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Welcome Students!

From Dr. Peter Mombourquette, Chair of the Business & Tourism Department

The Business & Tourism Department would like to welcome all new and returning students to campus for what is sure to be an exciting fall semester. The Business & Tourism Department has many activities and events in store. These events have an emphasis on hands-on learning and provide numerous opportunities for students to network with business professionals.

We've developed programs such as the learning passport, and the co-curricular record to recognize your volunteer efforts and ensure your time and involvement is recognized and rewarded. There will be many opportunities, for you to attend events, volunteer, and have some fun!

Our goal is for you to succeed, so whether you need financial assistance, career planning advice or class scheduling help, the resources are available to you here. You are encouraged to get to know the faculty and staff at the Mount. They are here to help facilitate a fun and successful educational experience for you.

To ensure you get the best possible experience from your education, we encourage you to take in the events, get to know your fellow students, faculty and immerse yourself in all that Mount Saint Vincent has to offer. Best of luck in your upcoming semester.

MSVU BUSINESS – and – TOURISM SOCIETY

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We're all so excited for this academic year and can't wait for what's to come!

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Hey Everyone, I'm Joanie O'Leary and I'm the President of the Business and Tourism Society for the 2015-16 academic year. First, I want to wish you a warm welcome back to school and hope you've all enjoyed your summer vacation, I know I sure did!

I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce you to our amazing team of executives and faculty advisor:

Naomi Dean: Naomi is the VP of Finance and is in her final year at the Mount studying accounting. Before coming to the Mount she studied



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Upcoming Events

Learners & Leaders Business and Tourism Conference:
October 22, 2015

Boat Tour: October 23, 2015

Wine Tour: October 30, 2015

Check out our Social Media pages for information on more events!



Students gather around an industry professional at the networking session.

Be sure to join us for our 41st Learners and Leaders conference to be held on **October 22, 2015**. Keep in touch as this event unfolds by connecting with the Business & Tourism Society on Facebook/MSVUBTSociety.

Last year's was a sold-out event, and this year's event promises to do the same.

The Learners and Leaders conference is designed specifically to introduce students to the business world and give them an opportunity to network with successful industry professionals.

Guest speakers will provide discussion in the areas of leadership, entrepreneurship, social media, and marketing, as well as a variety of other interesting topics related to your degree and career path.

Students will have an opportunity to speak to industry professionals and network among some of the provinces leading CEO's and business leaders.

This is a great opportunity for graduating students to make connections that could lead to employment.

Tickets are priced at just \$25 for students and includes the full day's events as well as lunch and the gala dinner.

Students wishing to attend can purchase their tickets from Miriam Gallant in McCain 405.

Learners & Leaders Igniting Success

The Mount's Annual Business & Tourism Conference

41st Annual Conference Promises Great Experience



Ross Simmons addresses a full house



CEO panelists during the 2014 conference

The Margaret Norrie McCain Centre is Unveiled

Students, faculty, community members, donors and honorable guests were patiently anticipating the opening of the 50,000 square foot building that overlooks the Bedford Basin.

The ribbon to The Margaret Norrie McCain Centre for Teaching, Learning and Research was finally cut on May 29th, 2015. Named for the lead donor, the Honorable Margaret Norrie McCain, the Centre was made possible by an ambitious fundraising campaign and generous contributions from various donors.

Margaret Norrie McCain was on hand for the opening ceremony and during a speech to guests spoke passionately about her love for the Mount “My belief in the Mount’s mission and vision – particularly the University’s commitment to the advancement of women – made this project a great fit for me. I’m so thrilled to see this new building open today. It is a true reflection of our shared commitment to women as pillars of our families and communities, and we hope that the region will enjoy its significance.”

The Centre is unique not only in design and esthetics, but it is the first building on a University campus dedicated to the accomplishments of women. The faces and stories of eighteen accomplished women adorn the walls of the Elizabeth and Fred Fountain Atrium, inspiring all individuals as they pass through the halls. These women are all being honoured after having made significant contributions to their communities, professions or families. The inspiration the building exudes is felt by all who pass through it reading some of the 500 names celebrated in various rooms and spaces.

