

Okanagan College & ASTTBC Enjoy Great Working Relationship!



Okanagan College and ASTTBC meet. Left to Right: Andrew Hay, OC Vice President and Honourary Member of ASTTBC; John Leech, ASTTBC Executive Director; Allan Coyle, OC Director of Public Affairs; Yvonne Moritz, OC Dean of Science, Technology & Health; Grant Lachmuth, Senior Government Advisor Urban Systems Ltd and BC representative on the Technology Accreditation Canada Working Group; Bruce Stevens, ASTTBC Regional Manager and Manager, CSO Registrations; and, Henry Murphy, OC Instructor and ASTTBC Community Representative.

This past Fall ASTTBC representatives and leaders at Okanagan College met to exchange ideas and consider future initiatives to more fully enhance awareness of technology education and careers and, more generally, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math). Okanagan College offers several Technology programs, all of which are nationally accredited and fully supported by ASTTBC.

Okanagan College and ASTTBC signed a Memorandum of Agreement several years ago in which the two organizations committed to working together in areas of common interest. ASTTBC for example, committed funding in support of OCs Spaghetti Bridge Building and Robocup contests. "ASTTBC is really pleased with the leadership provided by Okanagan College in promoting STEM and delivering high quality technology programming," said ASTTBC executive Director, John Leech. "Students in the Okanagan valley and throughout BC have access to technology programming at Okanagan College that leads to rewarding and well paid careers as Technologists and Technicians."

The discussions this Fall between Okanagan College included the possibility of technology programming in K-12 leading to dual credit - the high school Dogwood plus some credit toward a technology program at the College.