

KWANTLEN PARK SECONDARY SCHOOL

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JANUARY 2021 NEWSLETTER

Principal's Message

I would like to wish everyone a very Happy New Year and welcome back. Since our return to school, our students and staff have been mindful of the current pandemic situation. We have continued to implement protocols to enhance safety in all of our classes and have reviewed those practices and protocols which have allowed us to keep students in class. Please continue to keep children at home if they are feeling unwell. Thank you to all of our staff and students for continuously being mindful of the ways they can reduce exposure risks by wearing masks, sanitizing their hands regularly and maintaining a safe distance whenever possible.

We have a few staff changes and additions for Quarter 3. I would like to thank and recognize Vice Principal Ms. Farquhar for her dedication and commitment to our school and students over the last five years. Ms. Farquhar is moving to Earl Marriot Secondary in the role of Vice Principal. I would like to wish her all the best. Joining our Admin team is Ms. Bal who is coming from Tamanawis Secondary. Ms. Bal is an experienced teacher who will add to the wonderful culture of KP. We welcome her to our school, and look forward to working and learning with her this year.

We are already focusing on the next school year with planning and course selection. Our students have started to pick their courses for next year. We urge students to work with their parents and read the course descriptions on the school website to help them make the right choices for next year. Please be aware making changes is always difficult so choose wisely. Parents, remember that all of our students complete their course selection on-line through the student portal of MyEdBC. Parents, you can ask your child to go online to review their course selection choices.

Currently, many of our Grade 10 students are writing the Literacy and Numeracy 10 Assessments this week. Quarter 3 begins on Monday, February 1st and students were advised to check their schedule in MyEdBC.

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PRINCIPAL: MR. T. CROSS

Vice Principal: Mr. M. Krystal (A-E)

Vice Principal: Ms. S. Beyer (F-N)

Vice Principal: Ms. K. Farquhar (O-Z)

COUNSELLORS:

Ms. K. Janda (A-Dha)

Mr. D. Sedaros (Dhi-Kr)

Ms. G. Missellbrook (Ku –Ram)

Ms. C. Prentice (Ran-Z)



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As always, at this time of year, our Grade 12 students are focused on making choices for their first year out of high school. Information continues to come in from our counselling and career departments, and is posted on our website, along with current scholarship information apps. Scholarship information continues to be shared through the career center and is accessible on our Instagram site.

Graduation information will be sent out to students and their parents in the next month. We have finalized the fee of \$50 that will cover the cost for commencement, gowns that students keep, a certificate and folder and a professional grad photo. Parents, it appears that we will likely be holding a similar ceremony to the one held last year and please know that our Admin and teachers are committed to creating a celebration that will honour our graduates and create a lasting memory.

At the PAC meeting on January 6th, we introduced the new principal starting February 1, 2021—Mr. Kilpatrick. I know that he is very excited to be coming to Kwantlen Park and will do an outstanding job. I want thank all the PAC parents for their support for the school and for me during my time at Kwantlen Park Secondary. It is terrific when you have so many parents willing to step into a role and volunteer their time to help the school and students improve. Our next meeting is on February 3rd. Please join us in our ZOOM call on Feb. 3rd at 7 pm. The invitation will be forwarded early next week.

Lastly, it is with a heavy heart that I will be saying farewell to the Kwantlen Park School and its community. It has truly been a magnificent 5 years and I know I have become a better administrator and person with your support. I have cherished every day and every minute at Kwantlen Park. We are lucky to have such a fantastic school community. I will use all I have learned here and carry those experiences to my next school.

I wish you and your families all the best!

You will be missed.

Mr. Cross



Hello parents and families of Kwantlen Park:

I'd like to say a few words of thanks to this amazing community of Kwantlen Park Secondary. I have learned so much in the last 5 years about this community. It has been an absolute pleasure getting to know you and your children. I have learned that Kwantlen Park is not only resilient and strong but the people here are kind, caring and incredibly smart. The learnings and memories I have shared here I will take with me wherever I go.

All the best,

Kirsten Farquhar.

Daily Health Check:

Below is a daily health check that parents might want to complete with their child before they leave home for school if they are feeling sick! This useful checklist is provided by our school district's health and safety department to help keep all students and staff safe!



