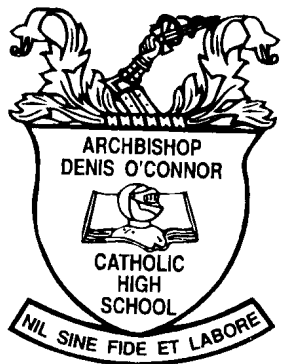
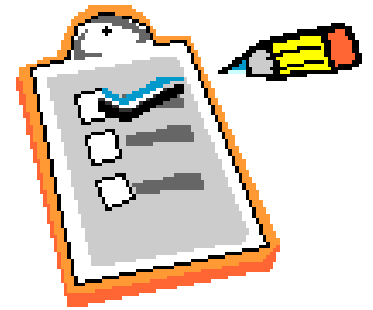


# TAKING THE NEXT STEP: PLANNING YOUR POST-SECONDARY YEARS



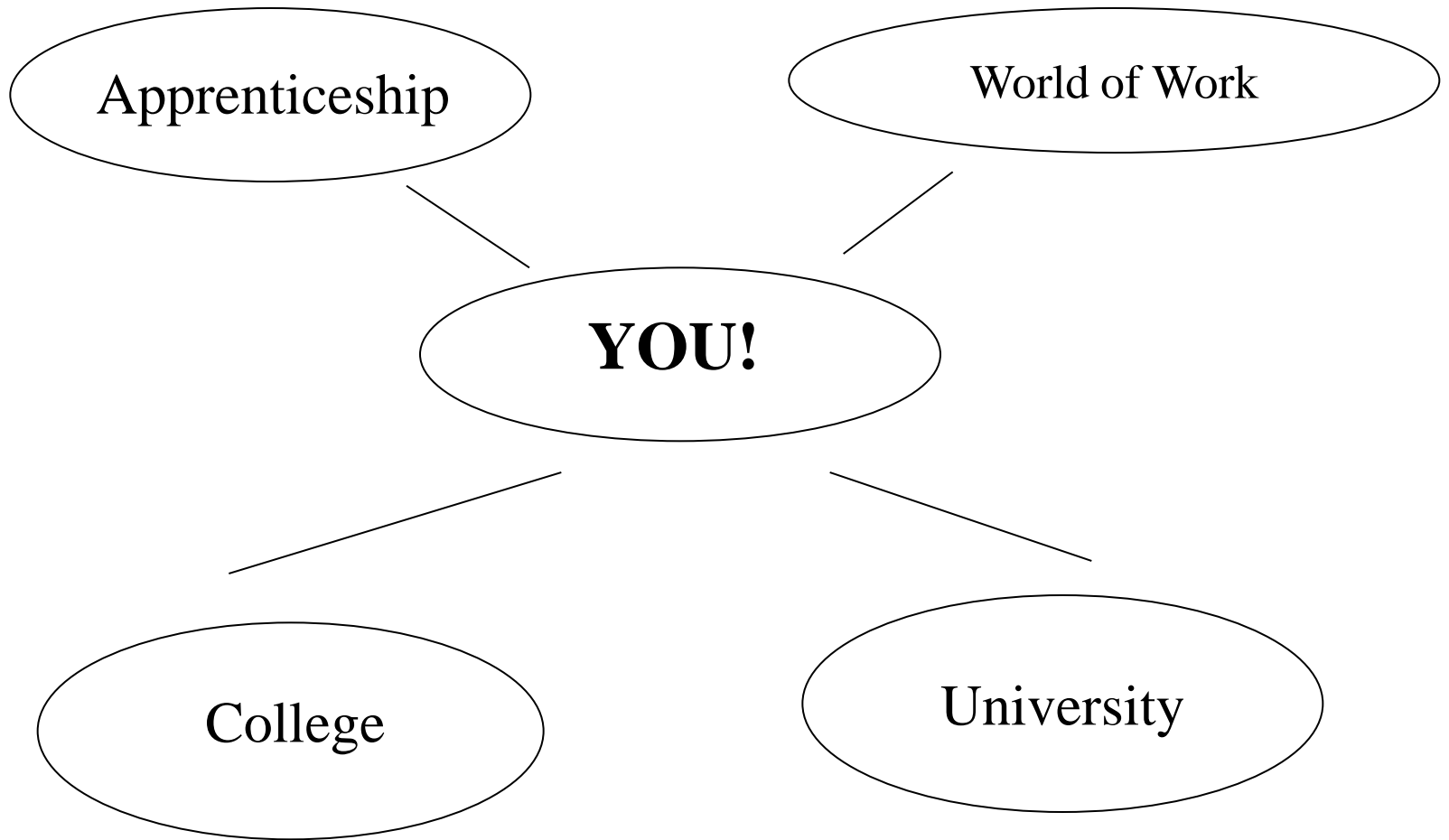
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September 2011

# Agenda



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- Researching Your Options
- The Ontario University and College Systems
- Private Schools
- Apprenticeship – Gold Collar Work
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- Scholarships – Free Money!
- What's Next?

