bags to students with OPUS swag, hand sanitizer, face masks and more!

We hosted a draw where 1 lucky student won a \$1,850 bursary sponsored by the Alumni Association!

**WE'RE
HERE FOR
YOU.**

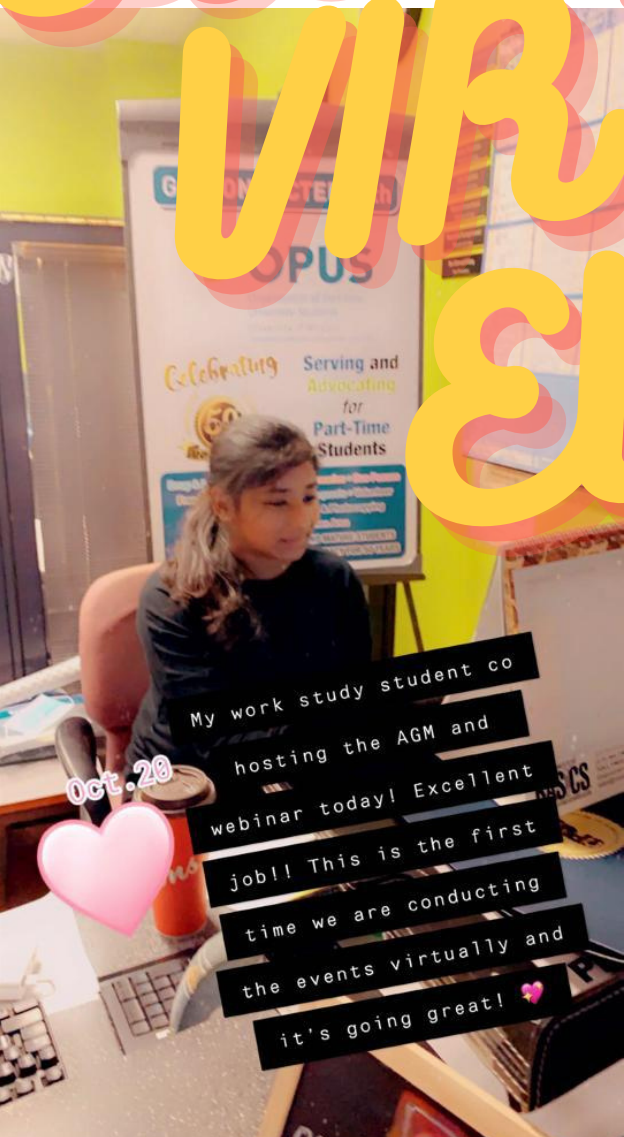
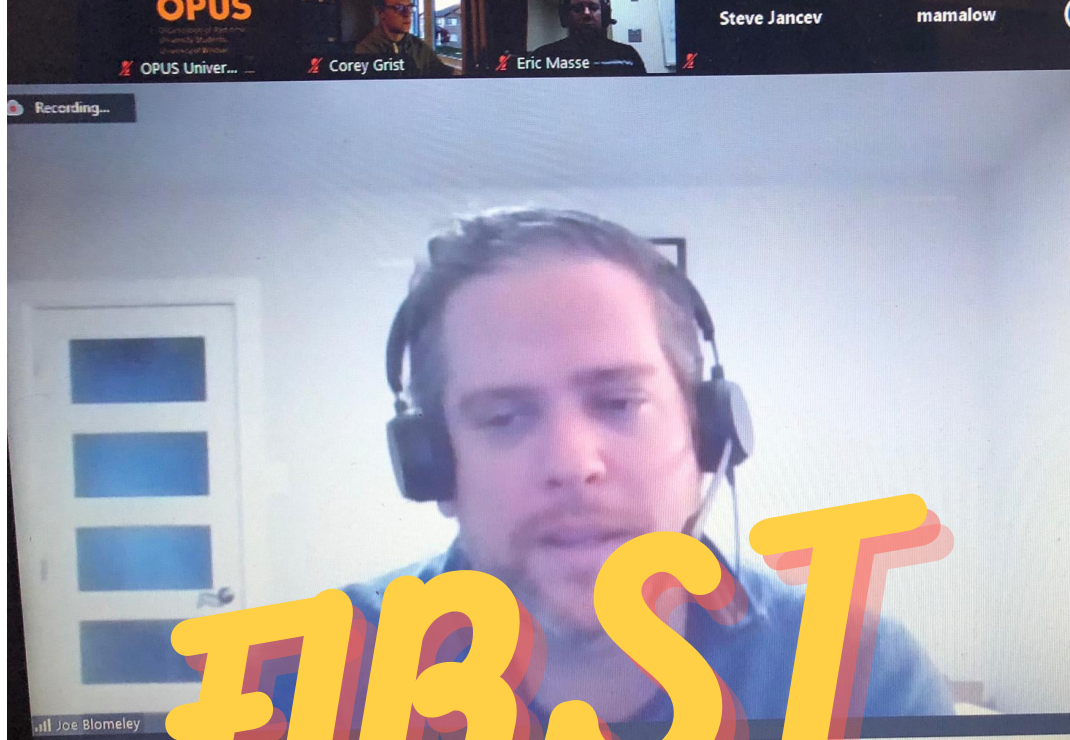
On September 30th, OPUS participated in the student-led Virtual Scholar Strike & Teach-In for Indigenous and Black students, students, and faculty.