“I’m excited by the inspiration that will come from these halls – for our students, staff, faculty and community – as we honour the many roles of women. To our donors and supporters: what a legacy you have built!” said Mount President and Vice Chancellor Dr. Ramona Lumpkin, CM, during the opening ceremony.

The unveiling of the Riva Spatz Women’s Wall of Honour took place on the same day. Donated by Dr. Jim Spatz and named for his mother, Holocaust survivor and resistance fighter against the Nazis, Riva Spatz. Riva was an influential and compassionate women who made a career for herself as a nurse in Canada, and is fondly remembered for the commitment she made to her family and community.



How to Land a Job Before You Graduate

Submitted by: Tesa Court and Christine Frigault, Coordinator of Career Planning Services

Congratulations! You're on the path to receiving a well-earned degree. You've worked hard, studied hard, and pulled a few all-nighters to get where you are and soon you'll be an official Mount Saint Vincent Alumni. If you're spending as much time thinking about what's going to happen post-graduation as you are about homework, you're not alone.

It's a common misconception that the job hunt begins upon graduation. In reality the job hunt and the preparation for finding a career should begin far before you're handed your degree. So, how do you set yourself apart from the other graduates? Even more importantly, how do you ensure you have the right skills for the job to ensure you land one before graduation?

START JOB SEEKING EARLY

Graduation may seem like it is light-years away, but the reality is employers are starting the recruitment process for the spring as early as September. Now is the time to get all of your ducks in a row so you can walk straight from the stage with diploma in hand and into a new job. Check the Career Planning Services website frequently starting in September for job postings from employers. Attending events like the September Halifax Career Fair starts the introduction process to potential employers. When it comes to finding a job now is the time to get started.

USE THE RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO YOU

The Mount's passion is to produce a rewarding university experience for its students and it is equipped with all the resources required to ensure students are successful. Take advantage of resources like Career Planning Services on campus (located in Evaristus 218). Career Planning offers services like resume critiquing, mock interviews to prep you for your big day, and a variety of workshops to ensure you have the skills required to enter the workforce. Check out their website (msvu.ca/careerplanningservices) for tips on everything from resume help to what to wear to an interview. If you haven't yet, make an appointment to speak with a Career Counsellor to help guide you down the path to securing a job before you graduate.

Another resource available on campus and throughout your degree is the co-operative education program. If you're a new student and have been concerned about where you'll be able to get experience while you're in school, the co-op program may be the right fit for you. The co-operative education program provides students a full year of paid, practical work experience in local, national and international organizations. Students taking the co-operative education route graduate with experience and on-the-job skills which gives them a competitive advantage over other graduates.

ATTEND CAREER FAIRS

Events like the Halifax Career Fair, are great opportunities to meet and mingle with potential employers. This specific event boasts over 150 vendors, an entrepreneurship zone, and a mentorship meeting space. These types of opportunities are invaluable, providing students with an opportunity to receive free advice, have face-to-face interactions, and get the inside scoop from industry professionals. Check out <http://www.halifaxcareerfair.ca/>

CO-CURRICULAR RECOGNITION PROGRAM

A recent survey of Canadian employers revealed that student participation in co-curricular activities is valued even more highly than grades! (Source: The CACEE Campus Recruitment and Benchmarking Survey Report – 2012) The co-curricular recognition program is a formal document provided by MSVU which documents all the non-academic and extracurricular activities you participated in during your degree. Employers want to see how involved you were while you attended school, and this could be what sets you apart from other applicants. So get involved while you're here, and have it documented.

So whether you're a first year student or just around the corner from graduation it is never too early to start thinking about securing a job before graduation. If you don't know where to begin, start by booking an appointment with Career Planning Services and let them guide you toward a successful future after graduation.

