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## Looking for some career-focused summer reading/listening?

- An article by Adam Grant titled "[To Be Resilient, Don't be too Virtuous](#)" may provide you with some food-for-thought for graduates and/or yourself.
- A [post-secondary article](#) but stresses importance of career education and workplacement opportunities in improving employment.
- Relevant career-focused articles can be found through online journals, by conducting various internet searches, and through virtual communities such as [www.contactpoint.ca](http://www.contactpoint.ca).

Begin exploring today!

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## The Most Important Course in High School?



### SCWEA - Discussion

Please share your thoughts on padlet or plan to implement from any ve

For your chance to win a Tim Horton's Gift Card... A random draw will be made from all who contribute ideas to the padlet site by Friday, June 30th, 2017.

Please share your thoughts regarding any of the following topics:

- As we wrap up the 2016-2017 school year, what suggestions do you have for next year's areas of focus for the SCWEA Executive?
- Provide a lesson plan suggestion utilizing the Relevance Magazine 2017.
- Share one idea you plan to implement next year that is inspired by this newsletter.

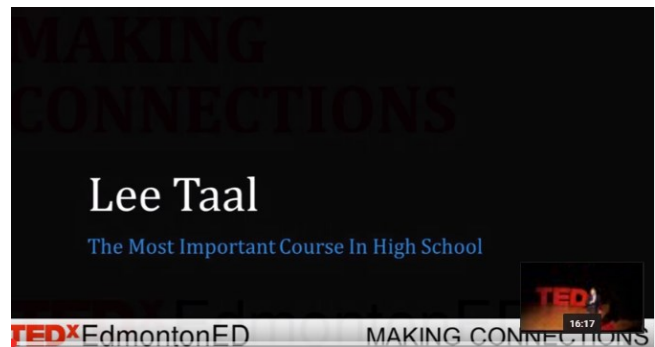
To share your ideas, go to:

<http://padlet.com/lewey1/8lk3p7lxp7xo>

and double click on the screen. Include your name and your ideas. This is an opportunity to share your voice!

Padlet has a multitude of uses. It is an excellent classroom tool for student voice, collaboration, critical thinking, etc.

Any guesses?!?! This [Tedx Talk by Lee Taal](#) pays tribute to the work we do with students in this wonderful world of Career Development. If you have time, it is worth the watch.



As you prepare Career Exploration opportunities for students next year, you may want to consider the "[Canada's Most Informed Student Competition](#)" which is scheduled to run during Canada Career Month (November).

### A Career Education Activity to Encourage Active Exploration

Researching post-secondary and career options can be overwhelming. We want to make the process of exploring easy and enjoyable for both you and your students.



#### Explore

post-secondary and career options, labour market information, and health/financial literacy information.



#### Compete

In our provincial and national competitions to win cash prizes, scholarships and foster school spirit.



#### Enjoy

our daily, 10 minute edu-game, during the school year as an assignment, or as an activity in homeroom, TAG, or advisory period.

In 2016, 18,500+ students and 1,196 teachers from 842 schools across Canada have explored over 1.5 million times!



## Congratulations to our 2016-2017 SCWEA Student Award Recipients!



SCWEA recently held a student contest in which SCWEA members could nominate a Career and Work Exploration student for an award based on stated criteria. The winners were determined by a random draw with a certificate and \$200 cash prize being awarded to one southern and one northern area recipient.

### Congratulations to:

**Jocelyn Tessier** of Albert & Peacock Collegiate nominated by SCWEA Member Kerri Binetruy  
**Jett Pyakutch** of Cando Community School nominated by SCWEA Member Amanda Ross

The winners were required to submit a 100-200 word paragraph describing how Career and Work Exploration has benefitted them. Visit our [SCWEA website](http://www.scwea.com) to view their submissions.

SCWEA Student Awards are yet another initiative brought to you by your friendly SCWEA Executive!



