



CAREER CONNECTIONS EXPO '25 SNEAK PREVIEW

The *5th Career Connections Expo* will soon be here!

On November 5th, we will have 40+ speakers joining us here at Oak Bay High to share their experience and expertise about their chosen career area.

Students in grades 10-12 will have the opportunity to select two sessions to attend. Check out the list of guest speakers below and get a sneak peek at what career areas will be offered.

CAREER FOCUS	SPEAKER/SESSION OVERVIEW	ROOM
AI Consulting	<p>I use AI to solve real-world problems – from smarter cities to better healthcare – and every project feels like working on the future before everyone else sees it.</p> <p>—</p> <p>Andy brings 20+ years helping businesses use technology to help businesses drive better results. A specialist in Applied AI, he’s led numerous projects that make data work smarter – from improving healthcare outcomes and streamlining public services to reimagining energy and education experiences.</p> <p>Curious by nature Andy blends deep technical expertise with a creative edge – helping organizations unlock what’s next in the age of intelligent automation.</p>	200
Architect	Architecture is the art of designing spaces and places that positively shape how we live, learn, and connect with one another through the use of creativity, technical knowledge, and problem solving.	210
Aviation - Pilot	I am an airline Pilot with WestJet. I look forward to sharing the experiences of how I got here in my career, and what my day-to-day job is like now operating at a large airline.	Library
Broadcasting/Media/Arts	I've been a radio broadcaster for nearly 20 years and a stand-up comedian for 27 years. I love being creative, connecting to my community and I love entertaining people and making them laugh and think.	216
Building Integrated Solar Power	With two decades of experience in broadcasting, Chris seamlessly transitioned his skills into the renewable energy sector. Joining forces with the passionate team at Shift, he believes in the transformative power of solar for a greener planet. As Shift's Community Manager, he is on a mission to spread his enthusiasm for solar and educate the world on the incredible benefits of PV technology and clean tech solutions.	202
Canadian Armed Forces	The Canadian Armed Forces has over 100 career options across the Army, Navy and Airforce. I will outline the full time and part time options as well as how to get a paid for University Education. Our wages and benefits are better than most people realize, you can make a lot of money in the Canadian Armed Forces fresh out of high school.	220
Canadian Coast Guard	Join our team and embrace a career of courage, resilience, and purpose. As a guardian of Canada's vast coastal waters, you'll experience the thrill of saving lives, protecting our marine ecosystems, and ensuring maritime safety. Unleash your skills and be part of a tight-knit community that fosters personal growth and professional development.	221
Capital Markets & Asset Management	Ever wondered who decides where billions of dollars get invested, or how major companies get analyzed before Wall Street and Bay Street makes its next move? Join me to explore the fast-paced world of sell-side research and asset management, where you'll uncover hidden opportunities, influence major investment decisions, and help shape the future of global investment markets	208
Clinical Neurophysiology	Do you like medical sciences? Electrophysiology is a field that will stimulate your mind and allow you to help patients with different Neurological conditions. This career involves performing a variety of tests of the central and peripheral nervous system.	308

