

# Graduating Class Of Bluefield High School



# Graduation

## What is a potential graduate?

- A grade 12 student
- Have at least 20 credits
- Have all compulsory courses
- English and 4 other credits at the grade 12
- 50% or higher is a pass

# High School Graduation Requirements

- 3 English credits, one of which must be ENG621A or ENG631A
- 2 Mathematics credits
- 2 Social Studies credits, one must focus on Canadian Social Studies (CAS401A, GEO421A, HIS421G, LAW521A/F, LAW531, HIS621A, POL621A)
- 2 Science credits
- PED401A
- CEO401A
- 1 creativity or innovation course (see list)
- 8 electives

# Creativity/Innovation Courses

- Automotive 801A, 801B, 801C, 801D, 801E
- Carpentry 801A, 801B, 801C, 801D, 801E
- Creative Multimedia 801A
- Creative Writing 521A
- Culinary 801A, 801B
- Design Technology 701A
- Dramatic Arts 701A, 801A, 621A
- Environmental Science 621A
- French 421A, 421F, 521A, 521F, 621A, 621F
- Global Issues 621A, 631A
- Independent Study 521A, 621A
- Music 421A, 421B, 521A, 521B, 621A, 621B, 801A
- Photography 801W
- Robotics 801A
- Visual Arts 401A, 501A, 601A, 621A
- Welding 801A, 801B, 801C, 801D, 801E
- External Credentials – Some courses only: Skills Canada PEI, Dance Umbrella, Island Dance Academy, PEI 4-H Council, College of Piping, Royal Conservatory of Music – 621 only, Conservatory Canada Music – 621 only

# PSB Honours

- At least 20 credits attained
- At least 6 credits at the 600 or 800 level
- An over-all average of at least 80% with no mark below 70% in the six credits used
- The average used is grade 12 English plus 5 other grade 12 courses (all at the 600 or 800 level)

# Academic Achievement Recognition

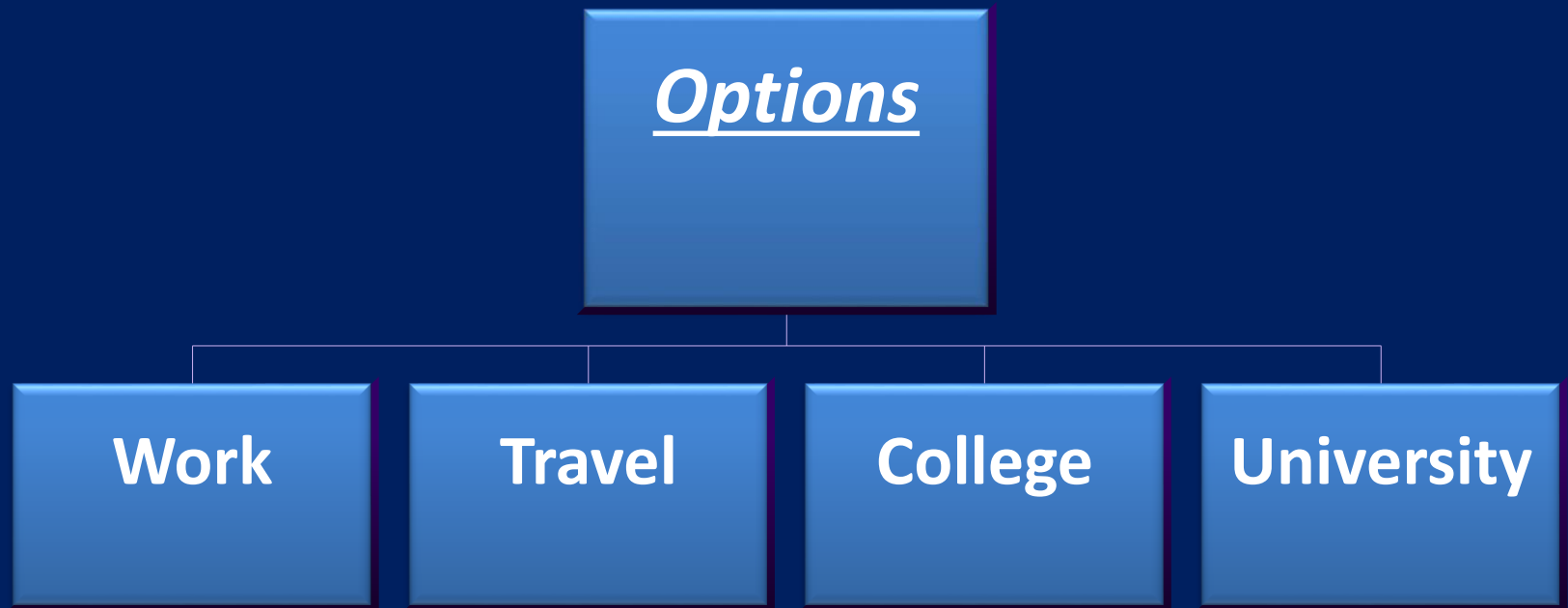
- Top eight academic Grade 12 students
- Courses taken from September to June of this academic year
- Courses include: ENG621A, four additional 621A/621B/611 courses plus one other course at the 600 or 800 level