# Looking at Destinations



# Achieving Your O.S.S.D.



- Graduation Requirements
  - 30 Credits (review compulsory credits)
  - Pass the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test or the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Course (OLC4O1)
  - 40 Hours of Community Service
- Carefully review your Student Status Sheet for accuracy! The data on this form is the data transmitted to universities and colleges.

# Researching Your Options

- University and College Fairs
- School Presentations
- Print Resources
- On-Line Research
- Campus Visits



# University and College Fairs



Ontario Universities' Fair  
your future today.

- Ontario Universities Fair
  - October 14, 15 and 16, Metro Toronto Convention Centre
    - 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day
- College Information Fair (all Ontario colleges will be present)
  - October 25, Direct Energy Centre – Exhibition Place
    - 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
  - October 31, Durham College – Oshawa Campus
    - 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Study and Go Abroad Fair (International Schools)
  - October 1 and 2, Metro Toronto Convention Centre
    - 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. ([www.studyandgoabroad.com](http://www.studyandgoabroad.com))
- National Christian College Fair
  - October 21, Bayview Glen Church
    - 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- Other Fairs are listed on the attached schedule.

# School Visits



- Representatives from individual colleges and universities present to students about their school, programs and student life. Presentations range from 30 to 60 minutes.
- Students **must** sign up for any presentation that takes place during the school day. Sign-up sheets will be posted in Guidance. Check display board in the Cafeteria for more information.
- Great way to learn about specific schools and specific programs of interest to you!
- **\*\*\*NO JACKETS OR BAGS IN THE CAREER CENTRE**



# On-Line Research



- [www.ontariocolleges.ca](http://www.ontariocolleges.ca)
  - Main web site for all Ontario Colleges. Students apply to college through this site.
- [www.electronicinfo.ca](http://www.electronicinfo.ca)
  - Main research site for Ontario universities
- [www.ouac.on.ca](http://www.ouac.on.ca)
  - University application site
- All post-secondary schools have web sites.

Learn about:

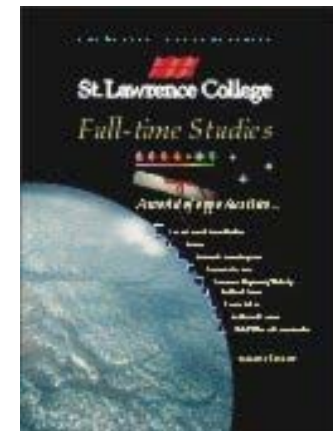
- Programs Available
- Admission Requirements
- Scholarships/Financial Aid
- School Life
- Residence Information
- School Profile – Virtual Tour



A place for you.

# Print Resources

- Individual school resources include books, school calendars, CD's, posters
- Ontario College Handbook, Why College?
- Spectrum
  - Three books that profile schools in the three major regions of Canada: Ontario, Eastern Canada, Western Canada
- Employment Statistics
- SAT/ACT Booklets



# The Ontario University System

- There are 21 universities in the province of Ontario (including Ontario College of Art and Design and Royal Military College)
- Many universities have more than one campus
  - Examples: U of T (Scarborough, Miss., St. George), WLU (Brantford), Lakehead (Orillia), Trent (Oshawa)
- Student's earn a Bachelor's Degree
  - Examples: Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Business Administration, Bachelor of Fine Arts, Bachelor of Music...

# Basic Requirements



- Ontario Secondary School Diploma
- Six grade 12 courses at the university (U) or college/university (M) level
- Some programs have specific admission requirements. Check school web site or Electronic INFO
- Example: Queen's University – Commerce

**ENG4U, MCV4U, one other 4U course in mathematics. A minimum mark of 80% is required for English and math prerequisite courses. No more than two 4M courses from any discipline.**

**Additional Admission Criteria: Submit your Personal Statement of Experience (PSE) and supplementary Essay by February 15 to be considered for an early offer of admission.**

**March 1 is the last date to submit the PSE and Supplementary Essay. Students applying to Commerce at Queen's must submit a Supplementary Essay at the same time.**