Communications and Public Relations	Ever wonder who decides what CEOs say during a crisis or why you trust certain organizations and brands? That’s communications and public relations – and it's one of the most influential and diverse careers out there. You get to be in the room for high-stakes decisions, your words appear in the headlines, and no two days are the same. Come learn about my decade of communications experience in the energy and finance sectors, and why today’s challenges make this profession more important than ever.	238
Counselling/Psychotherapy/ Psychology/Education/ Research	Lisa Gallagher Kratz is a counsellor, university educator, and researcher who turns science into skills that help people feel understood and supported. This career keeps you learning, gives you purpose, and lets you make a difference every day.	309
Culinary Arts / Professional Cook	Turn your passion for food into an exciting career! Camosun Culinary Arts offers one of the most successful Professional Cook Red Seal Endorsement (RSE) programs in Canada. COOK is a designated Red Seal trade credential; apprenticeship training is recognized across Canada and around the world.	143
Cybersecurity	I lead a team that works with some of the world's biggest organizations to fight cyber threats of every kind - from financially motivated criminals to politically driven disruptors and cyber terrorists. It's a constantly changing field that's both exciting and important.	152
Data Science Software/Tech/Data	I’m a data science student who loves turning messy data into clear answers. Right now, I work as a Software Developer in Test, where I build automation and ‘break’ apps on purpose so millions of users get a smoother experience.	230
Digital Art and Graphic Design	Discover how creative, artistic and digital skills can become a well demanded service for personal, lifestyle and business industries. Logo design, visual promotional materials and digital mockups are only a few examples of what a graphic designer and artist can offer.	211
District Trades Programs/Vancouver Island Plumbing and Pipefitting	Becoming a tradesperson opens the door to a rewarding, hands-on career where you can earn while you learn, build fundamental skills, and make a lasting impact in your community. Explore district trades programs along with chatting with a representative from Local 324 on careers in Plumbing and Pipefitting, and what it takes to get your Red Seal.	161
Engineering (Structural Engineer)	Engineers are the people who use and apply science to make the world a better place. We are the people who make buildings stand up, who make planes fly, and who makes sure cities have clean drinking water.	207
Entrepreneur (Start Your Own Business)	Entrepreneurship is about turning ideas into action – creating something from nothing, solving real problems, and building teams that make a difference. I’ve started dozens of businesses, and I’m excited to share the lessons, wins, and mistakes that came with them.	209
Event Coordinator	Ever wonder how an event comes to life? From collaborating on ideas to managing behind-the-scenes details, I get to plan and coordinate events that create memorable experiences for employees and help our company get involved in the community. Every day’s a mix of creativity, teamwork, and a little bit of organized chaos!	227
Fashion Design	Fashion design is an exciting career because it blends creativity, self-expression, and innovation to shape how people present themselves to the world. Designers constantly explore new trends, materials, and cultural influences, making each day dynamic and inspiring. The opportunity to see your ideas come to life on runways or in stores adds a thrilling, tangible reward to the creative process. Plus, the global impact of fashion allows designers to influence not just style, but culture and identity.	313
Feature Film Writer Director	Jennifer and Victoria Westcott are filmmaking sisters who’ve worked with stars like Josh Hutcherson and Martin Short, creating both live-action and animated feature films. They'll share the behind-the-scenes reality of how movies get made, from the first spark of an idea to seeing your work on Netflix.	219
Film and TV	If you love being creative and learning through stories, you might enjoy a career in film and television. This multi-billion dollar industry supports a variety of careers including camera operators, audio mixers, costume and set designers, performers and directors and producers (who can be creative or logistically inclined). Or you can open up your own production company and oversee all of these aspects!	217