# Governor General's Medal

- Awarded to a graduating student who receives the highest average in all his or her grade 11 and grade 12 courses listed on the student's official transcript

# After Grade 12?

What are some options...?





# Travel Opportunities

- Canada World Youth- [www.canadaworldyouth.org](http://www.canadaworldyouth.org)
- Rotary International Youth Exchange
- Study Abroad - [www.studyandgoabroad.com](http://www.studyandgoabroad.com)
- Katimavik- [www.katimavik.org](http://www.katimavik.org)
- Mission/Volunteer work through various organizations in the community
- More information located on the Student Services website

# What is the difference between College and University ?

## College

- Is an educational institution that grants trade and technical certification
- Hands on learning with theory as required
- Tends to be more career- oriented
- Offers trades and apprenticeship training, language training and skills upgrading

## University

- Is an educational institution that grants degrees
- Theory based education
- Offers undergraduate or bachelor's degrees (BA, BSc, BBA)
- Many offer graduate or master and doctoral programs (MEd, PhD)
- Many offer professional programs such as Medicine, Dentistry and Law.; students, if accepted, begin these after undergraduate study

# What is the difference between College and University?

## College

- Class time: Monday to Friday 9:00 -4:00
- Course length 1 to 2 years
- Graduate with diploma or certificate
- Typically small classes

## University

- Class time varies from day to day
- Course length is 4 years (undergraduate)
- Graduate with a degree
- Typically large classes

# General Requirements for College

- Grade 12 with credits at or above the general level
- Most programs require academic courses
- Prior experience is an asset (work experience, transitions program, co-op, etc.)
- Students must check the admission requirements for each program

# College

Options

Government

Private

Holland  
College

Ex. Academy of Learning  
Marguerite Connolly RCW  
JVI

# Private Colleges

- Academy of Learning
- Applied Business College
- Commercial Safety College (Truro)
- Hair Concepts Training Center (Summerside)
- Harmony Training Centre (Souris)
- IHSE - Institute for Human Services Education (Truro)
- JVI Provincial Transportation and Safety Academy (S'side)
- Marguerite Connolly Training & Consulting (RCW)
- National HomeED
- Private Institute of Hair Design and Esthetics

# Holland College Sample Programs

- Business Administration / Information Technology
- Bioscience Technology/ Wildlife Conservation Technology
- Tourism and Hospitality / Hotel and Restaurant Management / Culinary Institute
- Music Performance/ Dance Performance/ Performing Arts
- Carpentry / Electrical Technology / Plumbing / Welding /
- Child and Youth Care Worker / Early Childhood / Resident Care Worker / Human Services
- Correctional Officer / Police Science Academy
- Dental Assisting / Practical Nursing / Paramedic/ Basic Firefighting
- Occupational Therapist and Physiotherapist Assistant / Occupational Health and Safety Technology
- Journalism /Digital Imaging /Graphic Design
- Sports and Leisure Management
- Aircraft Gas Turbine Engine Repair

# Articulation Agreements Between Colleges and Universities

- Many colleges have agreements in place with universities; once a student finishes a diploma program, they are able to apply to a university and may continue their education to attain a degree.
- Example: Business Administration (2 years at Holland College plus 2 years at Mount St. Vincent)
- The student must still meet the pre-requisite requirement from the university.
- Completing the diploma at college does not guarantee acceptance to the university program.