Fourth Annual Business and Tourism Wine Tour

Wine Tour

For the fourth year in a row Mount Business and Tourism student will have an opportunity to tour three Nova Scotia Vineyards. The tour provides students an opportunity to learn about the growing wine industry in Nova Scotia and the challenges and successes that come along with owning a wine business in an unpredictable climate.

The Vineyards

Domaine de Grand Pre welcomes thousands of wine enthusiasts each year, acres of grape vines and a beautiful terrace make it a beautiful place to enjoy the breath taking view of the Bay of Fundy. A full service fine dining restaurant on its premises, 'Le Cabeau', makes for the perfect environment to enjoy a glass of Domaine de Grande Pre wine after a leisurely stroll through the vineyard.

Situated on the hillside overlooking the Gaspereau Valley, Lockett Vineyards is an award winning winery sure to satisfy the palette. Locals and tourists mingle alongside one another sipping on wine made from locally grown fruit and enjoying live music on Friday evenings in the ambient setting of the Crush Pad Bistro, Lockett's open air dining patio.

Planter's Ridge is the third and final stop on the wine tour and the trend of spectacular views is echoed at this vineyard. Situated on the sandy-clay slopes of a ridge overlooking the Wellington Dyke, this artisanal winery was created from a passion for food, wine and travel and brought together in the valley of Nova Scotia.

Day's Events

Students will enjoy tours and samples at all three vineyards, lunch at Lockett's Vineyards, with fun and entertaining hosts. There will be opportunities for students to purchase wine as well as delicious cheeses, deli meats, fruit syrups and juices. Safe and comfortable transportation, and an entertaining tour guide, will be provided by Ambassatours. So sit back, enjoy the view, the wine, the food, and the experience.

Registration Information

Call: (902) 457-6175

Email: miriam.gallant@msvu.ca

Fax: (902) 445-2582

McCain 405



Schedule

8:15 am loading bus, main entrance to Seton

8:30 am Departure

9:30 am Domaine de Grand Pre Winery

11:00 am Lockett Vineyards tour and tasting

12:15 pm Lockett Vineyards lunch

1:45 pm Planters Ridge

4:30 pm Approximate return time



Annual Orlando Study Tour

THMT 3380



Submitted by Tesa Court



The happiest place on earth awaits! Have you dreamed about going to Disney World's Magic Kingdom since you were a child? Imagine a course with flexible class time, opportunities to volunteer within your community and abroad, and travel to Orlando Florida to enjoy all the wonderful sights of Disney. Such a class exists and if any of this intrigues you then the annual Orlando Study Tour is an adventure worth embarking on.

Once again students and faculty will travel to Orlando Florida from February 15 - 20, 2016. Two days of this six day, five night, trip will be dedicated to building homes for Habitat for Humanity and the remainder of the time is a combination of planned group activities and free time. Planned group activities include trips to Disney World's Magic Kingdom, Universal Studios, and Disney World's Hollywood Studios. Ample time is given to students to explore the city, shop, and do as they wish.



This study tour will provide students with hands on experience of volunteer tourism, travel experience, and an opportunity to give back to communities in need. Participation in the study tour will earn students a ½ unit course towards a professional studies elective (THMT 3380). This comprehensive learning experience and course is unlike any other. The course provides students the opportunity to volunteer on various projects and gain the exposure of travelling with the purpose of benefiting society, and assisting those in need, leaving students feeling inspired and fulfilled.

The cost of the study tour includes airfare, ground transportation, accommodations, and all passes for the Disney day trip excursions. Course tuition is additional.

Space is limited to only fourteen students on a first come first serve basis. The deadline to apply is Wednesday October 7, 2015. Please contact Scott Daniels for more information or to register for this unique learning experience. Scott.daniels@msvu.ca

Co-operative Education

Considering the co-operative education route? The deadline for consideration for the Summer 2016 term is fast approaching!

"The Mount's Co-op program has provided me with more than just a paid work term; it has opened the door to a realm of possibilities that I would have never thought possible.

