



TIS THE SEASON TO CELEBRATE DIVERSITY

It is important to realize that people celebrate a variety of holidays during this time of year, and some people choose to celebrate none. We must be respectful of these differences by taking a genuine interest in other people's traditions and making them feel welcome to share and celebrate in their own unique ways.

In addition to Christmas, holidays celebrated in December include:

KWANZAA (Dec. 26-Jan. 1) The week-long holiday of Kwanzaa honors African-American heritage; it's a cultural holiday as opposed to a religious one.



The eight-day Jewish celebration known as **HANUKKAH** takes place between the evening of Dec 25, 2024-Jan 2, 2025. Chanukah commemorates the rededication during the second century B.C. of the Second Temple in Jerusalem, where according to legend Jews had risen up against their Greek-Syrian oppressors in the Maccabean Revolt.

On December 8th, Buddhists observe **BODHI DAY** to mark the moment that took place 2,500 years ago when Siddhartha Gautama achieved enlightenment and became the Buddha or 'awakened one'



Thank you Patricia



The Drake Medox College family wishes Patricia Catalig all the success and happiness she deserves as she moves on to her new career in counselling where she can utilize her passion for helping others and her degree in Psychology.

Patricia spent over 7 years with our college and we are forever grateful for her dedication in supporting our team in delivering the best student experience possible. She will be missed.



HOLIDAY DONATION DRIVE

To kick off the holiday season, Drake Medox College is once again holding it's Annual Holiday Donation Drive. With the help of our staff and students, we will be collecting donations of new winter clothing and non-perishable food items.



Collection boxes will be set up on December 1st in the reception area of each campus. All donations gathered will be delivered to shelters and food banks in Vancouver and Surrey.

Through everyone's kindness and generosity, we can help make a difference in the lives of those most in need in our community during this critical time.

**IN THE EVENT OF
INCLEMENT
WEATHER, PLEASE
CHECK FACEBOOK
FOR UPDATES ON
ANY SCHOOL
CLOSURES**

HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURES

Dec 24th: Closed @ Noon

Dec 25th: Closed

Dec 26th: Closed


Dec 31st: Closed @ Noon

Jan 1st: Closed

WISHING EVERYONE A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S EVE

We are thrilled to introduce you to Frederique Lavoie our new Operations Manager.

Frederique brings many years of leadership, quality assurance and customer service experience to her new role and we are looking forward to leveraging her expertise in IT and process improvement in our pursuit of delivering the best student experience possible.

She is a an avid sailor who LOVES dogs, especially pugs.  In her spare time, you will likely find her in the outdoors enjoying nature.

WELCOME FREDERIQUE!