# E-INFO

- E-INFO is the main guide to Ontario universities
- Main Sections Include:
  - Find a Program
  - Degree locator charts
  - Dates and Notices
  - University Research Checklist
  - Application Information
  - Scholarships and awards
- E-INFO can be accessed on-line at:  
**[www.electronicinfo.ca](http://www.electronicinfo.ca)**
  - Be sure to use the searchable scholarship feature
  - Allows for customized searches so that you can compare similar programs at different universities



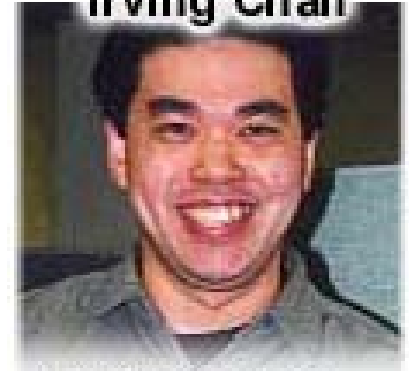
The screenshot shows the E-INFO website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links: "e!INFO", "DEGREE LOCATOR", "ABOUT e!INFO", "FURTHER INFORMATION", and "USING e!INFO". Below the navigation bar is a search bar with the text "Find The Right Degree For You". The main content area displays a search results table. The table has columns for "SEARCH DEGREES:", "AREA OF STUDY", "UNIVERSITY", "COLLEGE", "UNIVERSITY", "UNIVERSITY", "UNIVERSITY", "UNIVERSITY", "UNIVERSITY", and "UNIVERSITY". The table lists various degree programs such as "Aboriginal Studies / First Nation Studies", "Accounting / Chartered Accounting / Public Accounting", "Accounting & Financial Management", and "Acting".

SEARCH DEGREES:	AREA OF STUDY	UNIVERSITY	COLLEGE	UNIVERSITY	UNIVERSITY	UNIVERSITY	UNIVERSITY	UNIVERSITY	UNIVERSITY
A	Aboriginal Studies / First Nation Studies	BA		BA	BA	BA			
B	Accounting / Chartered Accounting / Public Accounting	BBA	BCom	BBA	BCom	BCom	BA	BA	
C	Accounting & Financial Management	BCom		BBA		BCom	BA	BA	
D	Acting						BA		
E	Accounting & Financial Management	BCom		BBA		BCom	BA	BA	
F	Acting						BA		
G	Accounting & Financial Management	BCom		BBA		BCom	BA	BA	

# The Ontario College System

- Offers career specific training
- Prepares you to enter the world of work
- Programs can be oversubscribed (i.e. Police Foundations, Practical Nursing, Vet Technician, Human Services Counsellor, Paramedic...)
- One, two, three year programs
- Students can go from college to university. College websites give information on 'Articulation Agreements'.

Irving Chan



Not only did college prepare me at an intermediate level to work... it prepared me to excel.

- Seneca College Graduate





# Types of Programs at College

- Apprenticeship
  - Obtain practical experience and skills by learning on-the-job. There are full-time programs. For students who have started their apprenticeship, course work is usually divided into 3 eight week sessions.
- Certificate
  - One year of study
- Diploma
  - Granted after at least two years of study. An advanced diploma is granted after three years of study.
- Graduate Certificate
  - Graduate programs require a university or a college certificate or diploma for entrance. These programs are more specific in nature. Examples:
    - Addictions and Mental Health (Durham College)
    - Paralegal (Durham College)

# Basic Requirements

- Ontario Secondary School Diploma
- Courses used to calculate the admission average must be at the C, M or U level (there are a few exceptions)
- Schools will look for specific prerequisites. Check college web site for specific admission criteria
- There may be specific requirements for certain programs. For example: Practical Nursing at Durham College



- **OSSD plus senior level (Grade 11 or higher) subject credits:**  
**General (G), Advanced (A), OAC, College Preparation (C), University/College Preparation (M), University Preparation (U) or Post-secondary (college or university)**
- » **Grade 12 English (minimum weighted 70 per cent in ENG/EAE)**
- » **Grade 12 mathematics (minimum weighted 75 per cent)**
- » **Grade 11 or 12 biology**
- » **Grade 11 or 12 chemistry**
- » **Keyboarding, basic computer skills and word processing skills are highly recommended**



# Ontario College Handbook

- Main Sections Include:
  - Important Dates
  - Application Process
  - Money Matters/Finances
  - Area of Study Charts
  - Contact Information
  - Location Map

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# www.ontariocolleges.ca

ontariocolleges.ca

The application service for Ontario's colleges

- This web site is the site to apply to an Ontario College
- The site is broken down into four main sections:
  - Plan
  - Find
  - Apply
  - Confirm
- Also contains information for parents