There are many useful resources listed on our SCWEA website under:  
**Online Resources and E-NEWS**

Visit us at:  
[www.scwea.com](http://www.scwea.com)



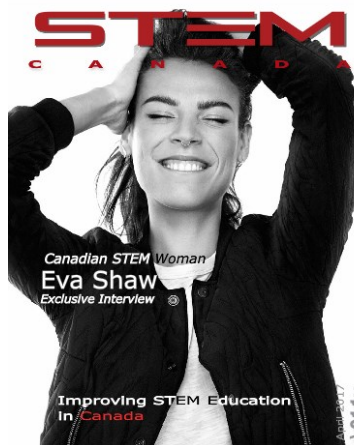
## Classroom Tools/Ideas

The [Learning Partnership Website](http://www.learningpartnership.ca) has many resources for career-related programs. The [Virtual Reality Workplace Tours](http://www.vrworkplace.com) along with the many other learnings are worth exploring.

Character Day falls on September 13, 2017. If you are looking to incorporate Character Development into your Career Education 6-9

courses, you may want to investigate the amazing resources available at the [Let it Ripple](http://www.letitripple.com) website. A free Character [Every Day Mobile App](http://www.everydaymobileapp.com) is available for download.

Read this article to learn about [Using Skype to Inspire Career Choices](http://www.skype.com/inspire).



The FREE online STEM CANADA magazine is a fantastic resource for Career Counsellors and Career Education Teachers.

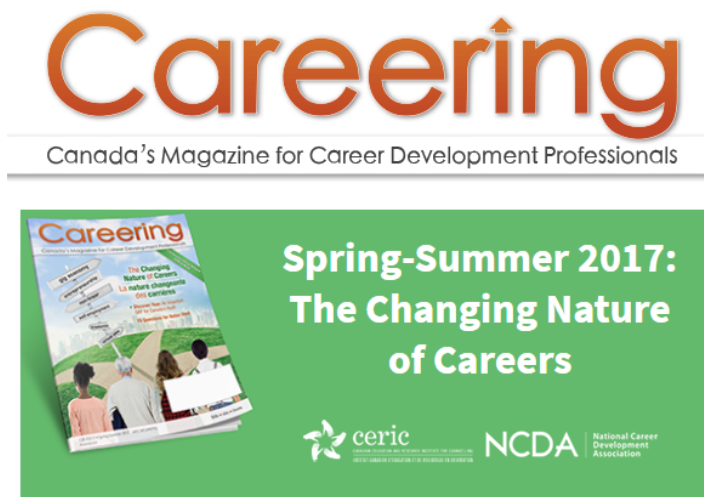
This magazine highlights the importance of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math).

The most recent edition includes an interview with music artist Eva Shaw.

## Careering: Canada's Magazine for Career Development Professionals

The Spring-Summer  
2017 edition  
is now  
available online.

Did I mention it's  
**FREE!?!?**



- The Relevance Magazine continues to be an amazing Career Education and CWEX classroom resource. It can now be accessed through the [Sask Careers Web System](#). Back issues are available for free download.
- The resource is extremely classroom friendly and features profiles of numerous Saskatchewan role models. The Job Chart alone is a valuable resource for students and their parents.

## Sun West Youth Consultation Students Met with Board of Education

This year's Sun West Student Youth Consultation Team conducted focus group interviews with their peers (Grade 6 to 12) from across our school division in efforts to learn more about 3 areas of "Student Life" that matter to them: Stress Management, Health and Fitness, and Preparing for the Future.



In relation to the Preparing for the Future findings, it was discovered students experience optimism AND anxiety in preparing for their futures. They recognize a number of career-related courses and division supports which help them with the life career planning process such as Middle Level Career Education classes, CWEX classes, DLC off-site work-based courses, personal finance locally developed elective, life transitions classes, access to Career Counsellors, Career Development portfolio development, etc.

However, they proposed to our Sun West Board of Education that, based on findings, they recommend further development of life/career and personal finance courses to help better prepare students for the future. While existing supports work and should continue, they suggested it would be an amazing idea to create a Career Development/Financial Literacy/Life Transitions skills-based course and to have it become a required credit class (or classes) towards high school graduation both within our School Division AND Province to help ALL students prepare for their future.

