

CAMPUS CONNECTIONS

A Newsletter for Burman University

Thursday, 22 October 2026

Mid-Term Exams?

Build a

Take a moment for you

SELF-CARE KIT

Because your well-being matters – not just your grades.

During mid-term exams, stress can feel overwhelming. Stop by the Sakala Success Centre and build your own self-care kit!

Browse a variety of items and choose what works for you!



Relaxation

(e.g., fidgets, stress balls, calming tea, journals)



Mindfulness

(e.g., breathing cards, colouring, positive notes)



Self-Care

(e.g., face masks, lip balm, hand cream, cozy items)



Motivation

(e.g., study tips, goal setting cards, encouragement)



And More!

(e.g., snacks, puzzles, wellness resources)



Thursday,
October 22nd



11:00 am – 1:00 pm



Sakala Success Centre

Come in, explore, and create a kit that fits your needs, interests and curiosity!

IMPORTANT ACADEMIC DATES

October 3 - 29	50% Tuition Refund for full-term courses
October 22	Second 1/2 term begins
October 26	Last day to add any second 1/2 term or professional term course
October 28	Last day to drop any second 1/2 term course without entry on permanent record.
October 30	\$0 tuition refund in effect for full-term courses

See [Academic Dates](#) for further information.

Week at a Glance

Sunset: 6:22 pm

Friday, October 23 @ 7:30 PM

Best Case Scenario

Speaker - Chap C

College Heights Church

Afterglow @ 9:30

Lingering

Lakeview Hall

SABBATH

Early Morning Worship @ 9:00 AM

Speaker: Pastor Honey Todd

CHURCH AT STUDY

10:10 AM

UNIVERSITY SABBATH SCHOOL

10:00 AM

Social Eyez

COMMUNITY WORSHIP @ 11:30 AM

Speaker: Pastor Honey Todd

Coming up....

Saturday, October 24 @ 7:30 PM

Battle of the Bobcats

PE Centre

Sunday, October 25 @ 12 PM

Burman Bobcat Basketball

PE Centre

Tuesday @ 11 AM

PowerUp

Admin Chapel

Tuesday, October 27

Book Club Meeting @ 6 PM

Library Classroom

Dental Club Study Night @ 8:30 PM

Hilltop Hideout

Wednesday

Drop-in Counselling @ 11 AM - 1 PM

Sakala Success Centre

October 30, 31

EDI WEEKEND

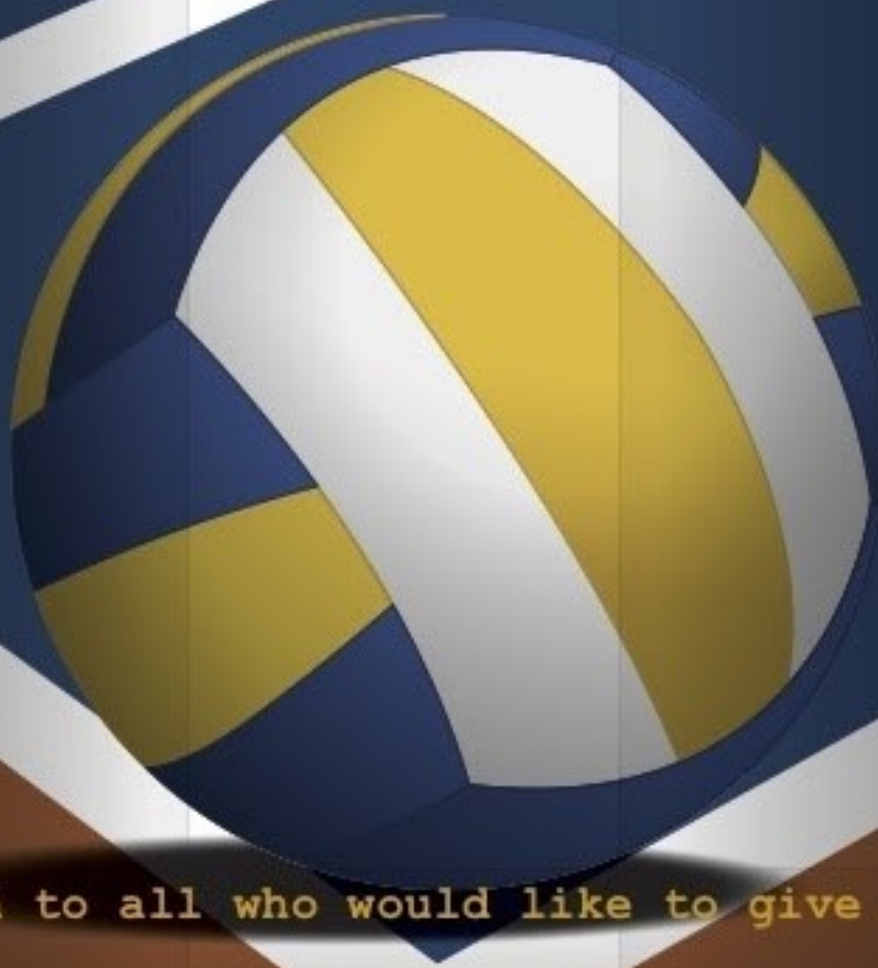
Many Voices, One Community:

