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ABOUT THIS NEWSLETTER

OPPI Student Members will receive periodic eblasts highlighting student activities taking place across Ontario's six accredited planning programs. You are receiving this because you are a Student Member and there is information OPPI's Student Liaison Committee (SLC) would like to share with you. If you have any questions about this eblast, please contact OPPI at communications@ontarioplanners.ca.

OPPI Student Delegate Message



Hi Student Members! I hope everyone had a great holiday and is refreshed for the new semester. As we are coming to the end of a great school year, I encourage all students to get engaged and connected to all opportunities that OPPI can offer. Being a student member means you are able to get student pricing for events and the ability to apply for OPPI Student Scholarships. OPPI holds various events throughout the year that are appealing to all interests and are great ways to get acquainted with other members, as well as award scholarships to students for their excellence and

contributions to the planning community. Best to luck to everyone on their new semester! [Learn more about Catherine.](#)

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2020 Rural Symposium



The School of Environmental Design and Rural Development (SEDRD) in partnership with the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) is hosting the 2020 Rural Symposium.

The symposium is a one-day knowledge exchange event that allows for University of Guelph students to share their research with rural organizations, to connect with like-minded researchers, as well as to refine their presentation skills. Even if you are not conducting rural research work, this is still an amazing opportunity that welcomes all students to attend, learn and build meaningful networks. The Rural Symposium has three main goals it aims to achieve:

1. To raise awareness to unique challenges that rural communities face;
2. To showcase the fantastic research work that is currently being conducted to address these issues and;
3. To bridge the connection between graduate students with policy analysts, policy makers, and program staff from OMAFRA.

Although attendance is free for this event, registration is requested to facilitate planning for the workshop. The agenda for the day will be posted online in mid-February.

The 2020 Rural Symposium takes place February 5, 2020 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the Conference Centre at 1 Stone Road in Guelph. If you are interested in attending, please find [registration and program details online](#). For further questions or concerns, please contact [Ryan Gibson](#).

OPPI Second Outreach Event



The OPPI Outreach Committee hosted their second outreach event on Monday January 13, 2020. A diverse panel of private sector and public sector planners was assembled for a Q&A session with University of Guelph Rural Planning and Development students.

The goal of the visit was to allow for students to gain more insight into the day-to-day responsibilities of an industry professional, as well as to provide tips and advice to better

prepare for the journey toward meaningful employment. A representative from Professional Standards Board (PSB) also attended and had an opportunity to provide a short presentation with regards to the Registered Professional Planners (RPP) certification process. Speakers at the panel included:

- Dan Namisniak, CPT - Planner/Secretary Treasurer, Committee of Adjustment, County

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- Dave Aston, MCIP, RPP - Vice President and Partner, MHBC Planning.
- John Ariens, MCIP, RPP - Associate Director of Planning, IBI Group.
- Laura Simpson, MCIP, RPP - County of Huron.
- Shannon VanDalen, MCIP, RPP - Manager of Planning, Haldimand County.

For more information on the visit, please contact [Patrick Fung](#).

The 5th Annual Rural Romp (March 6)



The School of Environmental Design and Rural Development (SEDRD) welcomes you to participate in the 5th Annual Rural Romp! As a nod to the City of Guelph and Wellington County being awarded the **Smart Cities Challenge Prize**, the theme of this year's Rural Romp is **Smart Cities: The Circular Food Economy**.

This social event is open to everyone! The Rural Romp is also a fantastic opportunity for students outside of Guelph to take a small break from class and to visit the city! Immerse yourselves in the uniqueness of rural planning challenges, and network with other aspiring and passionate planners in the making. Please dress for the weather!

When: Friday March 6th, 2020 (Tentatively 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

Where: University of Guelph, Landscape Architecture Building, 124 Reynolds Walk

Potential Activities: Guest Speaker Session, Potential Bus Tours, and Pub Social at the Albion.

Schedule: TBD (Stay tuned for updates!)

This event is free but **registration** is required for planning purposes. For further questions or concerns please contact [Patrick Fung](#).