## Financing Your Education

### Student Loans and Scholarships



- Furthering one's education is a worthwhile undertaking and planning to finance one's education can take some thought. There are ways students can offset educational costs through scholarships, bursaries, and loans.
- The 2017-2018 [Student Loan](#) information is now available online.
- Scholarship information can be found in many places including local schools, college/university sites, and online. These websites are great starting points for customized scholarship searches:  
<http://www.scholarshipscanada.com/> &  
<https://yconic.com/>



### DLC Summer School

**Registration Deadline:**

**June 29**

Summer school at Sun West DLC creates a unique opportunity for learners to recover credits or pick up additional credits in a concentrated period of time.

Only a select number of courses are available for summer session; refer to <https://www.sunwestdlc.ca/pages/summer-school2.html> for a complete course listing. Fees apply.

During the six weeks from July 4 to August 15, students will be responsible to complete all course work and write the final exam.

Due to the intensity of the program, learners will only be allowed to register in one Summer School course.

To learn more, visit the [Sun West DLC website](#) or call (306) 252-1000.



### Sun West School Division - Distance Learning Centre

Dual Credit courses are recognized by both high school and post-secondary institutions. Although it is offered at the high school level, a dual credit is actually a college or university class. Typically, it is delivered by a post-secondary instructor with additional learning and technical supports offered by the DLC teacher. These courses carry a heavier workload and assessments are held to a higher standard than in a regular high school course.

All dual credit course materials are accessible online. Course layout and structure will vary as each was developed by a different educator and/or stem from different post-secondary institutions.

These courses require a high degree of independent study with occasional group work that will be coordinated by the instructor.

The opportunity for young people to experience the rigor and intensity of a college or university course before immersing themselves in post high-school environments, helps with transitioning. In addition to the newly acquired knowledge, these learning experiences facilitate the development of effective study habits and time management skills that contribute to success in the post-secondary world.

Dual Credits courses offered through the Sun West DLC abide by a unique schedule and have post-secondary tuition fees attached. Visit the [DLC website](#) to learn more about enrolment, pricing, and course schedules.

## Contact Conference 2017

Kudos to the Saskatoon Industry Education Council for hosting another successful **Contact Conference** on April 25th and 26th, 2017 in Saskatoon. This year's theme focused on "Transitions". Both days were jam-packed with opportunities for participants to attend keynotes, breakout sessions, and network on a wide variety of career focused topics.

Career Development Guru, Dr. Kris Magnusson, opened the conference with an engaging keynote titled "A Profession in Transition: Career Development in Times of Great Change". His message focused on 5 key transitions within our world of career development including:

- Trend 1: Shift from Static to Dynamic Systems
- Trend 2: Moving from Simple to Complex
- Trend 3: Transition from Linear to Cyclical Planning
- Trend 4: Moving From Choice to Confidence
- Trend 5: Thinking From Head to Listening to the Heart

The event was filled with amazing learning opportunities.—far too many to share! However, you can find a number of the presentation links at [Contact Conference](#) website. Click on "More" and "Presentations".

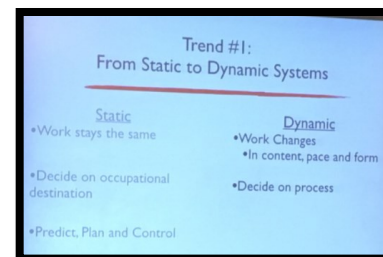
Watch for Contact 2017 details. This is certain to be another positive career-focused professional opportunity for Career Counsellors, Career Education Teachers, etc.