# General Requirements for University

- The minimum average ranges from 70% -75% in the five admissible 621 courses depending on the University
- English 621 plus 4 admissible 621 courses
- Meeting the minimum average requirement does not guarantee acceptance to competitive programs like nursing, kinesiology, or engineering

# University

## Degrees

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# University Faculties

- Arts
- Science
- Nursing
- Commerce & Business
- Music
- Engineering
- Kinesiology
- Criminology
- Computer Science

# Bachelor of Arts Requirements

- English 621
- One 621 social studies or 621 language
- Three additional 621 or 611 courses
- Minimum of 70% (minimum average is higher at some universities)
- Math 621 A is recommended but not required

# Bachelor of Business Administration Requirements

- English 621
- Math 621 A (Math 621 B or 611 also accepted)
- \*check each university for preferred math
- Two 621 courses from sciences, social studies or languages
- One additional 621 or 611 course
- Minimum of 70% (minimum average is higher at some universities)

# Bachelor of Nursing Requirements

- English 621
- Math 621 A (Math 621 B or 611 also accepted)
- Chemistry 621
- Biology 621
- One additional 621 or 611
- Minimum of 70% (\*\* average last few years has been 90% -92%)

# Bachelor of Science Requirements

- English 621
- Two 621 Lab Sciences -Biology, Chemistry, or Physics: Chemistry 621 is required in most B.Sc programs. Biology and Physics are required in some programs. Students must check the admission requirements for each university.
- Math 621A, Math 621B or Math 611: It is strongly encouraged that a student going into sciences (especially chemistry , physics, engineering, math and computer science) take Math 621B and 611. Math 621A is suitable for some biology , environmental, and nutrition programs. Check each program requirements.
- Math 621B and 611 best prepares students for the Calculus Pre- test that each student must pass to enroll in Calculus.
- One additional 621 or 611
- Minimum of 70% (75% at some Universities)

# Bachelor of Science at UPEI reads ....

- English 621
- Math 621(*be careful here*)
- Two Grade 12 academic Science subjects (*be careful here*)
- One additional Grade 12 Academic course
- Some introductory Science courses at UPEI have high school prerequisites (Biology 131 - at least grade 11 Biology; Chemistry 111 - at least academic grade 12 Chemistry; Foods and Nutrition 111 - grade 12 Chemistry).



# Bachelor of Science in Engineering at UPEI

- English 621
- Math 621B or 611
- Chemistry 621
- Physics 621
- One other 621 course

\*No mark in the above 5 “621” courses can be below 65% with an average of 70%

\*\*Engineering programs at other universities (i.e. UNB) have different admission requirements and different minimum averages

# Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology at UPEI

- English 621
- Math 621
- Chemistry 621
- Biology 621
- One other 621 course

\*minimum of 70% average

\*\*Kinesiology programs at other universities (i.e. UNB) have different admission requirements and different minimum averages

# Post Secondary Research

- Parent Information night- November 6<sup>th</sup> 6:00- 8:30 pm, post-secondary presentation for parents by school counsellors from 6:00-6:30 pm, UPEI and HC present from 6:30-7:30 pm, and all institutions on display from 7:30-8:30 pm
- Post-Secondary Visitation Day- November 7<sup>th</sup>, 9:00-11:00 am  
Open houses at schools (very helpful)
- University/ College Recruiter Visits to Bluefield
- Ongoing contact with University/ College through email, phone etc.
- University/College websites

# Post Secondary Application Process

- Application forms can be obtained from University/College websites
- Ensure that all required documents (ex: for college - letters of reference, resume) are included
- Mail completed application form and required fee to post-secondary institution (or online)
- Fill out transcript request form available in Student Services. Elizabeth will handle all transcript requests for grade 12 students with a minimum of 24 hour notice. An official transcript will be sent for you. Transcripts cost \$1.00 per copy and must be paid before they are sent.