From day one, my co-op coordinators made sure that I had everything I needed to succeed; from personal development sessions, to relentless assistance with cover letters. I would not be as successful in the work world if it wasn't for them. Due to the co-op program, I possess a competitive advantage that others do not, a full year of relevant work experience before I even walk across that stage."

Jessica Skinner, BBA Co-op Student

Deadline to apply for BBA co-op program is coming up!

Application deadline for the summer 2016 term is: **Friday, October 9, 2015**

For more information & for an application, visit: msvu.ca/co-op and click on 'Apply for BBA'



Take advantage of this opportunity. Co-op integrates your studies with paid, career-related work experience.

When you graduate with a co-op degree, you will also have one full year of relevant work experience.

88% of Mount co-op grads secured employment in their field of study within 6 months of graduation



Scholarships and Awards



Congratulations to our recent scholarship and award winners!

2014-2015 Student award winners:

Jessica Skinner, Mount Co-op Student of the year Award

Sean Matchett, The Bob Bagg Award for Excellence in Management

Lauren Perry, The Business and Tourism Leadership Award

Payaal Laichandani, The International Student of the Year Award

Sarah O'Connor
SKAL Award

The SKAL award was presented at the SKAL Dinner, Vincent's. The winner was selected based on academic performance, passion for the tourism industry, and the work done as an ambassador for the Tourism program

Evangeline Sing

Pacrim Hospitality Services Inc. Endowed Leadership Award Established by Pacrim Hospitality Services Inc.

This award recognizes a senior student who has completed a minimum of 15 units and who has demonstrated outstanding leadership qualities in her/his life as a Mount student and the potential to contribute to the profession in the future.

Lauren Perry

Pacrim Hospitality Services Inc. Endowed Leadership Award Established by Pacrim Hospitality Services Inc.

Established by Pacrim Hospitality Services Inc. This award recognizes academic excellence and is presented to a student graduating from the Bachelor of Tourism and Hospitality Management degree program with the highest aggregate in each of the Spring and Fall Convocations.

Student Spotlight: Connor Hirtle

Initially it was the ease of transferring to the Mount's Business Administration program that convinced Connor Hirtle to give the Mount a try. Originally from Dublin Shore, Connor, who is 21 years old, is in his third year of university.

After studying at Dal for two years, Connor decided that he no longer wanted to pursue sciences. He felt that business was his calling, but after a failed attempt in Dalhousie's Commerce Co-op Program, Connor was discouraged. At that point, all it took was a little encouragement from Peter Mombourquette to convince Connor that the Mount was the right place for him. Since his transfer Connor says he has no regrets and attributes his good grades and successes to the Mount's small Classroom sizes.

“Going to Dal you really had no relationship with your professors, you were just a number. It is the exact opposite at MSVU. The professors know your name and they are always there to help you if needed”.

Once at the Mount, Connor took a work term as a Marketing and Sales Assistant with Mercedes-Benz in Halifax. It was here he found a new perspective. He believes the work term has been such a valuable learning experience and has found a new confidence in his academic abilities.

When Connor initially dropped out of Dalhousie's Commerce Co-op Program he was discouraged and dispirited with post-secondary education. But after a transfer to the Mount and having a work term with Mercedes-Benz in Halifax, Connor has found a new mindset.

Over the summer of 2015 Connor was involved in a very serious accident that left him paralyzed from the chest down. While Connor is now in rehab he has bravely opted to continue studying this fall via distance

education and is committed to returning as a full time on-campus student as early as this winter.

Connor's courage and determination stem from a passion he has for hockey. A passion he has had since beginning to play hockey at the age of 4. Connor played the sport competitively for fourteen years and even had Peter Mombourquette as one of his coaches. When I asked him what it was like to have Peter as a hockey coach, Connor told me that Peter was a great teacher and mentor to him and that he really helped him with his game.

“Having Peter as a coach was probably one of the best parts of my career. He was really honest with you, told you straight up what you were doing right and what you were doing wrong. He gave you the honest truth and I liked that”.

