

FEBRUARY IS AMD MONTH

February is recognized as AMD Month to help create awareness of Age-related Macular Degeneration.

Age-related macular degeneration is an eye disease that affects central vision. As the name suggests, age is a major risk factor for this disease and it is the leading cause of blindness in North American adults over the age of 50.

The central vision is affected as a result of waste build up at the center part of the back of the eye called the macula. The macula is responsible for detailed vision necessary for activities such as reading, driving, and recognizing people's faces. AMD can progress slowly in some individuals and rapidly in others. Therefore, it is important to get routine eye exams to detect it early on.



As future and current healthcare workers, it is important to be aware of some of the common signs of AMD including:

- Blurry or fuzzy vision.
- Difficulty recognizing familiar faces.
- Straight lines appear wavy.
- A dark, empty area or blind spot appears in the center of vision.
- Loss of central vision, which is necessary for driving, reading, recognizing faces and performing close-up work.

Sources: <https://opto.ca/> , <https://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/>



VALENTINE'S PHOTO CONTEST

Share a photo of you and your special Valentine in the comments of our Facebook and Instagram Post and automatically be entered to win a \$100 gift card to a restaurant of your choice. 2 lucky winners will be drawn.

Contest closes midnight Feb 13th. Winners announced on Feb 14th.

FOREIGN WORKERS CO-OP EVENT



Drake Medox College is proud to be a long time supporter of The Foreign Workers Of Canada Co-Op. who is dedicated to providing social and economic supports, and empowering individuals to make successful contributions to Canadian society

At their recent annual event Cynthia awarded a **FULL TUITION SCHOLARSHIP** to **JOAN OLIT**. Congratulations, Joan, we look forward to being part of journey towards a brighter future!!

EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER

Melissa Alegria has been recognized with our **Employee Of The Quarter Award** for the outstanding team work and customer service she demonstrates in all that she does.



The numerous student testimonials she receives are evidence of the time and effort she puts in to ensuring each and every student at our Surrey campus has a positive learning experience.

Congratulations to Melissa! We are blessed to have her as part of our team.

TAX SEASON IS COMING:

HAVE YOU SUBMITTED YOUR SIN# TO STUDENT SERVICES?

The T2202 Tuition and Enrolment Certificate will be ready for download from the student portal on February 29. If you need assistance with downloading the file, please contact Student Services at 6004-629-0196.

T2202 Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: Where can I get T4A for grants that I received under Student Loan Funding?

A: You can obtain T4A from StudentAidBC from your National Student Loan Service Centre dashboard

Q: I don't see all my payments?

A: The T2202 contains only amounts paid for classes attended in a calendar year (JAN-DEC 2022). The rest of your payment will be carried over into the next tax year if applicable. The T2202 is based on study period date not payment date.

Q: My start date and end date does not match my enrollment?

A: The dates on the T2202 pertains to the month that you were in study in the 2022 calendar year. For example, if your study period is SEP 2022 - MAR 2023. Your T2202 2022 will only show SEP - DEC. The rest will be carried forward in the next calendar year.

Q: I don't see any amount on my T2202?

A: Not all payments are eligible. Please refer to [Canada Revenue Agency website regarding amounts which cannot be claimed as tuition fees.](#)

INSTRUCTOR OF THE QUARTER

We are thrilled to announce **Vida Khatibi** as our **Instructor of the Quarter** for Oct-Dec 2023.

Vida has been with our college for over 10 years and is often recognized as the 'strict instructor with a heart of gold.' Her integrity and passion for her work is an inspiration to us all!

