



What's Up?

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What a GREAT start!



Farwell Messages

I have been teaching at Selkirk College for a long time! However, this is the first time I haven't taught in the Fall Semester. I have missed getting a chance to know new students, but this year I will be a new student, too. I leave on Sept. 23rd for Vancouver, then Toronto, and finally Vienna and Schadtschlaining, Austria, where I will be taking a program in Peace Studies. (You are really never too old to learn!)

I have always believed that we are all one human family, and that peace is not only possible, but inevitable. It will be exciting for me to be studying how to promote peace in the world with students from over 25 different countries.

I will be back in January and will teach in the Winter Semester. I can't wait to meet you then and to share stories about being students.

Linda



Shana



The start of every new term is so special for me: a new semester, new classes and so many new students. Everyone is so excited and looking forward to their new adventure. This term has been very much like that for me. I have made many new friends and enjoyed each class. It is hard to believe that September is drawing to a close. The days are getting cooler and the leaves are beginning to change colour. It is a wonderful time to walk the trails, pick apples and to enjoy the warm afternoon sun with friends.

As many of you know, I am off to teach in Japan at our sister college, Aichi-Konan College. I will be gone for only 6 months, but I am sure that in that short time each of you will have learned so much. I shall miss being able to continue to go with you on new adventures this term and look forward to seeing you in April. I would love to hear from you, so please email me srablah@selkirk.ca. Take advantage of every new opportunity and make your experience here one to remember.

All the very best,
from Shana.

Visiting Professor

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“New Man on Campus”

Professor Fumio Oishi, from Aichi-Konan College visited Selkirk College to work on his PhD. He was doing research and conducting a survey of Canadian students for his studies in Canadian Multiculturalism.



Students



Summer Experience in the Kingdom of Bhutan

Tamiki Nakashima
and Cheten Dorji

Tamiki Nakashima worked for an environmental organization in the Kingdom of Bhutan as a volunteer for four months during this summer break.

“It was like my dream came true because my dream has been to live in Bhutan ever since I visited there for the first time approximately 8 years ago. How many people know about Bhutan? Bhutan is located in the Himalayan Mountains. The total area is almost the same size as Switzerland, and the population is approximately 72,000. Forests cover 72% of the land. The country is known as “The Last Shangri-La” as they possess a rich environment as well as a unique tradition. My work there was creating maps by using GIS (Geological Information System) for a conservation organization which preserves the Black-necked Cranes. I also created a guidebook of flora and fauna in the same conservation area.

I am currently completing my studies in the Forestry Technology Course at Selkirk College, and after I am looking forward to returning to the Kingdom of Bhutan.”

Working in Canada

Report from Kananaskis

Hi, we are taking the Resort & Hotel Management Program and the Golf Management Program at Selkirk College. This summer we worked for Delta hotel and Golf club in Kananaskis for our work term. We enjoyed not only the great working experience, but also the amazing scenery of the Rockies.

Delta Lodge at Kananaskis



Delta Hotel is a well-known hotel chain in Canada. Also, it is a profitable company and offers many equitable benefits for its employees.



Fireweed Grill

Fireweed Grill is a fine dining room at the Delta Lodge. It has a great Sunday brunch, and breathtaking mountain views.

“Working as a hostess in Fireweed Grill is so much fun. I have made wonderful friends and unforgettable memories.”

-Kazumi Shinagawa-

Kananaskis Village

It is nestled at the foot of the Canadian Rockies and located between Banff and Calgary. It is a perfect place for many kinds of year-round activities such as golfing, hiking, mountain biking, skiing, and snowboarding.



Hi, we are Vivien and Joy. We worked as room attendants at The Delta Lodge Resort. Even though it was not an exciting job, we were so happy to be here because there are so many friendly and wonderful people around.

-Joy-



Kananaskis Golf and Country Club

Kananaskis Golf and Country Club has two 18-hole golf courses. I work in the maintenance department. I like to work here because I can enjoy the beautiful mountain view and the sunshine.

-Jake Wang -



Vivien, Jake and Joy working for a formal Banquet.