The strike commemorated Orange Shirt Day - an annual day of commemoration to honor the experiences of Indigenous children that were stolen and lost to the Residential School System.



#STUDENTADVOCACY

OUR FIRST VIRTUAL EVENT



Oct. 20
My work study student co
hosting the AGM and
webinar today! Excellent
job!! This is the first
time we are conducting
the events virtually and
it's going great! 💖

**BEACON
mental
HEALTH
webinar**

BEACON *mental* *HEALTH* *webinar*

On October 20th we hosted a mental health webinar facilitated by Joe Blomely from Green Shield Canada.

Participants discussed wellness, mental health, Cognitive Behavioural Therapy, and
BEACON

The first 50 participants won a

GIFT CARD



Organization of Part-time
University Students
University of Windsor
Canadian Federation of Students Local 188

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2020

Tuesday | October 20th, 2020 | 4PM

EMAIL opus@uwindsor.ca TO RECIEVE ZOOM MEETING LINK

Part-time Undergrads encouraged to attend!

RECAP ACCOMPLISHMENTS & EVENTS

BOARD&STAFF ANNUAL REPORTS

FINANCIAL REPORTS & POLICY REVIEW

ELECTION UPDATE WINTER 2020-2021

FOLLOW OPUS:



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It was decided at our
Fall Annual General
Meeting that the
Winter 2021 OPUS
elections would be
postponed until Fall
2021 due to the
covid-19 pandemic.

OPUS is looking
forward to holding
the elections in the
Fall!

OPUS Lifetime Achievement Award Recipients Since 2007

2007: Josie Iannetta

-OPUS past president

2008: Dr. Edward King

-OPUS Current President

2009: Badaruddin Khuhro

-OPUS Past President

2010: Mary Schisler

-OPUS Past President

2011: Marty Lowman

-OPUS Past President

2013: George McMahon

-Former Dean of Students

2015: Anthony Meloche

-OPUS Vice President

2016: Chris Baillargeon

-OPUS Treasurer

2017: Bernarda Doctor

-OPUS Vice President

2018: Maryan Amalow

-OPUS Executive Director

DISCOVER THE PATHWAY TO YOUR POTENTIAL



COME LEARN ABOUT OUR PART-TIME PROGRAMS
AND YOU COULD WIN A \$500 BURSARY!

Students are eligible to receive full health & dental insurance coverage.

Connect with OPUS!