Daily Health Check

Symptoms of Illness*	Does your child have any of the following symptoms?	Circle one	
	Fever	YES	NO
	Chills	YES	NO
	Cough or worsening of chronic cough	YES	NO
	Shortness of breath	YES	NO
	Sore throat	YES	NO
	Runny nose / stuffy nose	YES	NO
	Loss of sense of smell or taste	YES	NO
	Headache	YES	NO
	Fatigue	YES	NO
	Diarrhea	YES	NO
	Loss of appetite	YES	NO
	Nausea and vomiting	YES	NO
	Muscle aches	YES	NO
	Conjunctivitis (pink eye)	YES	NO
	Dizziness, confusion	YES	NO
	Abdominal pain	YES	NO
	Skin rashes or discolouration of fingers or toes	YES	NO
International Travel	Have you or anyone in your household returned from travel outside of Canada in the last 14 days?	YES	NO
Confirmed Contact	Are you or is anyone in your household a confirmed contact of a person confirmed to have COVID-19?	YES	NO

*Check BCCDC's [Symptoms of COVID-19](#) regularly to ensure the list is up to date.

If you answered "YES" to any of the questions and the symptoms are not related to a pre-existing condition (e.g. allergies) your child should **NOT** come to school.

If they are experiencing any symptoms of illness, contact a health-care provider for further assessment. This includes 8-1-1, or a primary care provider like a physician or a nurse practitioner.

If you answered "YES" to questions 2 or 3, use the [COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool](#) to determine if you should be tested for COVID-19.

General Safety Protocols for all students:

To help ensure staff and student safety, students should only show up at their scheduled time and follow these safety guidelines:

Prior to coming to school, students must ensure they are healthy and feeling well.

- Do not come to school if COVID symptoms are present. For example: new or worsening cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, temperature equal to or over 38°C, feeling feverish, chills, fatigue or weakness, muscle or body aches, new loss of smell or taste, headache.
- Students have been provided with two reusable face masks. Students must wear masks while in common areas, like hallways.
- Upon arrival at school, students must ENTER through one of two entrance areas: The main entry doors, and the Den doors. All other doors will be locked.
- Upon entry, students must use the hand sanitizer provided and proceed directly to their classrooms. As a precaution, students should wear masks as they could be entering the building with students outside of their cohort.
- Please come to school as close to the start time as possible as we do not want overcrowding outside the entry points. When exiting the building please do not loiter. You are to leave directly from school property.
- Non-medical masks are required in high traffic areas such as buses and in common areas such as hallways, or anytime outside of their learning group whenever physical distancing cannot be maintained.
- Exceptions will be made for students who cannot wear a mask for medical reasons.
- Please follow the directional arrows in the building.
- Students must enter the classroom one at a time, in a socially distanced and patient manner.
- When in the classroom, students are to remain in the desk assigned to them.
- If students need to use the washroom, the teacher will ensure that only one person goes to the washroom at a time. When you exit and enter the classroom you need to hand sanitize. If the washroom is occupied, please wait outside in the hallway in a socially distanced space.
- **Washrooms:** some student washrooms will be closed, except for a number of universal bathrooms and few specific washrooms throughout the school; please use those if you need. This will help us sanitize bathrooms quickly.
- Students must engage in proper 20-second hand washing prior to leaving the washroom.
- At lunch, it is best to go outside and stay within your cohort whenever possible. If in contact with peers in different cohorts you will need to maintain physical distance of 2 meters and/or wear a mask.
- If a student is unable to physically distance, the student should only socialize within their cohort unless they are supported by an adult who can help the student physically distance from others.
- **Hand hygiene:** During the day, students must wash their hands regularly and use the hand sanitizer provided.
- **Physical distancing:** Students must avoid close greetings (ex: hugs, handshakes). When in the hallways, students must always be mindful of **maintaining a 2-meter distance from others** and/or wear a mask.
- At the end of the school day, students are to safely exit the school as soon as possible.
- **Water Bottles:** all students may bring water bottles to class if they wish; all water fountains except bottle dispensers are turned off.

FEBRUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Quarter 3 begins Blocks A & B	2	3 PAC Meeting 7 pm Library	4 Sem 1 Final Report Card on-line	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY	15 Family Day Statutory Holiday 	16	17 Dry Grad Meeting 7 pm Virtual	18 Mock Interviews- Semester 2 Grade 10's Virtual	19 Non-Instructional Day #4 - No school for students	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	Kwantlen Park Leadership Kindness Week – February 22 through February 26					
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2021

Dear Parents and Guardians/Caregivers,

The Student Learning Survey (SLS) has been administered every year in B.C. public schools since 2001. Prior to 2016-17 it was known as the Student Satisfaction Survey. The SLS provides feedback on the implementation of the curriculum changes, learning environment, student wellness and satisfaction, student belonging and engagement, and career preparation. The SLS is the only source of province-wide information about students' learning experiences through the perspectives of students, parents, guardians/caregivers, and school staff. Schools and districts use the SLS to make informed decisions around long-term planning and goal-setting, and in providing individual students personalized support.

