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Student Experience – Engaging Students at U of T



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A Wealth of Opportunity

- Orientation & Transition
- Partnerships
- First-Year Experience Programs
- Peer Mentorship
- First Nations: Initiatives
- International Experiences
- Arts and Culture



Orientation & Transition:

Helping to Find and Make Community



- an integrated information and registration service drawing together 19 processes into one online location
- 70% of first year UTM students engaged with **utmONE** prior to arriving for classes in 2010



Orientation & Transition

Helping to Find and Make Community



- **JOLT** trains approximately 900 divisional Orientation Leaders on topics such as Equity & Inclusivity, Safety, Sexual Assault and Alcohol
- Following training by JOLT leaders, 76% of 1st year students report they are better able to deal with differences among peers



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Partnerships: Serve. Think. Learn.



ALTERNATIVE READING WEEK
DAYS OF SERVICE

GROWING COMMUNITY

The *Centre for Community Partnerships* maintains more than **125 community partnerships**, including those involved in the *Alternative Reading Week*



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Partnerships

Learning from Community

- Over 200 UTM students receive official recognition for more than 40 hours of volunteer service in community agencies



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Partnerships:

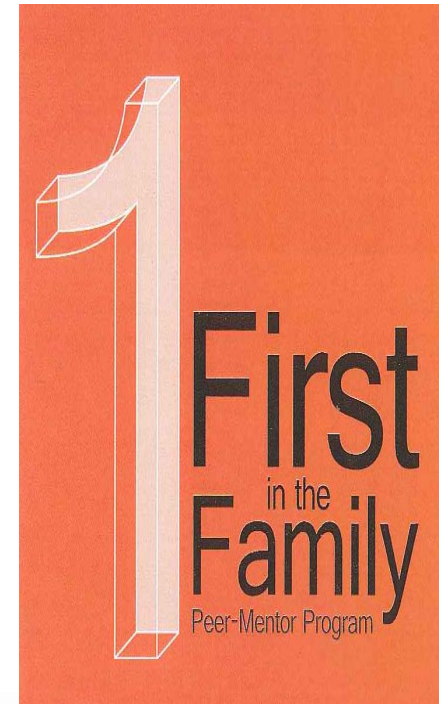
Learners and Leaders

- UTSC students help more than 150 youth on a weekly basis through the ***Imani Mentorship Program*** an initiative that brings together alumni, students and the community



First-Year Experience Programs: *First Generation Programming*

- This brand-new mentoring program connects first-year students who are the first in the families to pursue post-secondary education to a small learning community led by an upper-year mentor.



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First-Year Experience Programs

- UTM's rezONE students participate in peer-facilitated programming, enjoy higher GPAs, achieve more credits and complete degrees faster than non-program students



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First Nations: *Student Engagement*

Aboriginal Student Mentorship/Tutoring Program enables 6 U of T aboriginal students to mentor 20 First Nations students at a TDSB elementary school

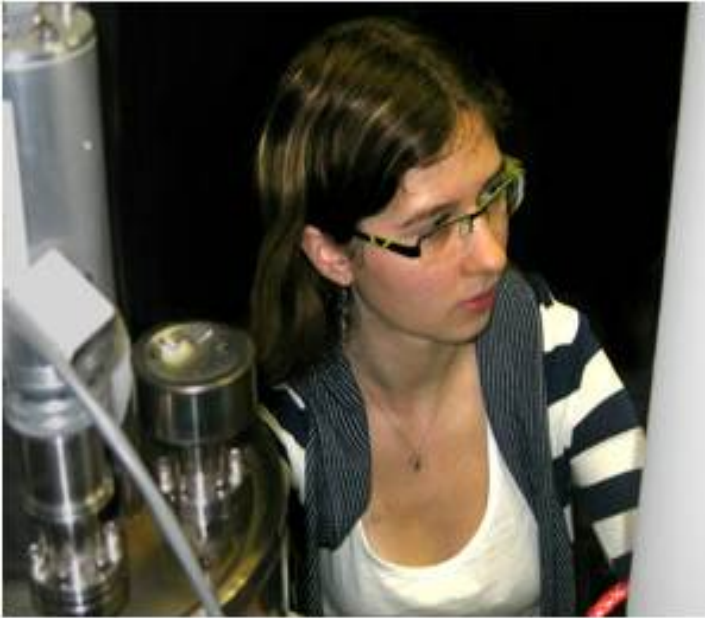


Wa'awaachte Northern Lights Initiative (WNLII) challenges 50 students to better understand First Nations cultures and teachings through first-hand experiences in teaching circles, fall ceremonies, and festivals



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International Experiences: *Summer Research Abroad Program*



- A tri-campus initiative, the Summer Research Abroad Program is one of the fastest growing CIE programs
- U of T students are funded to participate in research opportunities internationally. In 2010, 31 students participated in locations as diverse as Strathclyde University (Scotland) and the National University of Singapore



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International Experiences

Embedded Advisor Initiative



- Since November 2010, trained international student advisors are located within St. Michael's College and Rotman Commerce, so students can get local assistance
- Approximately 50 students have participated and more have expressed interest.



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Arts & Culture:

Student Creativity



- 13 U of T students were honoured for their participation in arts activities with **Student Engagement in the Arts Awards**

•**Speaker in the Arts Series** is a three-year pilot project that engages renowned artists with U of T student-artists and the wider arts community.

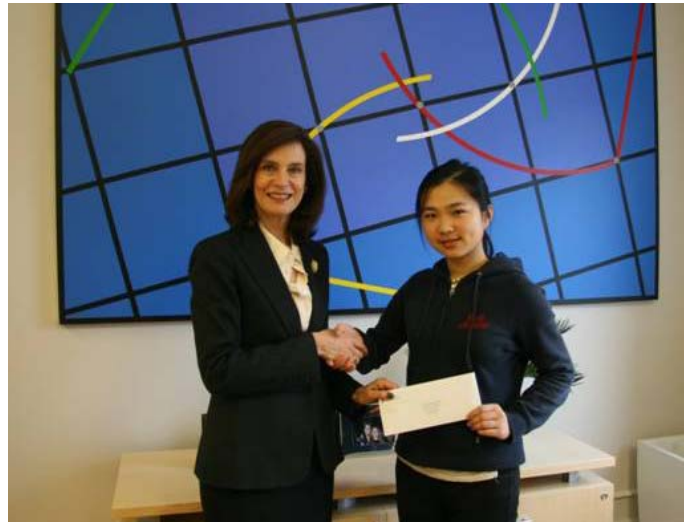


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Student Stories

- Students were encouraged to share their “U of T story” in the first video competition sponsored by the Office of the Vice-Provost, Students.



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