

LRSD Career Services “NEWSLettie” September 2025

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What's happening in Career Services this fall?

Fall Career Events - this list is posted on all LRSD high school websites under the Career Services tab and includes a wide range of Post-secondary Open House dates, School based Education fairs and two upcoming field trips to SAIT Open house (Friday October 17) and the University of Calgary Medical School (Wednesday October 22). Seats are very limited for both trips, so please connect with Lettie as soon as possible to express your interest in either of these outings. More information and registration forms will be available at the end of September.

How was your summer?

This seems to be the main question we are all asking each other at this time of year! I asked some of our returning students to share their answers to the “how was your summer?” question. Let me know if you have also had a cool experience recently that has helped to shape your future career and life goals!

Joseph Boot (FPW grade 12 student): “My summer overall was absolutely amazing. I was able to accomplish a lot and make a lot of good connections (with the HYRS paid internship at University of Lethbridge). From my summer position, I have been able to code many systems to enhance data collection of emerging technologies, despite having no prior background in computer science. Overall, HYRS is a truly enriching program that allowed me to explore the realities of being part of a scientific team, preparing me not only as a student, but as a future researcher”.

NOTE: Applications for grade 11 students interested in HYRS must be submitted before the middle of March.

Eve Winter (CCHS grade 12 student): “The summer (as a Junior Forest Ranger in Lac la Biche, Alberta) was amazing and I learned so much, met great people and I definitely want to do wildfire when I'm older. It was a great opportunity to explore career options and to have a great time”.

NOTE: Applications for this incredible summer job will open on February 1, 2026

Avery Rippin (FPW grade 12 student): “I had an amazing experience with the Global Summers Academy in Costa Rica! I got the chance to see a lot of incredible wildlife, visit some really cool places, and take part in fun activities. Along with that, I took an English course, which was both helpful and enjoyable. I made so many great memories and even more new friends. It was definitely an experience I'll never forget.”

NOTE: Fall information sessions will be posted soon on the Global Summers website to learn about July and August 2026 high school courses completed outside of Canada, following the Ontario education curriculum.

Grace Gillespie (LIV grade 11 student): “The experience I had with the EXPLORE program in Moncton, New Brunswick, this summer was worth any worry or struggle! I recommend this to any teen looking to travel or experience an immersive french program. I gained friendships, insight into how other cultures work, and how to leave the bubble of a small town. Moncton is a beautiful place but still similar to Alberta, which helps to not feel homesick!”

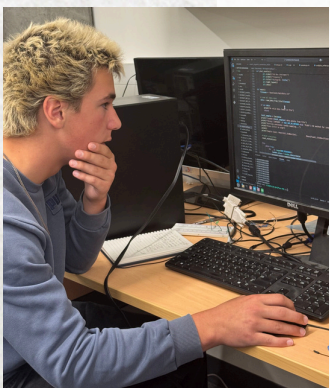
NOTE: Applications for summer 2026 programming will open in early 2026.



Eve with Junior Forest Rangers



Beautiful Coco beach in Costa Rica



Joseph Boot at work in the Astrophysics lab at U of L



Grace Gillespie with new friends and classmates in Moncton, NB.



Students after a surfing lesson in Costa Rica (Avery Rippin also completed ELA 30-1!)

Dual Credit Course Updates

LRSD has agreements with both Lethbridge Polytechnic and Olds College for students to gain both high school AND post-secondary course credits while they complete a course through one of these fine institutions! Applications for Olds College semester 1 and 2 are open, while applications for Lethbridge Polytechnic are available for Semester 2 only.

Scholarship Updates

Would you like to sign up for an online or in person session about financing post-secondary? Send Lettie a quick text (403-915-0781) or email (croskeryl@lrzd.ab.ca) and we will find a time/place to make that happen! (the session we had planned for June 2025 was cancelled due to low registration).

All students: Check out your school website's Career Services pages for lists of scholarships as well as information about RESPs, Alberta/Canada Student grants and loans.

Grade 9 and 10 students: Review some of the criteria for scholarships you see on our school websites and learn about the many things you could do NOW to increase your chances of gaining scholarships when you hit grade 12! Check out this one you can apply for in the fall of grade 11 (based on family income).

Horatio Alger Undergraduate Scholarship (\$10,000).

Grade 11 students: Even if you aren't sure you would like to attend U of L after grade 12, take 2 minutes and complete this very simple application form. If/when you arrive on campus at University of Lethbridge, you will be so grateful to have extra tuition money!

University of Lethbridge (\$800) Award of Merit (Deadline to apply: JUNE 30th of grade 11 year)

Grade 12 students: It's a great time to check application deadlines for the HUGE number of scholarships available for you! Check your school website or book an appointment with Lettie to review your options.

Cultiv8 (Agricultural summit for youth, through Inside Education) is happening November 6-9, 2025 in Edmonton.

Congratulations to our CCHS team of 4 students who have been successful in their application to be part of this all expenses paid summit!

Stay tuned for information about next year's summit and how teams from Alberta high schools may submit team applications.

Forum for Young Canadians is now accepting applications for students aged 15 to 18 to experience a week-long event (Feb. 8 -13 or March 8-13 or March 22-27) in Ottawa to learn how decisions are made in Canada!