A recent member of the Business and Tourism Society at the Mount, Connor enjoys giving back to the community and has volunteered on many occasions. Whether it is packing groceries, working with children in schools, or even traveling back to his hometown on the weekends to get involved in activities, he always tries to give back to the community in some way.

When I asked Connor, who is passionate about marketing and creating advertisements, about his career aspirations he told me that he would like to work in a company's advertising department and eventually own his own business. His perseverance and determination have helped Connor conquer great odds, and will continue to be characteristics that inspire other students and faculty.





Spotlight on Staff

Miriam Gallant

Administrative Assistant

Business and Tourism
Department

"She motivates people. She can help with anything. She's the go-to person, and if she can't answer a question or doesn't know, she will direct you to someone who does"

Miriam is a face all students in the Business and Tourism program have come to know and rely on. Born and raised in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Miriam spent twenty years of her career working with a law firm before transitioning to the Mount in 2003. Her enthusiasm for student success and her reliability have proved her commitment to both students and faculty in the Business and Tourism Department.

A former student said about Miriam "She motivates people. She can help with anything. She's the go-to person, and if she can't answer a question or doesn't know, she will direct you to someone who does". This is a sentiment shared by current and past students, and one new students come to realize.

This motivation she provides to students comes naturally to Miriam. She truly cares about the wellbeing of each and every student who walks through her door. Miriam discusses her relationship with the students saying, "a positive student experience will inevitably result in their university success whether it be in the area of academics or in confidence building".

Miriam works alongside many of the faculty in the Business and Tourism Department. "She's such a valuable member of this team. She keeps things going around here and always has a smile on her face doing it." said Dr. Peter Mombourquette, Chair of Business and Tourism Department.

Some of Miriam's most memorable moments during her time at The Mount are working all the Department events for

student engagement. She notes the late hours next to Dr. Sandi Findlay - Thompson and the team of students on the Business & Tourism Society as they prepare for the Learners and Leaders Business and Tourism Conference which takes place every October. However, Miriam is quick to say, "there are truly so many unique moments that happen every year".

Miriam also works closely with the co-op students hired by the Department of Business and Tourism each term. Miriam says she loves to watch the co-op students who have not previously been engaged in student activity within the Business & Tourism program become some of the strongest advocates for our program. She enjoys watching them flourish into Business and Tourism brand evangelists who stand so strongly behind the department once their term has ended.

She has watched many students come into her office starting out as nervous first years and leaving as confident, well informed, graduates. She takes an interest in seeing the changes that take place in the students and the boost of confidence that occurs as they progress throughout their degree.

I asked Miriam to leave new Mount students with a piece of advice, and she had this to say: "Take yourself as seriously as you want others to take you."

So as this new semester begins and we stress over grades and schedules, learning how to manage time and being away from home remember these kind words from Miriam to help you keep it all in perspective "University is just a stepping stone on a long journey in your ultimate career".

Caritas Day: Giving back to our Communities

Save the date, January 27, 2016!



Caritas Day Food Drive 2014
Source: Dr. Peter Mombourquette



Mount Saint Vincent College fire (Jan. 31, 1951)
Source: Special Collections. MSVU Archives.

Imagine having your school and residence burn to the ground leaving nowhere to live and nowhere to learn. This was a reality in 1951 when a devastating fire burned Mount Saint Vincent to the ground. Devastated by the loss, the people of Halifax came together to help students, and faculty. Community members provided homes for students and locations to hold classes. The Mount has never forgotten the kindness the city had shown to them. To show their appreciation the Sisters of Charity established Caritas day as a day of community service.

Last year students and staff volunteered on a chilly January day by collecting food for Feed Nova Scotia and the campus food bank. Students also worked alongside the Sisters of Charity to provide food for shelters and non-profit organizations in the city.

This year's event will take place on January 27th, 2016, and the Mount community has already begun preparation to ensure the event is successful and fun for all.

Students are given the day off classes so they are able to volunteer their time. This day is beneficial to the community as well as the individuals volunteering their time. We hope to have another successful day and see many students volunteering their time during Caritas Day in 2016!