Finance - Wealth Management & Private Banking	Ever wonder how wealthy people stay wealthy? Making money and managing money are different skill sets. Imagine you have something of value: Superman #1, valuable artwork, or, rare coins - you'd love the money but also want to keep your item. Come join to learn how private bankers help people access money without having to sell their stuff and gain some insight into the world of high finance.	206
Firefighter	Discover what it takes to become a firefighter and make a lasting impact in your community. Learn about the responsibilities, skills, and dedication needed to excel in this life-saving profession. Gain valuable knowledge and insight into the world of firefighting and start your journey toward a meaningful career.	205
Graphic Designer / Exhibition Designer	Blending creativity and artistic expression with functionality and intentional purpose - design offers a very wide range of career possibilities. Personally, my career in design has been super rewarding because I've been able to apply my skills to many things, and continuously learn.	146
Hair and Beauty	Philip Ferreira has been behind the chair, a serial salon owner and on stage for over 40 years as an internationally acclaimed hair stylist. Now he has opened the first Summit Salon Academy in Canada with his entrepreneurial wife, Natalie Grunberg-Ferreira. Come find out about the next level of hair schooling in our very own downtown Victoria.	218
Human Resources	Think business is just about numbers and strategy? As a human resources advisor, I prove it's really about people - finding amazing talent, developing future leaders, helping employees grow their careers, and shaping workplace culture so that employees are motivated to do their best work.	311
Interior Design	Interior design is an exciting and creative career in which you shape the spaces people live, work, and play in. It's perfect for those who love combining artistic vision with practical problem-solving to make environments more beautiful and functional.	225
Lawyer	Lawyers work in every major company, for governments, and in the community with private clients. We work with all kinds of people from seniors planning their estates, to elected officials making laws, to businesses buying other businesses. You can work at home, in an office, in a courtroom, in the military - almost anywhere. Everyday problems in business and life are often legal problems and lawyers are trusted to help people solve those problems.	212
Marine Biologist	Hi! I am a Marine Biologist who has over 2000+ hours on the water observing marine wildlife. Never in a million years did I think I would be where I am today or working in the field, I am currently in. I am excited to share my story with you!	233
Nursing, Health Leadership	My nursing career has had me working in federal prisons; hospitals for labour and delivery, post-partum, and medical surgical; community settings such as sexual health clinics, and student wellness at a university; and now I am a Director of a Community Health Centre that delivers primary care by team-based care. Come to learn more about the many ways nursing can be a great career!	305
Photography	I am a Professional Photographer, involved with creating Experimental and Fine Art Images. And I'm involved with teaching Photography as a Post Secondary Career.	149
Physician (Emergency Medicine)	Find out about the career of a Physician, in my case an Emergency Physician; although, we will also review all potential fields of practice of doctors, as well as details about applying to medical schools in Canada and internationally.	304
Physiotherapist	Eric is a local physiotherapist currently working with a sports and orthopedic population at RebalanceMD. Eric has a special interest in working with youth athletes and post operative patients.	306
Police and Police Camp	Learn about a career in policing, Oak Bay Police Department and Police Camp.	204
Radiologist	Radiology is an exciting career where medical doctors, called radiologists, use imaging technologies like X-rays, MRIs, and ultrasounds to diagnose and help treat illnesses. It's a great career for students who enjoy science, technology, and solving problems.	307

Real Estate	I graduated from Oak Bay in 1999, after which I attended UBC and obtained a BCom with a specialization in Real Estate. I assist retail brands such as Tim Horton's, Chipotle and BMO locate and secure real estate.	234
Research Psychology	Psychology is the most popular academic major at universities across Canada and it prepares students for careers in research, tech, healthcare, business, and more! Come learn about the possibilities.	310
Software Engineer	Software engineering is a very exciting field with many different opportunities for you to be creative while solving real-world problems. As a software engineer, you can work on anything from robotics to game development, to data science and artificial intelligence.	151
Spa Owner (Aesthetician/ Spa Therapist)	Imagine a career where you get to make people feel confident, stay on top of beauty trends, and even run your own business should you choose-that's what being an aesthetician is all about!	302
Teacher	So, you're thinking about becoming a teacher! This session will tell you all about the educational requirements, the benefits, and challenges of the education profession. Come and hear what being teacher is all about and the growth and advancement that the career offers. See you there!	212
Vegetation Ecologist	If you are interested in a career working outside in the woods in BC this may be the presentation you're looking for. I'm a biologist with experience working in universities, the private sector and for the government.	236
Veterinary Medicine	Every patient is a puzzle demanding to be solved in the field of veterinary medicine. Each day proves this to be true; one moment I may be figuring out why a dog yelped, the next I'm extracting teeth from a sugar glider, and later I'm treating a collapsed cat in an emergency. That's why I enjoy this career. Veterinary medicine is different every day, helps those in need, and offers space to find your own niche, As a recent graduate from the Western College of Veterinary Medicine in Saskatchewan, I'm excited to share insights on how to get into vet school and more about the profession.	231
Video Game Industry	Video Games aren't just fun to play, they are fun to make too!	300
Writer/Editor	Andrea will speak about her early career working as an editor of books and magazines, and her more recent experiences as a published poet. She will talk about the joys and struggles of freelancing, finding "your people", balancing business and creativity, and getting lost in the pleasure of the writing process.	222