Ambassador Auditorium

CAW Student Centre
University of Windsor

RSVP to 519-971-3603 or
opus@uwindsor.ca



University
of Windsor

28th Annual Awards Banquet Virtual through Zoom

2020 Award Recipients

Senior Administrative Leadership Award

Dr. Jeffrey Berryman

Friend of Student Award

Kaye Johnson

OPUS Teacher of the Year Award

Dr. Philip Ricciardi

Staff/Faculty Leadership Award

Dr. Mohsan Beg

OPUS Volunteer of the Year Award

Sharmini Rampersaud

OPUS Disability Campus Community
Recognition Award

Dan Castellan

OPUS Faculty Award

Dr. Bruce Kotowich, Dr. Rashid Rashidzadeh,
John Albanese

OPUS Support Staff Award

Kelly Dagenais, Yvonne Arnowitz, Diane Luu-
Hoang

OPUS Departmental Appreciation Award

Campus Bookstore, Centre for Teaching &
Learning

OPUS Student Leaders Appreciation Awards

Grace Bastien, Anthony Meloche,
Christie Nelson, Eric Sternberg

Alumni Association First Year Undergraduate
Award

Crystal Desjardins

Alumni Association Academic Achievement

Laura Cutler

Senior Administrative Leadership Award

Laura Cutler

Dr. Kai Hildebrandt Part-Time Student Award

Brenda Hanson

Dr. Susan Wendt Hildebrandt Part Time
Student Award

Julienne Rousseau

Mary C. Schisler Award in Dramatic Arts

Konrad Jarecki

Ken Long Memorial Award

Cody Vanderzwaag

Dr. Kathleen McCrone Award

Derrick Biso

VEK Ternoey Academic 2nd Chance Award

Nathan Pota

Wayne Girard Memorial Leadership Award

Omar Ahmed

Student with a Disability Achievement Award

Andrea Ruys

Evening Program

4.30 PM

Opening Remarks
EVENT EMCEE
Steve Jancev
Benefits Administrator

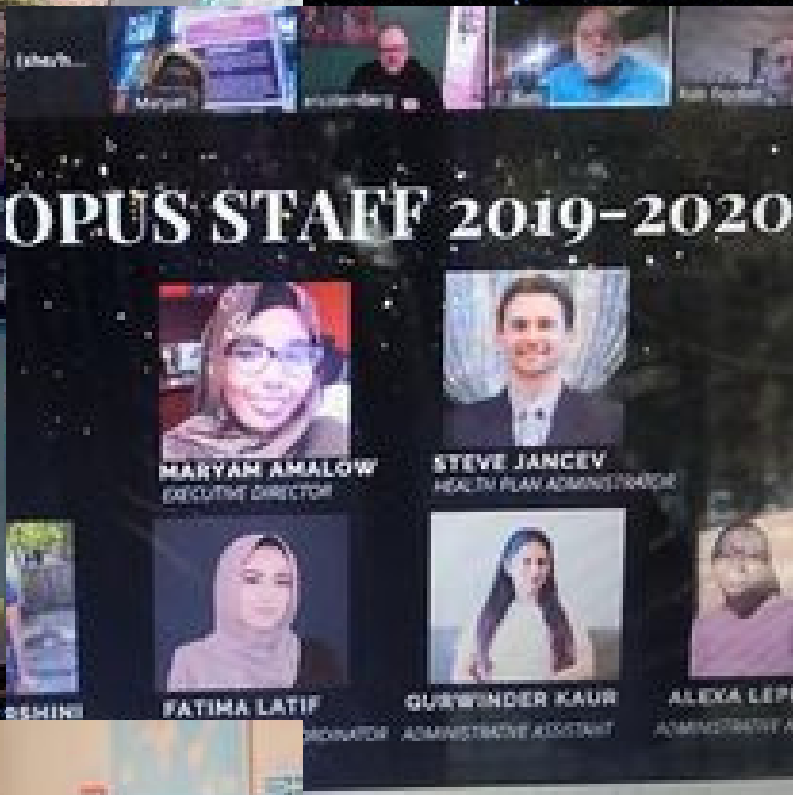
Welcome Remarks
Dr. Robert Gordon (President)
University Of Windsor

OPUS Video Presentation

Awards Presentation and
Ceremony

Closing Remarks
Maryan Amalow
Executive Director
& Christopher Baillargeon
President

*OPUS Bursaries 2020 were given
to 10 part-time undergraduate
students
& were chosen based on
financial need. (2 of these
bursaries are
sponsored by the Alumni
Association and 3 are sponsored
by the
Campus Dental Centre).*



Staying
Safe &
Having
Fun



INTRODUCING MAPLE TO GSC COVERAGE

In fall 2020, OPUS Health and Dental Plan members gained access to MAPLE, Canada's leading telemedicine provider.

OPUS understands that our members are looking for safer ways to receive their health care during the pandemic and MAPLE offers just that.

Our plan members and their eligible dependents can use MAPLE to connect with Canadian-licensed physicians via video or audio call, receive medical advice, prescriptions, lab requisitions and more.

**MAPLE IS
AVAILABLE
7 DAYS A WEEK
IN ENGLISH &
FRENCH**



The pandemic has not stopped OPUS from providing services to our members. This year we held our 18th annual potluck via Zoom.