We've worked in collaboration with the BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils (BCCPAC) to update the parent and guardian/caregiver survey in 2018/19 and make it more useful for parent, guardians/caregivers, teachers, and schools. Your valued participation is an important contribution to improving the educational experiences of children.

The survey will be available until Friday, April 30th, and will take approximately 30 minutes to complete. Your responses are voluntary and anonymous, and your child will not be identified as a result of your participation in the survey. Any personal or identifying information will be deleted before results are stored. Data will be stored and accessible only within Canada.

The results of the parent and guardian/caregiver SLS survey will be available through the Ministry of Education website (<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/student-learning-survey>) and on the BCCPAC website (<https://bccpac.bc.ca/>) in summer 2021.

Please contact the web survey provider (AWIS) if you have technical difficulties; call toll free: 1-866-558-5339 or email support@awinfosys.com.

We sincerely appreciate your input and thank-you in advance for your participation.

Student Learning Survey 2020/2021

The Provincial Student Learning Survey is unique in its scope, size and usefulness to schools. It gathers information from parents/guardians/caregivers, teachers and students on topics related to school environment, safety, and achievement. The information is used for planning in individual schools and provides a district and provincial perspective.

Early in **2021** the Student Learning Survey will be administered to students in grades 10 and 12, their parents/guardians/caregivers, and all school staff. We encourage parents/guardians/caregivers to participate in this survey, as the results are important in identifying and celebrating current strengths, as well as determining where the school needs to focus improvement. The surveys contain standard questions for the Province – in addition, questions from the school and/or district that focus on local conditions or issues may be included.

The survey can be completed electronically and can be accessed on the Internet at http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey. Any computer with an Internet connection can be used, and access to the e-survey is simple and secure. The survey can be accessed through the link with or without an anonymous logon code by selecting the school district and school name where your child attends school. Provincial, District and School Reports for previous years can be viewed at the same site under the *Results* section.

The e-survey site will be open until April 30th.

If you have any questions, please contact the school at 604-588-6934.

ENGLISH 12/AP LIT

On November 27, 2020, the Honours English 12/AP Lit class had the great privilege of meeting (virtually) the winner of this year's prestigious Giller Prize award for Literature: Souvankham Thammavongsa. In winning this \$100,000 award (Canada's answer to the American Pulitzer Prize), she joins the ranks of Margaret Atwood, Alice Munro, Michael Ondaatje, and Mordecai Richler. She was every bit as bright, eloquent, and humble as her work suggests and the AP Lit students (as well as Ms. Perez-Dingler) were amazed and honoured to have had the chance to speak to her about the writing process. Her descriptions of the immigrant experience were compelling, relatable, and moving, especially as many of the students we serve – as well as the teachers who serve them – here at KP have similar backgrounds. Ms. Perez was extremely proud of the way her students behaved and carried themselves throughout the hour-long presentation which saw Ms. Thammavongsa read an excerpt from her book, present a slide show of her life, and answer questions from the class. While Ms. Perez and Ms. Cassells were moved almost to tears by her reading, Mr. Kamimura and Mr. Krystal were equally impressed by the author's dignity and intelligence. The room was vibrating with excitement over a book! And that is never a bad thing for an English teacher to observe. While Scotiabank funded the whole event (and the substantial prize), First Book Canada organized the logistics and gratefully, it all went off without a hitch. They even gifted the entire class signed copies of the award-winning book! The students noted after the event that they were all inspired by the writer's diligence and determination; rising from humble beginnings (as a refugee from Laos) and ultimately arriving at the pinnacle of her profession. It will certainly be an experience the students and teachers alike will never forget.