The Power of Belonging

Speaker: Dr. Janice De-Whyte

MEN's VOLLEYBALL TRYOUTS

PE CENTRE



It is open to all who would like to give it a shot

MONDAY, OCT 19 @ 6:30-8:30 PM
THURSDAY, OCT 22 @ 8:00-10:00 PM



PRE-TRYOUTS
SCRIMMAGE GAME

THURSDAY
OCT 22 @ 8 PM
PAA GYM

TRYOUTS

THURSDAY
OCT 29 @ 8 PM
PAA GYM



BURMAN BOBCATS

LADIES VOLLEYBALL
TRYOUTS

Can You Actually Make a Living in Music?

Career Talk for Musicians

THE NEXT GENERATION



DATE: October 23rd, 2026

VENUE: Ralph Coupland, Choral
Rm 2F West Hall

TIME: 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

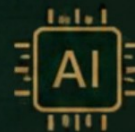
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CAMPUS MINISTRIES
Come As You Are

BEST CASE *Scenario*



Chap Carl

October 23, 2026

@7:30pm

College Heights SDA Church



UBUNTU CHOIR PRESENTS

LINGERING

AN AFTERGLOW EXPERIENCE

9:30 PM

LAKEVIEW HALL

OCTOBER 23



ACTS7PT,2

JOIN US FOR

SABBATH *School*



WITH ZANDREN SORIA
OCTOBER 24, 2026
10 AM @ THE SOCIAL EYEZ

BATTLE OF THE



BOBCATS



Where: Gym

When: Saturday Night

Time: 7:30

Sport: Volleyball

COME AND SUPPORT
OUR ATHLETES!



BURMAN BOBCATS Basketball

WHEN: SUNDAY, OCT. 25

TIME: 12 PM & 2 PM

WHERE: GYM

**SUPPORT
OUR TEAMS!**

DORM OLYMPICS



SUNDAY, OCT 25 5:30PM

LAKEVIEW LOBBY

PILLOW FIGHT, MUSICAL CHAIRS,
TORTILLA SLAP, & MORE !!!



Central Alberta
Chamber Orchestra

SEASON 5
SPECIAL EVENT NO. 1



CACO'S LITTLE BIG BAND
presents

THE JOY OF JAZZ

Feel the Joy!