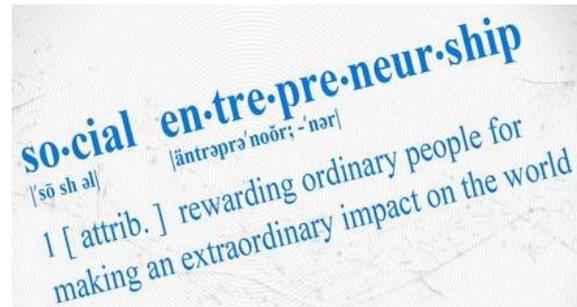
SOCIAL ENTERPRISE FOR A DAY

Look for this event coming January 27-28, 2016

2016 will mark the fifth year that the Mount participates in SE4D. Past years have proven to be a great success.

Planned in partnership with Centre for Entrepreneurship Education and Development (CEED) and Dalhousie University, Social Enterprise For a Day brings together students from MSVU, Dalhousie, NSCC and HRM schools to create and implement a social enterprise over the course of a weekend.

In 2015 students raised money through their volunteer effort projects and all the funds were donated to local organizations. Stay tuned for more information about SE4D 2016!



What is a social entrepreneur?

A social entrepreneur is someone who sees a problem and tries to make the situation better. We use the word 'entrepreneur' because it means a person who starts a business and runs that business. But, unlike regular entrepreneurs, social entrepreneurs measure their success, not by money earned alone, but also by the positive impact their business has on the people they want to help. The best of these social entrepreneurs take all the same risks as regular entrepreneurs while they are making a positive change. The goal of a social entrepreneur is to create a product or service that allows them to be self-sufficient as well as making the world a better place.

(Source:se4d.ca)

All you need to know about the Learning Passport Program

The Learning Passport Program is designed to encourage students enrolled in Business and Tourism courses to participate in select activities within the Department of Business and Tourism, the Mount, and the community.

Not only will the program provide you with the opportunity to experience exceptional learning and networking opportunities, but if you participate you will also earn bonus points, and be entered into an end of term prize draw. And you can request an LP certificate for your portfolio!



Fast Facts

- The Learning Passport Program was developed in 2009
- Eligible LP activities were chosen to be part of this program because of the value they contribute to academic learning and finding a career/job upon graduation.
- It's easy and free for all students
- Over 700 Learning Passports were submitted in the 2014-2015 school year
- Only two Student Services activities (Study Skills Workshops and Career Planning Services) per semester will count as eligible activities. Those Student Services activities with the exact same title cannot be completed in both the Fall and Winter semesters.
- With every activity you complete through the LP program a ballot with your name is entered to win gift cards at the end of the semester - the more you do the more chances you have to win!
- Completing 4 Learning Passport events will earn you 3 bonus points towards your final grade in Learning Passport approved courses

FAQ's

1. Where can I sign up?

Visit Miriam Gallant or Colleen Blacker in The McCain Centre room 405 to complete a form and receive your passport.

2. Where can I get information about passport eligible events?

Visit the Learning Passport Moodle page. Here you'll find all the information you need regarding eligible events, bonus points, certificates, etc.

3. How do I access the Learning Passport Moodle page?

Once you have logged into Moodle, go to <http://moodle233.msvu.ca/m23/course/search.php?search=Learning+Passport> to self-enroll. The site will then become part of your Moodle course list.

4. I'm a distance student and can't attend any of the on-campus events. How can I participate in the program?

There are a number of eligible activities available to distance students. Check Moodle for a full list of options.

For confirmation, check with an LP Committee member, learningpassport@msvu.ca and cc: paulette.cormier@msvu.ca

- Attend a Livestream Business & Tourism Career panel via Blackboard Collaborate
- Meet with a Business Leader from the Tourism or Business Industry (cannot be a relative)
- Complete a Mount on-line library activity via Blackboard Collaborate
- Attend two Toastmasters meetings
- Participate in an academic competition
- Volunteer
- Attend a Conference related to Business or Tourism

5. What do I do if I lose my passport?

If you have lost your Learning Passport, please see Miriam Gallant or Colleen Blacker in the McCain Centre, room 405, for a new one.

