

BU gives Galt sports concentration a leg up

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Thanks to a partnership between Bishop's University and Alexander Galt Regional High School, students in the sports concentration program at Galt enjoy access to the John H. Price Sports and Recreation Centre on the BU campus.

Throughout the week, the roughly 200 Galt students enrolled in sports concentrations focusing on hockey, soccer, basketball and badminton hop on a bus and take the three-minute ride to BU and hone their skills in the new state-of-the-art facility.

"This is one of the reasons why we built this place," said Matt Mcbrine, Director of Alumni Relations & Development and Acting Director of Athletics & Recreation at BU, "so that everyone could benefit."

According to Mcbrine, the gymnasiums and fields at the sports centre are occupied most hours of the day. Champlain uses the space for phys-ed courses and all of the campus' sports teams practice frequently, but Mcbrine pointed out that the practices are usually scheduled to accommodate class schedules, so during the day there are plenty of spaces for Galt students.

"It doesn't get better than this," Mcbrine said, pointing to the Galt basketball students running drills in the Denver gymnasium, one of the best courts in the province to play on.

Mcbrine added that as part of the partnership, any Galt students in the sports concentration are given a membership to the sports centre, including the workout room, which they are free to use any time. The only stipulation, according to Mcbrine, is that they wear their Galt gear when they go. They are also invited to attend sporting events held at BU.

Teacher Stephen Walker, who coaches at Galt and teaches in the sports concentration program, explained that Cycle 2 students (levels 3,4,5) have six blocks of 75 minutes spread out over nine days where they practice the sport of their choice. Cycle 1 students (levels 1,2), do 600 minutes per nine-day schedule.

While Galt has a fair sized gym and outdoor fields, Walker said that the nonsports concentration students require them for their physical education classes, which reduces availability.

In the past, the school has used the University of Sherbrooke and other facilities around Sherbrooke. Since Galt and BU are so close and has a history of working well together, Walker said the consensus on both sides was why not develop a closer partnership?

Not many high school students get the opportunity to call the Denver Gymnasium or Coulter field their stomping ground.

Walker added that it's not just the facilities that the students benefit from. On occasion the coaching staff and athletes from Bishop's and Champlain make an appearance to help out and give the Galt students a look at what it takes to compete in a sport at the post-secondary level.

It's also an opportunity for BU and Champlain to get a glimpse at the athletes that could be coming their way one day.

"We have a great set-up," Walker said, referring to the sports centre partnership, but also Galt's concentration program in general, which offers a bilingual learning environment with up to 60 per cent of the curriculum available in French.

"Slowly but surely, the program will continue to grow," Walker said.

Sports is currently the only concentration in a partnership with BU, but ETSB Communications Consultant Sharon Priest told The Record other mentorships or resource sharing (art or science, for example) were not outside the realm of possibility in the future.

Aeronautics training program fostered at both M-V schools

Orientation held at Bromont airport

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Aviation Connection, a non-profit organization offering an aerospace training program (ATP) to high school students designed to introduce them to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics will be setting up shop at Massey-vanier High School in January 2018. The after-school project will serve as a link to the Applied Science Program. It will be able to accommodate 45 secondary 3 students.

According Catherine Tobenas of Aviation Connection, the aeronautical training program is developed around the restoration of a donated aircraft giving the students the unique opportunity to apply theoretical concepts presented in class while participating in the construction of an aircraft.

This project dovetails with the reality presented by GE Aviation Inc. at Bromont that the aerospace industry is in need of employees to take over from the many who have made lifelong careers and are readying to retire. This phenomenon is being experienced across North America with many airlines having to reduce their flight schedules because of the shortage of not just pilots, but maintenance crews, and other support services directly related to the industry.

The ATP is designed for high school students in Secondary 3, 4, and 5 and consists of a theoretical aspect including the use of flight simulators and a practical aspect supported by the restoration of a Piper PA16 donated by Aviation Connection. The bright yellow plane built in 1947 already bears the Massey-vanier

school logo on its fuselage. That the program combines engineering, aeronautics and graphic design while facilitating the comprehension of academic subjects, the Massey-vanier teachers welcome the program wholeheartedly. And though the program has not been officially sanctioned by the ETSB'S governing board, Massey-vanier's Chair Daniel Zigby assures that he has spoken to all members who unofficially endorse the plan enthusiastically.

According to the Principal Julie Edwards of the ETSB side of Massey-vanier High School in Cowansville, the project will be linked to the Applied Science Program. Students will be able to participate in it free of charge and will be able to take the late bus home. "There is a great advantage to have students learn while connecting to real life experience," says Edwards. "The timing is right for this project, especially considering there will be job possibilities for those who want to stay in the region."

Tobenas says that the ATP fulfills an important need for adaptation to new national and international scientific standards. In Quebec, the ATP will have a direct impact on nearly 1,000 students in five secondary schools by 2019. Aviation Connection aims to serve 50,000 students across Canada over the next 10 years. As early as 2019, students enrolled in the ATP will be invited to participate in a virtual aircraft design contest.

The after school program is a project supported in partnership with the Municipality of Cowansville, ETSB, and the Val-des-cerfs School Board as well as Massey-vanier High Schools (French and English) and several other companies and volunteers within the region.

Students who had attended the Eastern Townships Air Show and Aviation Fair were invited to an orientation of the program this past Sunday. More than two dozen showed up voluntarily and it was evident that riding high in the sky was another trigger to inspire them to join the program.

More information about the program will be available at the school's upcoming open house.

Local Sports

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Submitted by Robert Fisk

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ETIAC boys soccer standings 2017

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