

# WELCOME TO OCTOBER AT ACE CAREER COLLEGE!

As autumn paints the world in warm hues and the air turns refreshingly crisp, October gently reminds us to embrace change, reflect on growth, and welcome new beginnings. Whether you are diving into exciting projects, gearing up for exams, or simply soaking in the seasonal charm, this is the perfect time to reset, recharge, and refocus.

In this issue, we are celebrating the incredible impact of educators for World Teachers' Day, sharing one inspiring student story, lighting up the spirit of the Diwali festival, and offering trick-or-treat safety tips to keep Halloween fun and safe. We are also marking Canadian Thanksgiving, a time to reflect gratitude togetherness, and encouraging participation in the upcoming Calgary municipal election. In recognition of World Mental Health Day, we are highlighting the importance of prioritizing wellbeing and supporting one another. Plus, we are excited to feature resources from Enriched Academy, empowering students to build financial literacy and confidence for the future.

So, grab your coziest blanket and favourite warm drink. Let us make this October one to remember. Here's to a month filled with momentum, motivation, and meaningful milestones!

## OCTOBER 2025 NEWSLETTER HIGHLIGHTS

- Welcome to October
- World Teachers' Day
- World Mental Health Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Trick or Treating Safety Tips
- Enriched Academy
- Diwali Festival
- Star Student Spotlight
- Calgary Election

#### **IMPORTANT DATES & REMINDERS**

- October 13 Thanksgiving Day, no class
- November 11 Remembrance Day, no class
- November 20 BAPA/EA/ITT November Intake Orientation
- November 24 BAPA/EA/ITT November Intake Start of Class
- Convocation Application: If you received a Program Completion email, please submit your Convocation 2026 application.
- **Exit Interview:** Graduates, kindly submit your Exit Interview Form to the Admissions Team.
- Stay Informed: Check your school email regularly for updates and announcements.
- **Course Feedback:** After each class, complete the post-course survey to help improve our programs.

# HONOURING EDUCATORS ON WORLD TEACHERS' DAY

At ACE Career College, we believe that instructors are the guiding force behind student success. Their dedication, passion, and unwavering commitment to education inspire us every single day. While we celebrate their impact throughout the year, World Teachers' Day on October 5th offers a special opportunity to recognize and honour their invaluable contributions.

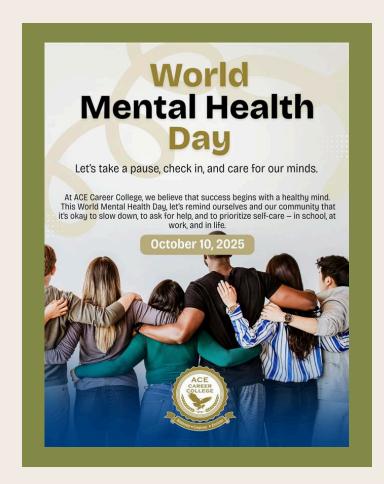


This year, UNESCO's theme: "Recasting teaching as a collaborative profession" shines a spotlight on the power of teamwork in education. It reminds us that when educators support one another, they foster stronger, more inclusive learning environments that benefit everyone.

One of our Program Heads, Mr. William Seto, shared a lighthearted memory that captures the unpredictable joy of teaching: "There's never a dull moment. I remember when I was in grade one in Canada, we had a guest speaker from Poland. She read us a book, gave us candy, showed us pictures, and told us all about Poland. At the end, she asked, 'Who here is from Poland?' – and the whole class raised their hands, including me! She laughed so hard, and we were all just staring at her, wondering what was so funny."

It is moments like these that remind us how teachers bring learning to life - with humour, heart, and humanity. Mr. Seto closed his talk with a quote that resonates deeply with our mission: "A successful teacher is one who leaves this world a little bit better than the way he found it."

To all our incredible instructors: thank you for your tireless efforts in guiding, motivating, and empowering our students. You make ACE Career College a place of growth, excellence, and endless possibility. Happy World Teachers' Day!