# DEADLINES

- Holland College deadline is February 28th
- UPEI deadline is March 1 - to be considered for entrance scholarships
- UPEI & UNB School of Nursing deadline is February 15th
- Student Services encourages students to complete applications over the Christmas Break
- Be sure to check each University /College for specific deadline dates

# What you might hear from a University/College?

- Notification that your application has been received
- Notification that more information is required (see one of the counsellors)
- Offer of acceptance
- Decision will not be made until further grades are available
- Student is on waiting list
- Student did not meet minimum

# Financing Education

- **Student Loans**
- **Scholarships**
- **Bursaries**
- **Awards**

# Student Loans

- Department of Workforce and Advanced Learning is responsible for student loans and a staff person from that department presents to Bluefield students and parents/guardians in the spring (evening session)
- Forms available online in the spring



# Scholarships, Bursaries and Awards

- Each student has access to an online copy of the *Scholarships, Awards, Bursaries, Programs and Opportunities* booklet on the Student Services website. Begin bookmarking the scholarships and bursaries that may apply to you.
- Students who do not have access to a computer at home, please see Elizabeth in Student Services.
- Green Scholarship files provide students with a description of the scholarship. These files are in Student Services.
- Many awards are presented at graduation. Recognition for special achievement, highest marks in courses etc. are determined by staff.

# Community Service Bursary

- Deadline is on-going
  - Offers Grade 10-12 students a tuition credit of up to \$750 in recognition of volunteer hours
  - Hours must be from a non-profit and non-political organization
  - Community service bursary application must be approved before hours can be accumulated
  - Requirements and application process available in Student Services or Department of Innovation and Advanced Learning at 902-368-4650
- \*new this year, all will be completed online

# George Coles Bursary

- If you are an Island student entering your first year at UPEI, Maritime Christian College, Holland College, or Collège de l'Île, you may be eligible for the George Coles Bursary. The award is available for your first degree, diploma or certificate program only. You must write your social insurance number on the application form in order to receive this bursary.

# George Coles Bursary

- UPEI:
- 1<sup>st</sup> year- \$ 2, 200
- 2<sup>nd</sup> year-\$ 2, 200
- 3<sup>rd</sup> year- \$2, 200
- 4<sup>th</sup> year- \$2, 200
  
- Total- \$8, 800 towards your first degree

# Costs: Compare expenses to savings

- We recommend making a chart with all your interested universities and compare the expenses.... i.e tuition, residence, meal plan, living expenses, books, additional fees, transportation... to the savings i.e scholarships, bursaries, personal or family savings, RESP's, etc.
- Average tuition for an undergraduate degree in Atlantic Canada:
- \$ 6, 150 ( UPEI) - \$10, 100 ( Dalhousie) plus all other above expenses

# How to University

- Use the website “How to University” to start planning for university. It has practical advice for students making this very important post secondary education decision
- [HowToU.ca](http://HowToU.ca)

# Applying for Post Secondary

This process can be a lot of work, so keep yourself organized and prepared.

- Reference letters- ask your references (teacher, employers) well in advance of the mailing date. Provide each referee with a copy of your resume, description of scholarship, etc. Do not wait until the last minute to ask as these people are busy and you may or may not get a reference letter completed in time.
- Request your transcripts in advanced as this too is a process which requires time. Request forms are available in Student Services and must be filled out at least 24 hours in advance.
- Update your resume and continue to build on it (volunteer work, etc).
- <https://bluefieldhigh.ca/students/student-services-blog/>

# Odds & Ends

- Sign up for our biweekly newsletter by giving us your email address
- Bookmark and use on a weekly basis our Bluefield Student Services webpage:  
**<https://bluefieldhigh.ca/students/student-services-blog/>**
- \* Visit Student Services on a weekly basis to see the latest scholarships and bursaries available and to start your post secondary research



- Student Services can be a work area during class time, not a social room. Please respect this. Students are welcome to eat lunch in Student Services.
- Good luck with your graduation year and post secondary quest.