SUNDAY
OCT 25, 2026
6:00 PM
SCOTT BLOCK THEATRE
4816 50 AVE RED DEER, AB

CELEBRATING
100 YEARS
MILES DAVIS BIRTHDAY

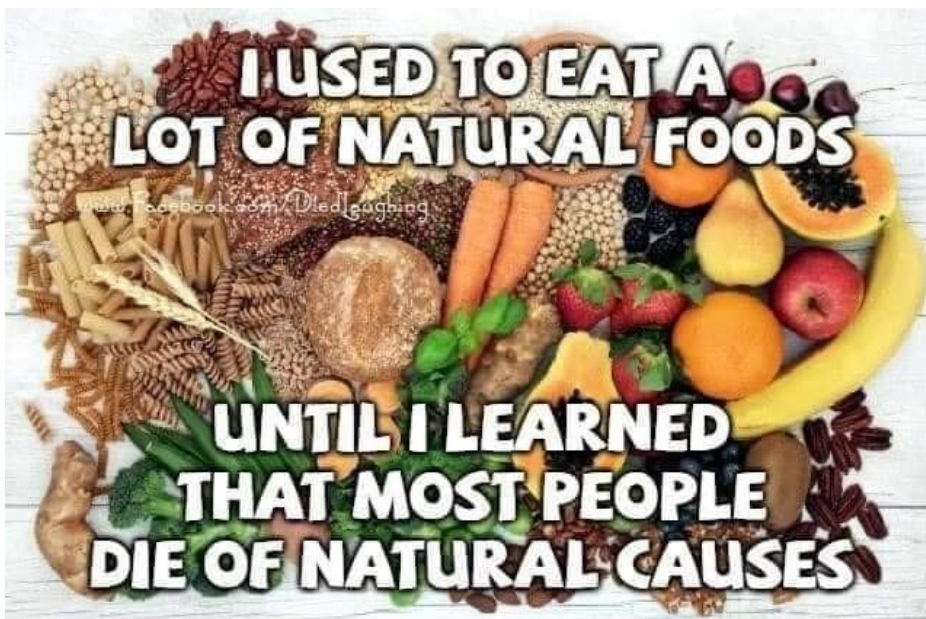
FEATURING SPECIAL
GUEST TRUMPETER
STEVE SHERMAN



TICKETS THROUGH **showpass**

Adults \$30 ♦ Seniors (65+) \$20 ♦ Students (13-21) \$10 ♦ Children (12 & under) Free

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When things feel too
overwhelming, remember:
One day at a time,
One thought at a time,
One moment at a time, and
One task at a time.



BOOK CLUB MEETING!

When: Tuesday, October 27, 2026, from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM

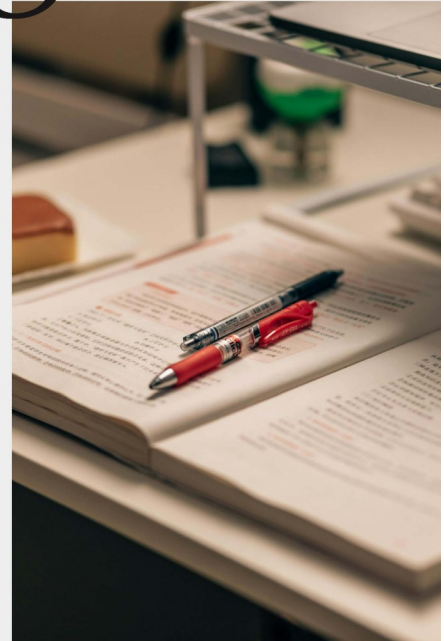
Where: Burman University Library Classroom (Basement)

We will be discussing our October book, *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle.

Feel free to invite your friends to join us. Our Book Club meetings are open to everyone, so whether you have finished reading the book or are simply interested in joining the discussion, you are more than welcome to join!



Study Night



with the Dental Club

**TUESDAY
OCTOBER 27**

8:30 P.M.

Snack and study with the dental club in the hideout!

CHAT WITH OUR EXEC TEAM ABOUT THE DAT, DENTAL APPLICATIONS, OR ANY OTHER DENTAL RELATED QUESTIONS!