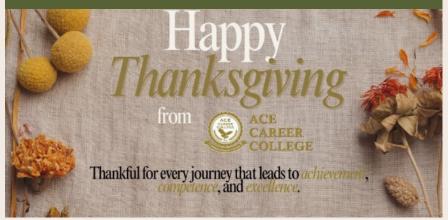


#### **WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY 2025**

Every year, World Mental Health Day reminds us how important it is to talk about and take care of our mental well-being. This year, on October 10, the global theme focuses on "Access to Services – Mental Health in Catastrophes and Emergencies." The message is simple but powerful: during the time of crisis – whether it's a natural disaster, conflict, or public health emergency – mental health support must be part of the response. Access to care can make a huge difference in how individuals and communities recover, heal, and move forward.

In Canada, the importance of mental health continues to be a national priority. The Minister of Health highlighted ongoing efforts to improve access to mental health including initiatives like the Canadian services, **Emergency Response Psychosocial Support Network** (CanEMERG) and expanded youth service hubs across the country. These programs aim to make help available when and where people need it most. As a school community, this day reminds us to look out for one another, to speak openly about mental health, and to ensure that everyone feels supported and heard – not just on October 10, but every day.

### Gratitude and Togetherness: Celebrating Canadian Thanksgiving





Every October, Canadians come together to celebrate Thanksgiving on the second Monday of the month—a tradition rooted in harvest festivals and the spirit of gratitude. It is a time to pause, reflect, and appreciate the blessings in our lives, whether it is the warmth of family, the support of friends, or the opportunities that help us grow.

At ACE Career College, we believe in the power of community and the importance of giving thanks. This season reminds us to celebrate not only milestones but also the everyday moments that shape our journeys. Whether you are sharing a festive meal, enjoying the fall colours, or simply taking time to rest, we hope your Thanksgiving is filled with connection, and meaning.

From all of us at ACE Career College, we wish you a heartwarming and gratitude-filled Thanksgiving!

## **Trick or Treating Safety Tips**

Halloween is just around the corner, and neighbourhoods are starting to fill with kids in costumes, glowing pumpkins, and spooky decorations. It's a night full of excitement, but it can also bring unexpected risks if we're not careful. Crowded streets, dark sidewalks, and energetic children mean that a little planning can go a long way toward keeping everyone safe.

## To make sure trick-or-treating is fun for everyone, here are some simple safety tips:

- Be Visible: Wear bright colours or add reflective tape to costumes.
- Walk Safely: Use sidewalks and crosswalks don't run between cars.
- Check Your Treats: After a night of colleting, check or have a grown-up check – your candy before digging in. If anything looks open, strange, or unwrapped, toss it out!
- Costume Safety: Make sure masks don't block vision and shoes fit comfortably.
- Drive Carefully: Watch for trick-or-treaters if you're on the road.
- Stay Together: Go with family or friends never trick-or-treat alone.

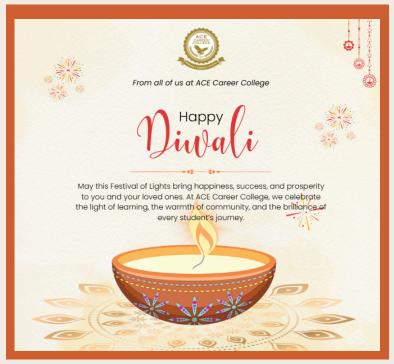
## HAPPY HALLOWEEN



# Enriched Academy: Building Financial Confidence One Lesson at a Time

As part of this year's Financial Literacy Month, students are encouraged to take advantage of the Enriched Academy program — an interactive learning platform designed to strengthen financial knowledge and build healthy money habits. Through engaging lessons and real-world applications, the course helps students understand budgeting, student loans, and smart spending choices that lead to long-term financial well-being.

For our ACE students, Enriched Academy is hosting the "Cash In for Completion" contest, open to all students who can finish their course by November 30, 2025. Participants will automatically be entered for a chance to win a \$100 Visa Gift Card, with bonus entries available for those who share a testimonial. It's a great way to turn financial learning into both knowledge and reward—helping students take charge of their financial futures with confidence.





# Celebrating Diwali 2025: A Festival of Light and Unity

As the days grow shorter and the nights begin to glow with festive warmth, communities across Canada prepare to celebrate Diwali, the Festival of Lights. It symbolizes the triumph of light over darkness, good over evil, and knowledge over ignorance.