This event was co-sponsored by Campus Dental and the soup was provided by the Unemployment Help Centre

**OPUS GAVE OUT
OVER 50 GROCERY GIFT
CARDS AND FREE SOUP TO
STUDENTS**



VIRTUAL POTLUCK



Spreading Holiday Cheer

OPUS was happy to partner with the Student Centre and sponsor the first soft and hot drinks giveaway event in December.

We know this exam period was different than others and OPUS wanted to bring some holiday cheer to our students!

Every Wednesday in the month of December students were able to pick up a free drink at Green Bean Cafe



29TH ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

IS POSTPONED

Due to covid-19 the March 19th 2021
non-monetary awards have been
postponed until further notice.

2021 monetary awards for students
will still be awarded.

For more information on our awards
please visit:

<http://www1.uwindsor.ca/opus/opus-1>
or email us at: opus@uwindsor.ca



Mature, Transfer & Part-Time Student Orientation

JAN 11-15
2021

CALLING ALL PART-TIME AND
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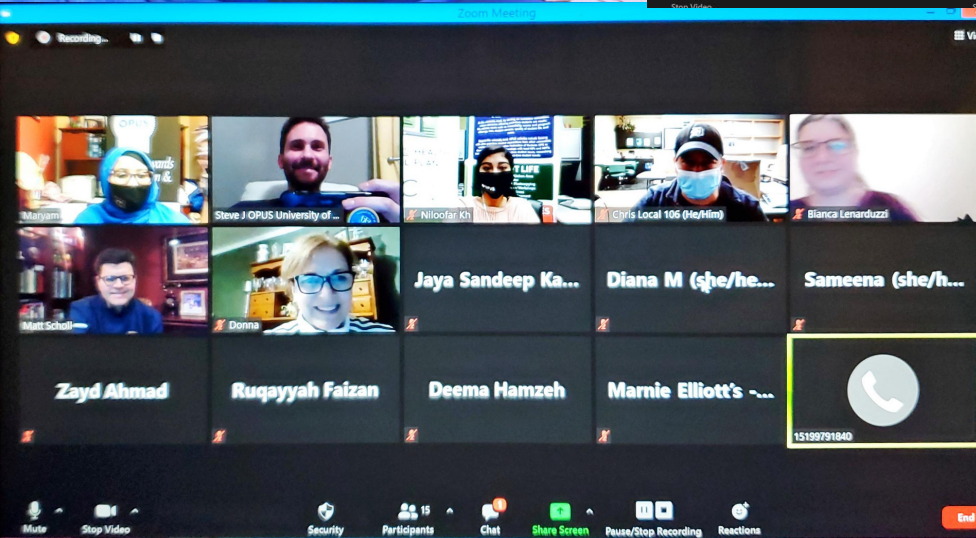
WINTER SOCIAL

On February 9th, OPUS hosted our annual Winter Social.

We were honoured to have Dr. Matt Scholl the lead physician from Student Health Services and a representative from Maple as guest speakers at the event.

At the event we announced the winner of our \$650 new student bursary. Congratulations to Ahmad Farag!

Attendants also received a free OPUS gift bag!



The Organization of Part-time University Students (OPUS) is a student group at the University of Windsor made up of volunteer part-time students who provide services and advocacy for part-time and mature undergraduate students on behalf of part-time students. OPUS has a long history on campus and was established in 1969 to provide a means for part-time students to have their voices heard on campus. OPUS has had a strong and participative presence on campus. OPUS feels this Strategic Plan will continue to build on the foundation that has been laid.

The Strategic Plans Four Pillars guide OPUS's Strategic Direction and include;
Student Advocacy;
Student Services;
Student Engagement;
Future Planning.

This plan outlines a disciplined approach to support the ongoing transformation and growth of OPUS in assisting to provide a rewarding and engaging student experience at the University of Windsor. The Strategic Plan aligns well and is guided by the OPUS vision and mission.

OPUS Vision

The vision of OPUS is that all part-time students enjoy an engaging, fulfilling and rewarding experience at the University of Windsor.

OPUS Mission

OPUS is a dynamic organization that advocates and promotes a rewarding University of Windsor experience for part-time students.

2019-2020 STRATEGIC PLAN SUMMARY

The Goals of the Strategic Plan Four Pillars

Student Advocacy

To be a leader and resource for part-time students advocating for their interests at the University of Windsor, provincially and nationally.