Plan

Find

Apply

Confirm



# Bachelor Degree Programs at College

- Bachelor degrees offered by Ontario colleges that combine the practical skills generally offered in a college program with the theoretical foundations of a degree program.
- Programs are more specific in nature than the traditional university degree and are aimed at meeting the needs of industry
- Program must have a paid Coop component
- Students must have 6 grade 12 courses at the U/M level
- Students apply directly to the college
- Examples:
  - Bachelor of Applied Arts, Behavioural Psychology (St. Lawrence College, Kingston)
  - Bachelor of Applied Health Sciences, Athletic Therapy (Sheridan College)

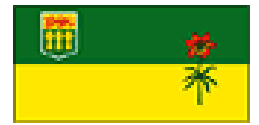


# The On-Line Application Process

- University applications done through Ontario University Application Centre (OUAC)
  - [www.ouac.on.ca](http://www.ouac.on.ca)
  - \$125 for your first 3 program choices, \$42 for each additional choice
  - No more than three choices per university
  - Apply for programs in order of preference as some schools may only offer admission to one program
- College applications done through Ontario College Application Services (OCAS)
  - [www.ontariocolleges.ca](http://www.ontariocolleges.ca)
  - \$95 for 5 program choices, no more than 3 choices at any one school
- Students must attend an application workshop in November
- Payment can be made through the web site using a credit card, debit card or by sending a cheque or money order

# Applying Outside Ontario

- Schools outside of Ontario are not included in the OUAC or OCAS application process
- Contact each school of interest to you and request an application package (usually available on web site)
- Some universities obtain marks from OUAC (i.e. UBC, McGill)
- Attend university fairs representing the area
- If interested in a U.S. school - Become familiar with SAT and ACT tests





# University Dates

- January 11, 2012 – deadline for on-line applications to OUAC
  - acknowledgement letters will be sent to students by each university as applications are processed
- February 7, 2012 – Recommended last date to make changes, additions to be eligible for equal consideration (some university deadlines may be earlier than this)
- May 29, 2012 – latest date by which all secondary school applicants shall expect a response from an Ontario university
- June 1, 2012 – earliest date by which Ontario universities may require a response to an offer of admission and a financial commitment from an Ontario secondary school student

# College Dates

- February 1, 2012 – deadline for applications to OCAS for equal consideration
  - Earliest admission offer date for all applications
- May 1, 2012 – College applicants must confirm acceptance of an offer of admission. Colleges may adjust this date.
- June 15 – Earliest date that colleges will expect payment of tuition fees

# Private Schools

**Numerous Colleges offer specialized training in areas such as Hair Styling, Massage Therapy, Computer Applications...**

- <http://www.tcu.gov.on.ca/eng/postsecondary/schoolsprogramms/pcc/>
- [www.schoolfinder.com](http://www.schoolfinder.com)
- [www.oacc.on.ca](http://www.oacc.on.ca)



# Two Great Catholic Universities to Consider

- Our Lady Seat of Wisdom Academy –  
Combermere, Ontario  
– <http://seatofwisdon.org>
- Franciscan University of Steubenville –  
Ohio  
– [www.franciscan.edu](http://www.franciscan.edu)