6. What happens if I lose my passport and I already had activities completed?

Unfortunately if you lose your passport and you cannot provide proof that you completed the activities, we cannot reward another stamp for participation. It is extremely important that you do not lose your passport.

7. When do the Learning Passport eligible events and activities happen?

Eligible events are available throughout the Fall and Winter semesters. Check the Moodle site regularly for event updates.

8. I have a class and cannot attend an activity on time. What should I do?

Attending class is more important! There are a number of activities for you to choose from, so plan ahead and choose those activities that will fit your schedule and benefit you most. Timely attendance and full attention to each activity is required.

9. My professor requires I write a paper for the activities I participate in. Do I have to do that for every course?

While it is not mandatory that you write a paper for each LP eligible Business or Tourism course, some professors ask that you complete a write-up to receive your Learning Passport bonus points for their course ONLY. Please talk to your professor at the beginning of the semester to ensure you understand the Learning Passport requirements for her/his course.

10. Can I volunteer for more than one organization and receive my passport points?

Yes, you can volunteer for more than one organization to accumulate the required 10 hours of volunteer work as one LP eligible activity. Remember that **only 10 hours** of volunteer work per organization will be considered as the completion of one Learning Passport activity.

11. What happens if I hand my Learning Passport in late?

Unfortunately, if you do not pass in your Learning Passport by the required deadline, you will not receive any bonus points for participation in the program.

12. I know of an event/activity happening that I believe should be Learning Passport eligible. What do I do?

Please contact the Learning Passport committee through email (learningpassport@msvu.ca and cc: paulette.cormier@msvu.ca) to determine whether or not your activity/event is eligible.

13. What if I plan to attend a Learning Passport activity and I forget my Learning Passport at home?

If you forget your Learning Passport at home, visit the LP Moodle site and download an LP Activity form. Complete the activity form at the event, have it stamped and attach it to your Learning Passport booklet.

14. How do I submit my Learning Passport?

Once you have completed the required number of activities for the program, please pass it in by dropping it off at the Business and Tourism office at the McCain Centre room 405.

15. I am a distance student how do I pass in my Learning Passport Activity pages?

If you are a distance student you can submit your Learning Passport Activity pages online through the LP Moodle site or fax to Miriam Gallant or Colleen Blacker at 902-457-2582.

16. How will I know that I received my Learning Passport bonus points?

Some professors will include the Learning Passport grade information on Moodle or communicate it by email. If neither of these are the case, Learning Passport grades will be distributed on Reading Day, and you are encouraged to follow up with your professors at that time to ensure your bonus points have/will be applied to your final grade.

Upcoming Events

Most events are Learning Passport eligible. See Moodle site for points and exclusions.

Date	Event	Place & Time
October		
1	What Skills do Employers Want	Evaristus 11:00 am
2	Using Social Media to Fast Track Your Job Search	Seton 316 1:00 pm
8	Interview Preparation	Evaristus 112 11:00 am
15	Exam Bootcamp Workshop	McCain 105, 2:00 – 4:00pm
19	Winning Resumes	Seton Aud D 1:00 pm
22	Business and Tourism Learners and Leaders Conference	MSVU Multi-Purpose Room 9:00 am
23	Business and Tourism Boat Tour	1751 Lower Water Street, Halifax 2:15 pm
27	Professionalism on the Job	Seton Aud D 11:00am
29	Find a Job Before You Graduate	Seton 305 2:00pm
30	Business and Tourism Wine Tour	Meet Seton Main entrance 8:15am
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2	Networking your way to Success	Seton Aud D 2:00 pm
2-6	Career Week	MSVU - various locations
9	Winning Resumes	Seton Aud D 1:00 pm
17	Interview Preparation	Seton Aud D 11:00 am