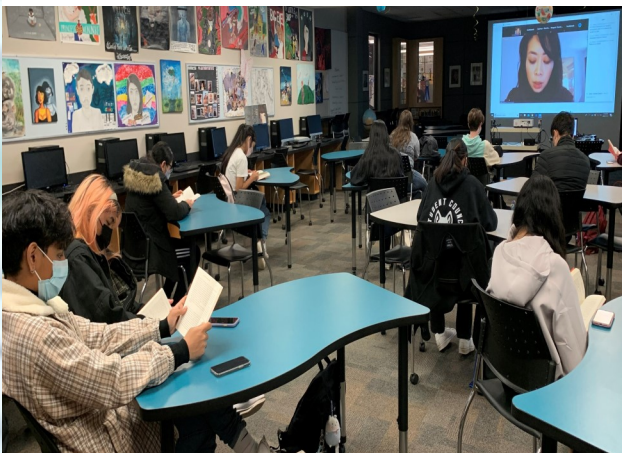
Attached are some photos from the event. These are the students reading along with the author or asking her questions and Ms. Perez introducing her to the dignitaries (from Scotiabank, Penguin-Random House, and First Book Canada) as well as to the students.

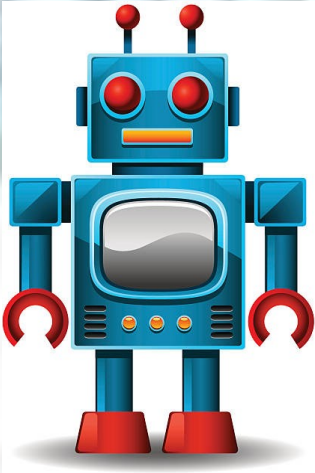
Below is the press release about the event for which KP was only one of a few schools nation-wide selected to participate:

TORONTO, Tuesday, December 1st, 2020—First Book Canada will host five Reading Celebrations for senior students at high-needs secondary schools across Canada with [Scotiabank Giller Prize](#) winner, Souvankham Thammavongsa. Thammavongsa was awarded the Scotiabank Giller prize on November 9th, 2020, for her short story collection, [How to Pronounce Knife](#).

The five schools chosen are as follows:

- **St. James Collegiate**– Winnipeg, MB
- **Kwantlen Park Secondary School**– Surrey, BC
- **Saint Lambert International High School**– Saint Lambert, QC
- **Father Lacombe High School**– Calgary, AB
- **Mount Royal Collegiate**– Saskatoon, SK



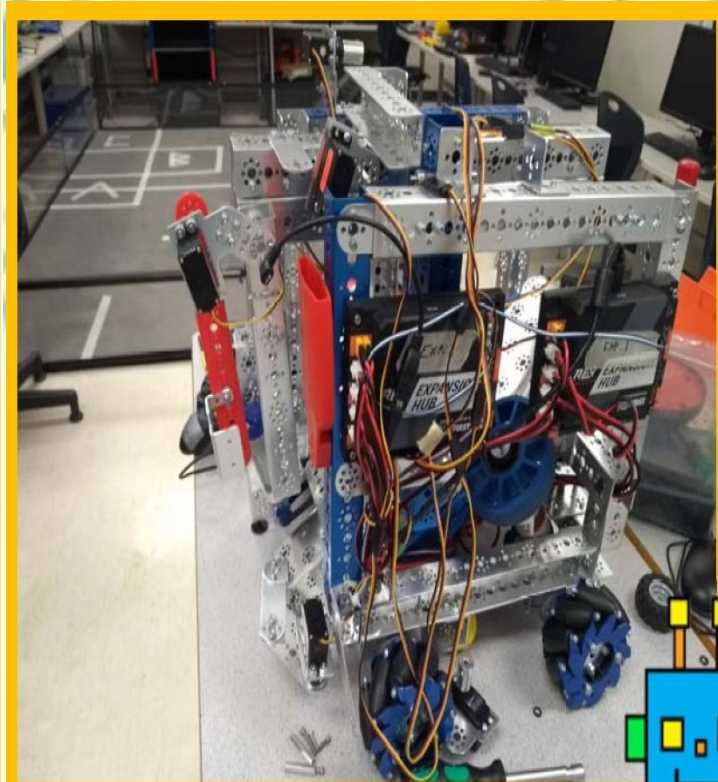
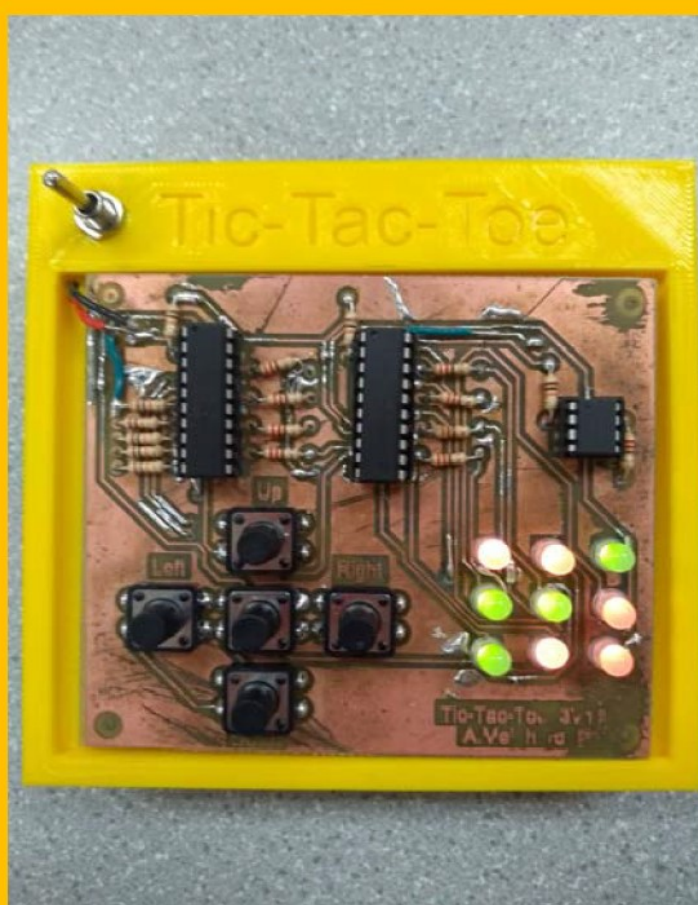