From coast to coast, Canadians mark the occasion by lighting diyas (oil lamps), sharing sweets, exchanging gifts, and attending vibrant cultural events. Whether you are a newcomer, a long-time resident, or celebrating Diwali for the first time, this festival offers a beautiful glimpse into the multicultural spirit that defines Canada.

Diwali is more than just a celebration. It is a time for renewal, reflection, and connection. Families clean and decorate their homes, wear new clothes, and enjoy traditional meals together. Each of the five days of Diwali carries its own significance, from honouring prosperity to strengthening family bonds.

With over 2.6 million Canadians identifying as South Asian (2021 Census), Diwali has become a widely recognized celebration of cultural diversity. Today, people of all backgrounds join in the festivities, attending public events, enjoying fireworks, and learning about the rich traditions behind the holiday.

As Diwali 2025 approaches, communities across Canada are preparing for another season of joy, light, and unity. Whether you are attending a local festival, hosting a gathering, or simply lighting a diya at home, Diwali is a time to celebrate hope, harmony, and new beginnings. From all of us at ACE Career College, we wish everyone celebrating a joyful, peaceful, and radiant Diwali!

## **Empowering Change Through Civic Engagement**

At ACE Career College, education goes beyond the classroom. It is about preparing students to become active, informed, and engaged members of their communities. Civic engagement is a vital part of our mission, encouraging our instructors, staff and students to participate in the democratic process, volunteer, advocate, and contribute to the public good.

Whether it is voting, supporting local initiatives, or simply staying informed, every action matters. Your involvement helps build stronger communities and creates a ripple effect of positive change.

Together, we can make a meaningful difference. Let us continue to inspire leadership, responsibility, and a shared commitment to shaping a better future, for ourselves and for generations to come.

#### FIFCTION DAY IN CAIGARY



THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION IS ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2025.

AS CALGARY PREPARES TO VOTE, ACE CAREER COLLEGE ENCOURAGES EVERYONE TO TAKE PART IN SHAPING THE FUTURE OF OUR COMMUNITY.

EMPOWER YOURSELF THROUGH KNOWLEDGE, PARTICIPATION, AND CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY — VALUES THAT REFLECT THE SPIRIT OF EDUCATION AND ENGAGED CITIZENSHIP.

ACE CAREER COLLEGE STANDS FOR ACHIEVEMENT. COMPETENCE. AND EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AND IN CITIZENSHIP.





At ACE Career College, we celebrate the stories of students who embody perseverance, passion, and purpose. One such inspiring graduate is Kristine Dela Cruz, a devoted wife and mother of three from Neepawa, MB who recently completed the Business Accounting and Payroll Administration program with distinction.

Kristine's journey is a testament to the power of determination. While pursuing her studies, she also volunteered in palliative care, ran a home-based baking and cooking business, and supported her husband, who has been the sole breadwinner for their family. "Balancing family life, a small business, volunteering, and school has been both a challenge and a blessing," she shares. "I'm grateful for the encouragement and support I received throughout this journey."

Initially hesitant to enrol, Kristine found clarity and confidence after speaking with ACE's Ms. Myla Ignacio. "She patiently answered my questions and guided me through the process," Kristine recalls. "That conversation made me feel welcomed and motivated." Her decision to pursue the program was driven by a desire to build a career that could support her family and provide a foundation for future business ventures.

One of Kristine's most memorable experiences at ACE was learning to balance her many responsibilities. She often managed baking orders while studying for exams and even faced interruptions from her kids during test time. These challenges taught her resilience and discipline. "Finishing the program with distinction showed me that with love for family and determination, anything is possible," she shares.

Through the program, Kristine gained not only technical expertise in accounting and payroll but also a renewed sense of confidence. "It proved to me that I can handle challenges and still achieve my goals," she says. With her sights set on working in an accounting or payroll firm-or expanding her small business-Kristine is ready to apply her skills and continue growing professionally.



"Don't hesitate to take the step! At ACE, you'll find a community that understands your journey and supports you all the way. If I was able to complete the program with distinction while raising three kids, managing family life, and running a small business, then you can too!"

Kristine Dela Cruz's story is a shining example of what's possible when passion meets perseverance. We're proud to have been part of her journey -and excited to see where her path













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