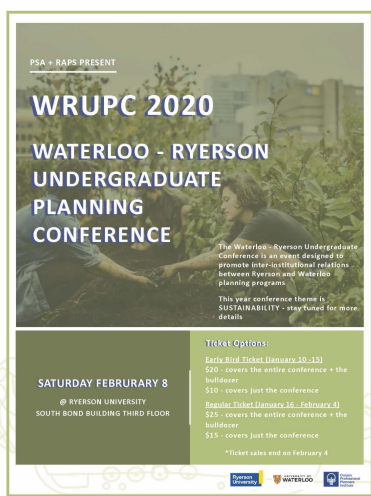
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 Ryerson University

Waterloo-Ryerson Conference (February 8)

The Waterloo-Ryerson Conference is an annual tradition that focuses on bridging the gap between the only two accredited undergraduate urban planning programs in Ontario. It is a day filled with a keynote speaker, networking activities and a case competition.

This year on February 8th, the Ryerson Association of Planning Students is hosting with the theme of Sustainability.



This is a wonderful opportunity to sponsor and to reach both schools in one setting. Please email niko.wong@ryerson.ca if you have any interest in learning more about the event!

City Building Expo (March 14)



Mark your calendars! The City Building Expo is back again on March 14th 2020 at the Daniels Building. This is a collaboration between various groups related to city building from the University of Toronto and Ryerson University with the Architecture and Visual Studies Students Union (AVSSU), and Ryerson Association of Planning Students (RAPS) taking the lead. The day consists of a keynote speaker, two panels, an activity, a

light breakfast and lunch.

This event will be open to professionals, post-secondary students and high school students to learn more about how cities are built, network with each other and apply their newly found knowledge. To make this event a success, sponsors and speakers will be needed and acknowledged - if interested in becoming a part of this event, please email niko.wong@ryerson.ca.

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Apply for One of OPPI's 2020 Student Scholarships

Attention OPPI Student Members! OPPI is accepting 2020 Student Scholarship applications, and if you attend one of Ontario's accredited planning schools we'd like to help you on your journey to becoming a Registered Professional Planner! **The deadline for scholarship applications is March 1!**

Three scholarships are available in 2020:

- Ronald M. Keeble Undergraduate Scholarship (\$2,000)
- Gerald Carrothers Graduate Scholarship (\$2,500)
- T.P. Jason Ferrigan 2020 President's Scholarship (\$3,000)

[Apply Today](#)



Put Your Name Forward To Become OPPI's Next Student Delegate!

Are you an aspiring student leader? OPPI Student Members can apply to become our 2020-2021 Student Delegate and lead the Student Liaison Committee and a great program of student activities throughout the school year. Network with planning students across Ontario and help OPPI reach students so they know more about student membership, student programs and events happening regularly.

Student Delegate nominations close March 1. Don't delay, apply today! Please visit OPPI's website for more information and to put your name forward.

[Apply Today](#)

OPPI's 2020 Student Case Competition



OPPI's 2020 Student Case Competition is coming up in March. If you are interested in participating this year, please contact your [Student Liaison Committee \(SLC\) rep](#) for more information.

Upcoming OPPI Events

Throughout the year OPPI and its Districts hold a number of events for members on a variety of topics.



Some of the events coming up that Student Members may be interested in include:

- Northern District MPAC & Planning (January 30)
- Southwest District 18th Annual Curling Bonspiel (January 31)
- Energy Conscious Community: An Energy Planning Course for Planning Professionals (February 20-21)
- Oak Ridges District Annual Ski & Snowshoe Day (February 28)
- 2020 Farmland Forum (March 26)
- ...and much more!

Visit OPPI's website and check out the events happening in your area. Sign up and take advantage of the opportunity to talk to members and get involved in your local District. Visit our Events webpage regularly as new events are posted all the time.

[Visit OPPI's Events Webpage](#)

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Student Liaison Committee



The Student Liaison Committee (SLC) is made up of OPPI Student Members from each of Ontario's accredited planning programs. This leadership network links planning students to OPPI and represents the interests of planning students across Ontario. Committee members are given exciting opportunities to become involved in OPPI initiatives.

The SLC meets throughout the school year and promotes the value of OPPI student membership. SLC members may be contacted about a wide-range of OPPI activities, as well as school planning societies and associations.

[Meet Your Student Liaison Committee](#)

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