ROBOTICS

News from Mr. Drake's workshop:

The robot club prepares for their competition next week – this particular beast picks up disks, fires them at targets and has an extendable arm and grip that can recover items. Quite a feat of design and engineering! Go team KP!

A beautiful example of GR10 electronic design and construction – A double-sided PCB incorporating 3 microcontrollers and bi-colour LEDs for an electronic game of tic-tac-toe. Finished off with a custom-designed 3D printed case. An awesome finish to the semester!



BCANDS' INDIGENOUS SUPPORT FOR STUDENT LEARNING PROGRAM (SSLP)

WHO—Indigenous students of any age across Canada with limited financial resources, including those students living with disabilities. To be eligible, you must be of low-income, enrolled in Formal education (online, remote, on-site), and actively attending

WHAT—The Indigenous Support for Student Learning Program is accepting applications from eligible students to be considered to receive a laptop and related accessories

WHY—To support and assist Indigenous students in their continued educational success and participation

Resources are limited—apply today!
Applications must be received by March 15, 2021
Visit www.bcands.bc.ca for more information and to apply



British Columbia Aboriginal Network on Disability Society

#6-1610 Island Highway — Victoria, BC — Canada — V9B 1H8
Tel: 250-381-7303 — Toll Free: 1-888-815-5511 — Fax: 250-381-7312
Email: sslp@bcands.bc.ca — www.bcands.bc.ca

Virtual Indigenous Youth conference 2021! – February 16-18, 2021

Cloud Connections conference - a virtual Indigenous Youth wellness conference held from Feb 16-18 2021. It is open to Indigenous youth 30 -under.

Join them for a creative curation of workshops, panels and performances that focus on Indigenous innovation, brilliance and wellness.

The goals of the conference are:

- 1) encourage youth to virtually connect with peers and professionals across BC.
- 2) introduce multiple wellness resources through a creative curation of workshops, panels and performances.

The registration link is: <https://buff.ly/2KT3l50>



Career Department Staff:

Ms. Duffield, Career Facilitator / Careers Dept. Head – local 2502 (direct line: 604-587-7368)

Mr. Thiessen, Career Facilitator / Social Justice Teacher – local 2066

Ms. Steeves, Career Centre Assistant / Career Development Practitioner – local 2112



Quote: “The only way to do great work is to love what you do. If you haven’t found it yet, keep looking. Don’t settle.” — Steve Jobs

BLACK PRESS CAREER FAIR—FEB. 1-5, 2021

Black Press Career Fair - Feb. 1-5, 2021

register at <https://events.blackpress.ca/central-mainland-virtual-career-education-event/>





BIG INFO SESSION - ONLINE

- ▣ **Dates:** February 22-25, 2021
- ▣ **Time:** 4:00 – 8:00 pm
- ▣ **Location:** Virtual Info. Session



Join us from the comfort of your home to explore multiple areas of study, learn more about what it's like to study at BCIT, and find a program that's right for you. BCIT has over 300 programs to choose from.

