

## Vernon Students' Association - Okanagan College (VSAOC)

As a student, it is important to understand the benefits you receive from an automatic membership in the Vernon Students' Association - Okanagan College (VSAOC). When you pay for a class at Okanagan College - Vernon campus, you automatically gain membership in the VSAOC. As a member, you are able to access the following services, and receive a number of important benefits:

***Student Advocacy:*** The VSAOC advocates on behalf of students attending Okanagan College - Vernon campus to ensure that student voices and concerns are heard and addressed by Okanagan College.

***Used Textbook Store:*** The VSAOC Used Textbook Store has been created to help you find the best possible prices for textbooks. Textbooks are expensive and students benefit from the reduced price of used textbooks, while also benefitting by being able to sell used textbooks on a consignment basis, to realize an even greater cost saving. As a result of COVID-19 our physical store is closed. Please check our website and our VSAOC smartphone app for updates and access links to the online store. The online store will be available beginning September 1, 2020.

### ***Student Extended Health & Dental Plan:***

Students are able to access all of their extended health and dental benefits electronically (online waivers, online access, online registration for benefits card, electronic claims process) through a dedicated website: <https://www.mystudentplan.ca/okanagan/en/home>

Please contact Eric Reist with any questions [ereist@okanagan.bc.ca](mailto:ereist@okanagan.bc.ca) or 250-306-2891.

### ***Student Food Bank:***

We believe that food is vital to the health of individuals and communities, and that access to good, culturally acceptable, healthy food is a basic human right. So, we operate a student food bank which can be accessed by any student. As a result of COVID-19, the physical food bank is closed, but we can arrange for curbside pickup at the

campus. Please contact Eric Reist for access: [ereist@okanagan.bc.ca](mailto:ereist@okanagan.bc.ca) or 250-306-2891.

***The Good Food Box Program:*** The VSAOC also supports students by providing this program to students who require some help on a monthly basis. More information about the Good Food Box Program can be found at: <http://www.goodfoodbox.net>

Students are able to sign up for a complimentary box of fresh fruit and vegetables that is delivered to the campus once each month. With COVID-19, we will arrange for curb side pickup at the campus. Contact Eric Reist: [ereist@okanagan.bc.ca](mailto:ereist@okanagan.bc.ca) or 250-306-2891.

We encourage students to have a voice and join our amazing team of student leaders. If you are interested in joining the team, please reach out to Eric Reist early in September for details on how to join (this is an amazing experience and Eric writes compelling reference letters for student council members).

Please download our smartphone app (VSAOC) to stay connected with all that is happening for students on the Vernon Campus. Join our Facebook page as well. Check out all of the services we provide on our website: [vsaoc.ca](http://vsaoc.ca)