# Apprenticeships – Gold Collar Work

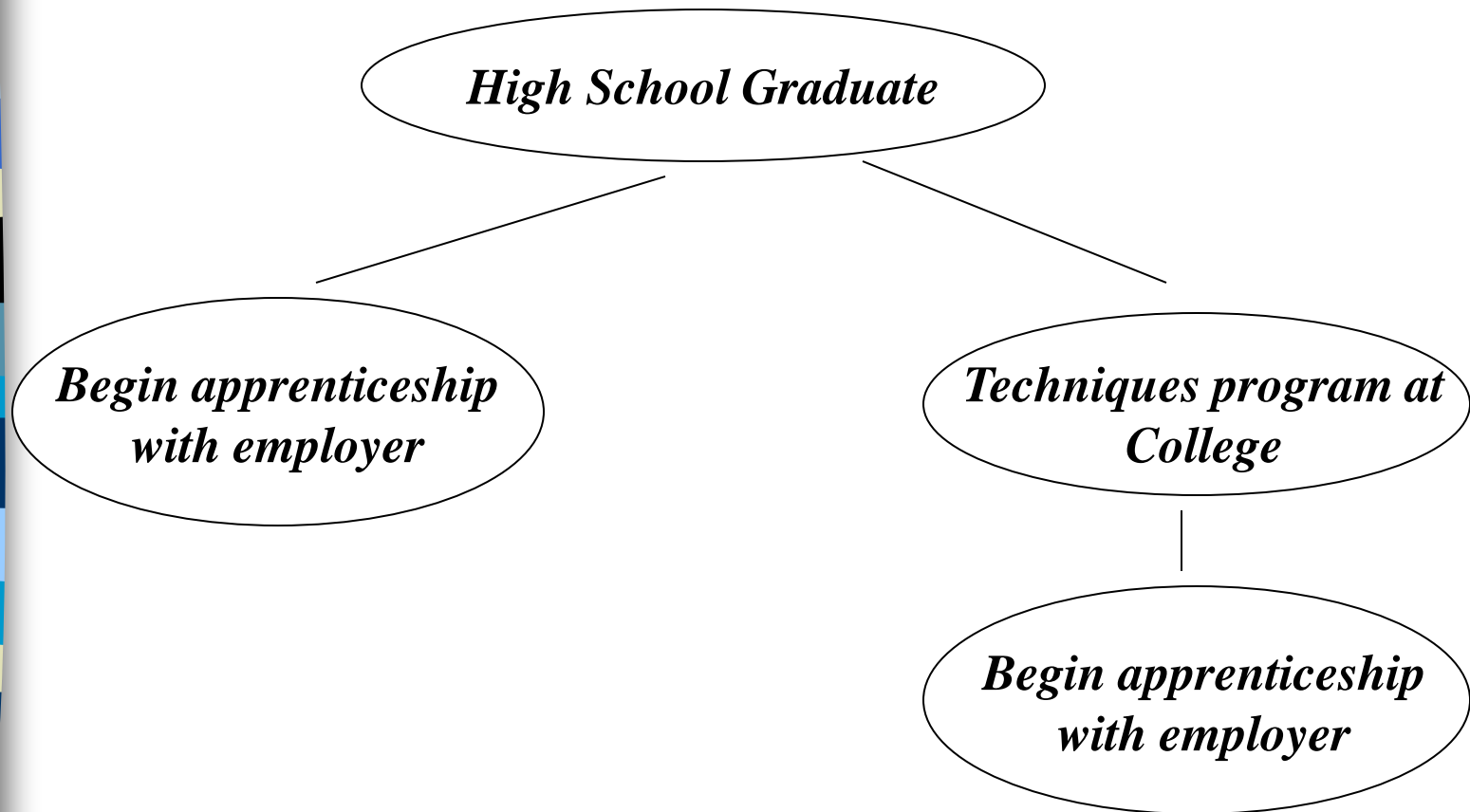
- <http://www.tcu.gov.on.ca/eng/employmentontario/training/>
- [www.tradeability.ca](http://www.tradeability.ca)
- [www.skillscanada.com](http://www.skillscanada.com)
- [www.apprenticesearch.com](http://www.apprenticesearch.com)
- [www.osca.ca](http://www.osca.ca)
- [www.careercruising.com](http://www.careercruising.com)
- Examples of Trades
  - Hairstylist
  - Chef/Baker
  - Construction Trades (Electrician, Plumber...)
  - Auto Mechanic
  - Tool and Die Maker

\*\*\* See [www.tradeability.ca](http://www.tradeability.ca) for information on all trades



# Steps to Apprenticeship

Don't Forget – Durham College Whitby Skills Centre Open House on Saturday, November 12 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



# Scholarships

STUDENTAWARDS.COM

- Graduation Awards
  - Student profile must be completed in May
- Searchable Scholarship Database on Electronic INFO ([www.electronicinfo.ca](http://www.electronicinfo.ca))
- University and College Scholarships
  - Search individual school web sites
- Web sites:
  - [www.osca.ca](http://www.osca.ca) (Click on Students, Scholarships)
  - [www.studentawards.com](http://www.studentawards.com)
  - [www.scholarshipscanada.com](http://www.scholarshipscanada.com)
  - [www.canlearn.ca](http://www.canlearn.ca)
- Scholarship Board (chart posted on school web site)
- Company, Organization Awards
  - ask family!



# Campus Visits

- Find out if the university has an 'Open House'
- Network with students who are currently attending the colleges and universities you are considering
- Ask questions:
  - Do you make alternate offers?
  - How do you treat repeated courses?
  - What are your admission requirements for my program of interest?
  - Do you offer Coop programs?
  - What is your employment placement rate?
  - is your graduate placement rate?
  - Do you guarantee residence? How do you apply?
  - .....



# Using the DO'C Web Site



- [www.docchs.com](http://www.docchs.com)
  - charts, presentations and other important information will be posted.
  - Three charts:
    - Educational Web Sites
    - Mental Health Web Sites
    - Apprenticeship Web Sites