EDI Corner

Equity Diversity and Inclusion

Many Voices, One Community: A Place of Belonging

Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion at Burman University, Dr Daniel Saugh, EDI Director

At Burman University, our educational framework is grounded in a sacred calling: to foster a campus culture where every individual is recognized as part of one global family, created in the divine image of God (Imago Dei), and invested with inherent worth, dignity, and value. Embracing our theme, "Many Voices, One Community: A Place of Belonging," we are dedicated to ensuring that diversity is not merely an abstract ideal, but an active, lived reality interwoven into the very fabric of our institutional mission, vision, and core values.

BREAKING DOWN BARRIERS AND DECONSTRUCTING BOXES

Human society frequently constructs invisible walls—sorting people into narrow categories of race, culture, socio-economic background, nationality, ability, or academic discipline. When we view others through the lens of rigid assumptions, we limit our collective potential and obscure the divine potential within each individual. Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) at Burman calls us to dismantle these artificial barriers and step outside societal boxes.

The body of academic literature strongly supports this intentional deconstruction. Gordon Allport's (1954) foundational Intergroup Contact Theory, alongside Gaertner and Dovidio's (2000) Common Ingroup Identity Model, demonstrates that when individuals from diverse backgrounds engage in meaningful, structured interactions under conditions of equal status, implicit biases dissolve, empathy increases, and perceptions shift from an exclusionary "us versus them" to a unified "we".

By actively dismantling historical and systemic barriers—including our institutional commitments to Indigenous Reconciliation, Treaty 6 land acknowledgements, and Universal Design for Learning (UDL)—Burman seeks to create a space where every voice is heard and valued.

Our pursuit of equity and inclusion is profoundly theological. In His Prayer, Jesus petitioned the Father with urgent clarity: "That all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me." — John 17:21 This profound prayer of Jesus highlights that Christian unity is neither forced conformity nor superficial tolerance; rather, it reflects the triune relationship of mutual love, equal honor, and shared purpose.

True oneness does not erase our distinct cultural expressions or unique lived experiences; instead, it harmonizes many distinct voices into a beautiful symphony of grace. Seeing each other as equals before the cross transforms our relationships from transactional interactions into transformational fellowship.

SCHOLARLY EVIDENCE ON BELONGING, EQUITY, AND SERVICE

Educational and sociological research confirms that a profound sense of belonging is essential for student success and holistic flourishing. Terrell Strayhorn's (2012) research on College Students' Sense of Belonging establishes that feeling valued and connected within an academic community directly impacts cognitive development, mental wellness, and persistence. Furthermore, scholarly research on educational equity (McNair et al., 2020) distinguishes equity from mere equality: while equality gives everyone the exact same resources, equity ensures that systemic obstacles are proactively addressed so that every student possesses equal access to opportunity and success.

PILLARS OF EDI AT BURMAN UNIVERSITY EQUITY

Focuses on the removal of systemic barriers and providing personalized support (McNair et al., 2020). On campus, this is expressed through

1. The Sakala Success Centre, the Duty to Accommodate
2. Universal Design for Learning (UDL) policies.
3. Diversity: Rooted in the Imago Dei and the strength found in a multifaceted community.
4. On campus, this is expressed through our international student body.
5. Treaty 6 partnerships, and intercultural celebrations.
6. On campus, this is expressed through: Student clubs such as Indigenous and Cultural week, truth and reconciliation emphasis, EDI/ Power-Up Chapels, EDI Weekends, and the Ubuntu Choir ("I am because we are").

BECOMING ONE IN PURPOSE, MEANING, AND SERVICE

When barriers fall and equality is embraced, unity finds its highest expression in shared purpose and compassionate service. At Burman University, our institutional motto—Think. Believe. Act. — calls every person to think with discernment, believe with insight and commitment, and act with confidence, compassion, and competence. By linking diverse perspectives to a common mission, we move beyond passive co-existence into active collaboration. Whether through academic mentorship, community advocacy, intercultural worship, or reconciliation initiatives, our shared commitment to Christ propels us outward in service to humanity. In the words of President Dr. Loren Agrey, Burman extends a warm invitation to every student and employee to find their healthy space on the hilltop: "Be YOU, at BU!"—knowing that in our diversity we find strength, and in our unity we fulfill our highest calling.



