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## 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

Register Now!

SUMMER SCHOOL

July session: July 2 - July 30

August session: July 31 - August 29

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

### HOLISTIC VS. STANDARD EDUCATION IN AN AI-DRIVEN WORLD

*Principal George Vanderkuur*



AI is no longer a passing trend—it's reshaping industries, societies, and the way we engage with knowledge. As the world evolves, it is essential to reconsider how students are prepared to navigate this transformation.

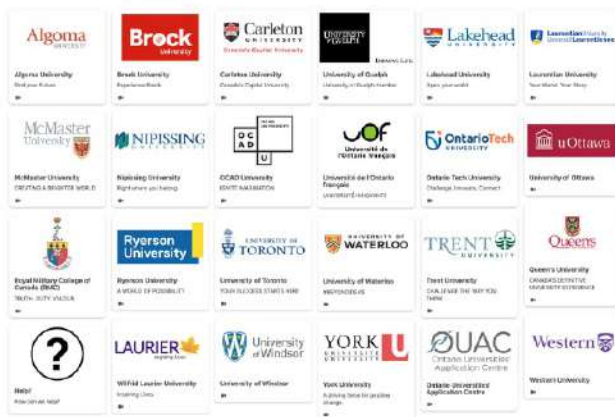
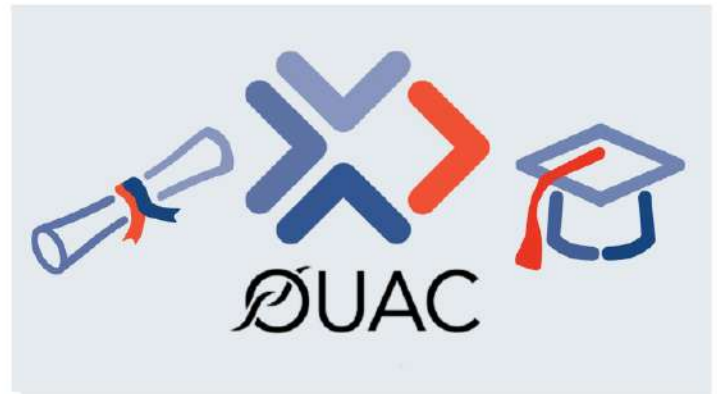
Traditional education emphasizes structured learning, standardized testing, and subject-based instruction. It often prioritizes memorization and teacher-led lessons, focusing on measurable academic performance. While this approach provides clear benchmarks, it may limit creativity and interdisciplinary thinking.

Conversely, holistic education models—such as Montessori and Waldorf—focus on the development of the whole person. These approaches integrate subjects rather than teaching them separately, fostering creativity, critical thinking, and self-awareness. The classroom environment is dynamic, encouraging hands-on activities, collaborative learning, and personal exploration.

In an AI-driven world, students will need more than rote knowledge; they must develop the ability to ask the right questions and critically evaluate AI-generated information. As digital tools increasingly mediate interactions, education must prioritize human connection, collaborative activities, and interdisciplinary learning to foster both academic success and emotional well-being.

A holistic approach ensures that graduates understand their place in society and are equipped to make meaningful contributions in an era where adaptability, empathy, and innovation are more valuable than ever.





**May 29, 2025**

The latest date all applicants who submitted their application by the January application deadline can expect a response from an Ontario university. This includes an offer of admission, a refusal or a deferral, once additional information is received.



**June 2, 2025**

The earliest date an applicant may be required to respond to an Ontario university offer of admission and give a financial commitment (e.g., registration deposit, residence deposit). All other admission-related elements, including scholarships, other forms of student assistance or financial incentives, and offers of residence, are considered part of the offer of admission. Therefore, a student may accept these other offers before June 2, 2025, but Ontario universities will not compel a student in any way to make a decision before this date.





# Newsletter

MAY 2025

**CONGRATULATIONS**

**University offers are flying in...**

## McMaster University

Sarah Cao  
Social Science Studies



## York University

Leon Li  
Kinesiology  
\$15,000 Scholarship

## University of Windsor

Leon Li  
Kinesiology

## University of Ottawa

Leon Li  
Sociology

## University of Toronto

Elaine Gu  
Social Sciences

## UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY

19

Victoria Day  
(No school)

JUNE

13

GRADUATION DAY



## OFFICE HOUR

- Mon - Ms. Ella - Room 102
- Mon - Ms. Lina - Room 103
- Tues - Mr. Greiling - Room 104
- Tues - Mr. Gajardo - Room 201
- Wed - Mr. Volkers - Room 101
- Fri - Ms. Shaheer - Room 103

## IMPORTANT DATES

- P1 Report Finalization: May 30th
- Drop Course Deadline: June 3rd
- P2 Report Finalization: June 24th
- Final Exam: June 26th
- PA Day: June 27th