**Follow the Contact Conference at:**

Twitter: @ContactConf

Conference Hashtag: #contactconf2017

Facebook: Contactconference

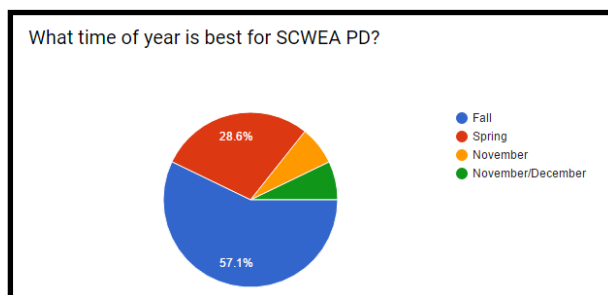


## SCWEA CONFERENCE 2017

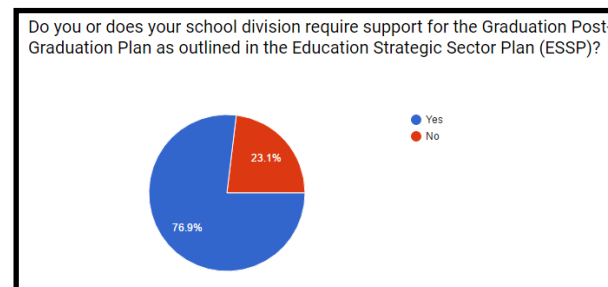
Fall 2017—Dates and Location TBD



The voice of our membership matters! Thanks to your input on our recent SCWEA Membership survey, SCWEA Executive is busy planning a Professional Development Conference in response to your feedback. By request, we are planning a fall conference (likely 1-day) with focus on the ESSP Graduation and Post Graduation Plan.



Executive members are working out the details and are exploring venue possibilities in Saskatoon as a relatively central location. Various dates in October and November are being explored. Please watch your email and [www.scwea.com](http://www.scwea.com) for updates. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please reach out to SCWEA Executive members.



## Student Career News

Student Career News and Post-Secondary Updates graciously shared by Kerri Binetruy of Prairie South School Division

1. University of Regina, University of Saskatchewan and Saskatchewan Polytechnic health and dental plans are automatically applied to student fees in the fall. Students can opt out of them by providing proof that they are covered by an equivalent plan. This can provide a savings of about \$250. To opt out, complete the appropriate form in September.
2. Saskatchewan Polytechnic [Plan Program Play workshop](#) invites students in grades 9 - 12 to explore computer programming and create games. Students will learn about the gaming industry, the job market, and emerging computer interfaces like mobile devices. This workshop will run from July 19-21 in Moose Jaw and July 5-7 in Regina. Please register here or call 306.691.8382. For more information, contact [Gavin](#), 306.691.8248.
3. The [saskjobs.ca](#) website is a great resource for students seeking summer employment. It lists new jobs on a daily basis and provides information on building resumes and preparing for interviews.
4. The [Caring Careers](#) website has everything you'll want to know about starting a career in the disability sector. It has the latest job postings, as well as tools, resources, and videos.

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## Post-Secondary Updates

### UNIVERSITY OF REGINA:

Students attending in the fall are invited to join in the [U of R Orientation activities](#) on September 5. This is guaranteed to be a fun day filled with helpful sessions, food and prizes. This is the best way to begin your post-secondary adventure as it provides opportunities to mix and mingle with students and professors. Student who register before June 30 will be entered into a draw to win an iPad mini!

The [Summer Bridge Program](#) will give new students a chance to experience the University of Regina campus before the fall semester starts, and will give them an opportunity to develop their academic skills before taking on a full-load of classes. The program incorporates academics, university preparation, and social activities to prepare students to be successful at the University of Regina. The program runs from August 8-29. Students will complete their English 100 course for credit. Cost is \$750 for those students living in residence in the fall and \$800 for those attending but not staying in residence. Book cost ranges from \$75-125 (extra).

### SASKATCHEWAN POLYTECHNIC:

Students enrolled in a certificate or diploma program can apply for [scholarships](#) starting August 1. The application deadline for these scholarships is September 15.

[Easy Start Transition Workshop for Students Who Require Accessibility Services](#) will be taking place in Regina and Saskatoon on June 6, Moose Jaw on June 7, and Prince Albert on June 8<sup>th</sup>. This workshop will provide students living with a disability information on academic accommodations, documentation requirements, financial assistance and assistive technology. This summer, Sask Polytechnic is offering a variety of [Summer Camps](#) throughout their campuses. Students are encouraged to check out the page and register for these hands on learning experiences!

### UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN:

[Orientation](#) for new students will be held on Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. Students attending the U of S this fall won't want to miss this interactive and fun event. It is the best way to ensure your life as a university student begins on the right track. Registration for orientation will open in August.

The [New To USASK](#) provides newly admitted students invaluable information on how to register for classes, pay tuition, buy textbooks, access the learning centres, etc.

### GREAT PLAINS COLLEGE:

The deadline for the [Grade 11 Early Entrance Award](#) is June 30. Grade 11 students who apply may receive an additional Early Entrance Award of \$1,000 (must apply before June 30 and have a 70% or higher academic average).

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