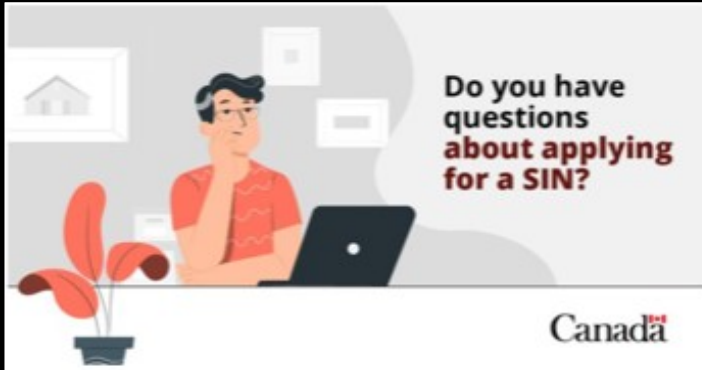
Register at: <https://www.bcit.ca/event/big-info-at-home-edition-day-1-2/>

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<https://eservices.canada.ca> One of our officers will call you within two business days.

JIBC—LAW ENFORCEMENT STUDIES—VIRTUAL INFO. SESSION

JIBC's Law Enforcement Studies - Virtual Info Session Feb. 11 7-8:30 pm. For more info. about the Law Enforcement Studies Diploma program, visit www.jibc.ca/lesd and their Bachelor of Law Enforcement Studies program, visit www.jibc.ca/bles / Email to lesd@jibc.ca with any questions.



WORKSAFE BC—VIDEO CONTEST

2021 Student Safety Video Contest

We invite students to submit their entries! The contest website, including full details, rules, and the contest entry form can be found here:

<https://www.worksafebc.com/en/health-safety/education-training-certification/young-new-worker/student-safety-video-contest>



Due: Wed., Mar. 31st at 5:00 pm

CITY OF SURREY—SASSY AWARDS

The City of Surrey 11th annual SASSY Awards (Service Above Self Surrey Youth)

The SASSY Awards in Surrey honour youth aged 15 to 21 who are living or studying in Surrey or White Rock and are making a difference in our community. The awards are provided by the Semiahmoo Rotary Club and aim to recognize, acknowledge and celebrate the achievements of youth who exemplify "Service Above Self." Nominations are now being accepted in six categories for youth aged 15 to 21 living, studying or working in Surrey or White Rock. The 11th Annual Awards Show will be held virtually on Wednesday, May 5, 2021. Nominations are open! **Due: Feb. 10/21**

2021 SASSY Award Finalists

Youth will be identified in six categories—Arts & Culture Leadership, Community Service, Environmental Leadership, International Service, Overcoming Adversity, Sports & Recreation Leadership.

Each award recipient receives:

- \$1,000 award
- \$500 donation to a Registered Canadian Charity of their choice
- SASSY trophy

For more info. visit: www.surrey.ca/sassy



VIRTUAL POST-SECONDARY INFO. SESSIONS / EVENTS

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UBC Geering Up – Sat., Jan. 23, 2021 10am-12pm

VFS – Visual Art & Design – Tues., Jan. 26 4:00 pm

BCIT – Medical Office Assistant –
Mon., Jan. 25 5:30-7pm

Douglas College – Info. Session – Tues., Jan. 26 5:00 pm

KPU – Interior Design – Tues., Jan. 26 4:30 pm

KPU – Product Design & Appliance Tech
– Tues., Feb. 2 4:30 pm

Canadian Tourism College – Wed., Jan. 27 12:00 pm

Visit their websites or
stop by the KP Career
Centre in Room A112
for more info.



PAC NEWS

Visit the Kwantlen Park PAC
website to stay up to date
on all PAC activities:

www.kwantlenparkpac.com

NEXT PAC MEETING: FEBRUARY 3, 2021—ON TEAMS

**MR. KILPATRICK WILL OPEN THE MEETING WITH THE MONTHLY REPORT.
ALL PARENTS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND MONTHLY MEETINGS.**

The purpose of the KPS PAC is to further the educational interests and well-being of students, and to strengthen the role of families in education. The PAC facilitates parent participation in the school community. All KPS parents/guardians are invited to attend, bring a friend! Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month.

Do you want to be included on the PAC email list and receive occasional reminders and updates?

Have a question, suggestions and/or comments? Not sure how to get involved in the high school community?

Contact the PAC at: info@kwantlenparkpac.com

COMING UP IN FEBRUARY

