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International School of Hospitality, Sports, & Tourism Management

Hospitality and Tourism Newsletter

WELCOME TO OUR NEW OAKRIDGE PARK CAMPUS



We are thrilled to announce that Fairleigh Dickinson University (FDU) Vancouver officially opened its new campus at Oakridge Park on October 15, 2026!

This beautiful, state-of-the-art facility is over 70,000 square feet and brings modern classrooms, study spaces, and learning resources together under one roof. Located just steps away from the Oakridge-41st Avenue SkyTrain Station, the new campus makes it easier than ever for students to commute and connect with local businesses across Metro Vancouver.

Our three-day celebration brought together students, staff, alumni, and community leaders:

- **Grand Opening Ceremony:** More than 250 special guests joined us for the official ribbon-cutting. Attendees included Members of Parliament Parm Bains and Jake Sawatzky, then-Mayor Vancouver Ken Sim, Councillor Rebecca Bligh, and diplomats from Argentina, Indonesia, Ireland, Malaysia, the Philippines, Thailand, and Switzerland.
- **Alumni & Industry Night:** On October 14, we kicked off the celebrations by honoring our incredible graduates at the Distinguished Alumni Awards and networking with local business leaders.
- **Partner Appreciation Day:** On October 16, we welcomed over 50 education and recruitment partners to thank them for helping our students succeed.

Shaping the Future of Education
"Our move to Oakridge Park reflects our continued commitment to providing students with a personal, global, and transformational education," said Dr. Benjamin Rifkin, University Provost.

FDU President Dr. Michael Avaltroni added, "By bringing education, industry, and community closer together, we are creating an environment where students can develop the knowledge, skills, and connections to build meaningful careers."
Having proudly served British Columbia since 2007, this new campus marks an exciting next chapter for FDU Vancouver. We look forward to welcoming you to our new home!

Upcoming Events & Important Information in November

November 11th. Remembrance Day - *honouring the men and women who have served and sacrificed their lives in the line of military duty.*

CAMPUS WILL CLOSE on this date.

Registration for Winter Term 2027 starts on Nov 12th.
Dates will vary so keep an eye for more infomraiton from Enrollment Services

Whistler Trip on Nov 13th!
For first year students we will have an amazing one day trip to Whistler.
By Invitation only.

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Welcoming Our New Fall 2026 Cohort! 🌍

A brand-new term has officially begun, and we are thrilled to welcome an incredibly diverse and talented group of students to our community!

This Fall 2026 cohort brings together fresh perspectives, unique backgrounds, and global experiences from all corners of the world—including India, the USA, the Dominican Republic, Mexico, Colombia, Iran, Taiwan, and Brazil.

Please join us in extending a warm welcome to our newest community members:


Shivam Bumbra


Ania Chavez


Marianna Goulart


America Jimenez


Juliana Llano


Bharat Sharma


Whitney Wetta


Connor (Cheng Yu Yu)


Proshat Tabaei Zadeh

We are so excited to see the impact you will make, the connections you will build, and the journeys you will begin this term. Welcome to the family, and here's to an amazing semester ahead!

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Upcoming in November...



FDU Vancouver will host a new edition of Vancouver Days, the university's largest open house event in our new campus, on **November 4, 2026, from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM at Oakridge Park.**

The event offers prospective students and visitors an opportunity to explore undergraduate and graduate programs, meet faculty and current students, and learn more about student life and support services.

Thank you for reading!