BURMAN
UNIVERSITY

Equity, Diversity,
and Inclusion

BURMAN UNIVERSITY EDI WEEKEND CELEBRATION

THEME:

***MANY VOICES,
ONE COMMUNITY:
THE POWER OF BELONGING***



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

**DR. JANICE
DE-WHYTE**

Associate Professor,
School of Religion,
Loma Linda University

WHEN:

**FRIDAY
OCTOBER 30
@ 7:30 PM**
(Hosted by CAYA)

**SABBATH
SERVICE
OCTOBER 31
9:00 AM
11:30 AM**

WHERE:

**COLLEGE
HEIGHTS
SDA CHURCH**



For more information, visit burmanu.ca/edi

All are **welcome!**

THE MASKED PERFORMER AMATEUR HOUR



OCTOBER 31 | 8:00 PM | @ ADMIN CHAPEL

ENTERTAINMENT • TREATS • PRIZES • PHOTOS

DRESS TO IMPRESS. WIN **BEST COSTUME!**

all ABOUT ADDICTIONS

POSTER PRESENTATION COMPETITION

The SSC and ROC invite students to participate in our poster presentation competition focused on **Addictions**. Get creative and design a bold, eye-catching poster that **informs, inspires, and educates** others on addictions.



WHEN?

Nov. 19th, 2026



11:00 – 1:00



Science Centre - Atrium



★ **Four** ★
\$100
Prizes



Most informative



Most Creative Design



Best Message or Theme



People's Choice



If you love to express your ideas through art and like the idea of winning \$100, this contest is for you. Contact the SSC for more details



Milly & Meeples



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GAMES
TO PLAY!**

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THURSDAYS
5-9 PM**

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LACOMBE**



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QUESTIONS? (403) 885-6434

KIDS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT. PLEASE HELP US KEEP THIS EVENT FRAGRANCE-FREE!



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CONNECT COMMUNITY NEEDS WITH STUDENTS WHO
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AND MORE

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Don't be afraid to ask for help

Drop-in Counselling

Wednesday

11:00am- 1:00pm

Sakala Success Centre



WRITING
CENTRE
APPOINTMENTS

SCAN HERE



FOR ANY CLASS
WITH WRITING
ASSIGNMENTS

FOR RELIGION
CLASS
RESEARCH

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NEXT TRAINING DATES

OCTOBER 21 & 22

There is an application and interview process prior to training.

Scan the QR code
to access the
application!



Other Opportunities:



FOOD SECURITY VOLUNTEERS

Also looking for volunteers to help in our food security program — kitchen, prep.

Every hand helps!



BURMAN ADVANTAGE PROGRAM CREDITS

Volunteering with us can help you accumulate hours and credits through the Burman Advantage program at Burman University in Lacombe.

NOW HIRING!



YOUTH PROGRAM ASSISTANT

LOCATION: BGC WOLF CREEK - LACOMBE

BGC Wolf Creek is seeking a passionate and dedicated youth staff for our Lacombe location.



The ideal candidate will be passionate about working with youth ages 12-18 and dedicated to creating a **positive and exciting environment.**



YOUTH ASSISTANT

Qualifications

- Minimum 18 years of age or older
- Ability to tutor high school subjects
- Previous experience working with youth
- Ability to supervise groups of youth
- Clear Criminal Record
- Check with Vulnerable Sector Check
- Valid First Aid/CPR Certification



HOURS AND REMUNERATION

- 12-15 hours/ week
- Tuesday-Friday
- 3:00PM-6:00PM
- \$16.00-\$17.00/hr



APPLICATION RESUMES WILL BE ACCEPTED
UNTIL A SUITABLE CANDIDATE IS FOUND.

*For a detailed job description please
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