Student Services

To provide meaningful and value added services to part-time students. Services that provide a collective and/or an individual benefit to enhance the part-time student university experience.

Student Engagement

Be a leader in providing opportunities for part-time students to engage with each other. Be an agent in promoting and advocating for best practices for student engagement in the learning environment and on campus.

Future Planning

Prepare OPUS for future challenges, ensure financial stability, succession planning and innovative ways to secure and expand OPUS services and viability.

Each Strategic Pillar has activities, initiatives and deliverables attached to them to achieve our goals

2019-2020 STRATEGIC PLAN SUMMARY

ALUMNI CARES VOLUNTEER PROGRAM TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR COMMUNITY IMPACT



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IMPACT, COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, COMPASSION

Launched in January 2021, the Alumni Cares volunteer program provides opportunities for alumni and friends of the University of Windsor to give back to their communities in a meaningful and engaging way. Through volunteerism, local and global community outreach and acts of good will, the program seeks to build campus and community partnerships by collaborating to help those in need and supporting the mission of enriching the lives of students and alumni.

Visit the Alumni Cares volunteer website to learn more about the program and available opportunities.



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DRUG AND DENTAL PLAN BENEFIT SUMMARY

HEALTH - UP TO \$10,000

PRESCRIPTION DRUGS	80% PER PRESCRIPTION UP TO \$1,500 PER YEAR
DIABTIC TESTING AGENTS, NEEDLES, SYRINGES	80% PER PRESCRIPTION UP TO \$200 PER YEAR
HPV VACCINES	80% COVERAGE, INCLUDED IN DRUG MAXIMUM
ACUPUNCTURIST NATUROPATH HOMEOPATH RMT	\$20 PER VISIT FOR UP TO 20 VISITS
CHIROPRACTOR PHYSIOTHERAPIST	\$20 PER VISIT FOR UP TO 20 VISITS
SPEECH THERAPIST	\$20 PER VISIT FOR UP TO 20 VISITS
PODIATRIST	\$20 PER VISIT FOR UP TO 20 VISITS
PSYCHOLOGIST	100% FOR A MAXIMUM OF \$500
EMERGENCY TRANSPORTATION	REASONABLE AND CUSTOMARY CHARGES
ORTHOTICS & FOOTWEAR	100% FOR A MAXIMUM OF \$200
BRACES, CASTS & CRUTCHES	100% FOR A MAXIMUM OF \$500
ACCIDENTAL DENTAL	REASONABLE AND CUSTOMARY CHARGES

DENTAL - UP TO \$500

	GSC INSURANCE	STUDENT DENTAL DISCOUNT	TOTAL COVERAGE
BASIC SERVICES: CLEANING, X-RAYS	60%	30%	90%
BASIC RESTORATIVE SERVICES BASIC ORAL SURGERY	60%	20%	80%
COMPREHENSIVE BASIC SERVICES	60%	20%	80%
MAJOR RESTORATIVE SERVICES	--	20%	20%

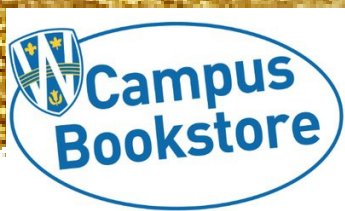
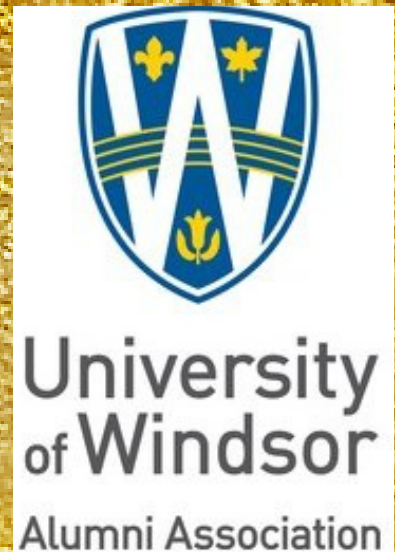
VISION - UP TO \$230

EYE GLASSES AND CONTACTS EVERY 24 CONSECUTIVE MONTHS	UP TO \$1,50
EYE EXAM EVERY 24 CONSECUTIVE MONTHS	UP TO \$80

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