Holiday well wishes from the Dean's Office

We want to thank all of you for your contributions and many accomplishments during 2020. It has been a year for the books - with varied levels of disruption and unsettling circumstances - but also one filled with accomplishments, resilience, and fortitude. Faculty and staff have dedicated themselves to sustaining our academic programs and research while supporting our students. As we close out the year, we hope everyone takes a much-needed rest and returns in 2021 relaxed, healthy, and ready to continue the important work of OISE. Thank you!

OISE Reminders

Winter 2021 Courses Reminder

OISE graduate courses will begin the week of January 11th, 2021. Courses in the MT program and placements in the MA (CSE) program are scheduled to begin January 4th.

Holiday Closure
In alignment with the provincial lockdown directives and the university guidelines, the OISE building will be open Monday to Friday, 8am-6pm and 9am-6pm on weekends. The building will be closed overnight and security will clear the building at 10pm every day.

The OISE building will be closed during the University holiday closure from December 23, 2020 to January 3, 2021 inclusive.

OISE @ Home with Pets

Thanks to everyone who has shared photos of special friends of OISE. Animal companions are helping our community as they study and work remotely. Keep sending us photos of your pets, buddies, and furry friends to this email.
OISE Updates

Call for Nominations for the 2020-21 OISE Teaching Excellence Awards!

OISE Teaching Excellence Awards recognize outstanding contributions to teaching and learning, and celebrate the achievements of faculty undertaking innovative activities in teaching.

Nominations are welcome from the OISE community in the following categories:

- David E. Hunt Award for Excellence in Graduate Education
- Excellence in Initial Teacher Education
- Excellence in Educational Leadership
- Distinguished Contributions to Teaching
Visit the Nomination and Selection Process website to download the nomination package.

Nomination deadline is January 29th, 2021

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**U of T's New Mental Health Resource**

U of T has introduced a new online portal that makes finding mental health services and resources easier for students. This portal includes resources available on all three U of T campuses, as well as partner organizations in the community.

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**AODA Compliance**

The EC virtual sessions on accessible websites and digital documents are great resources to learn the principles, concepts, and techniques of web accessibility, and how to comply with the Access for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA). Sessions are offered Wednesdays and Thursdays from 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm.

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**Happy Holidays!**

**Happy Holidays from the OISE Library Team**

The Library will be closed from December 23, 2020 to January 3, 2021, however the Library's online resources will continue to be accessible through the OISE Library website during this period.

Before we sign off for the holidays, the OISE Library Team would like to share some of the books, podcasts, games and shows we’re looking forward to indulging over the winter break. We hope you'll enjoy the 2020 edition of the annual OISE Library Holiday Reads.

Wishing you a restful and peaceful end to the year!

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**Happy Holidays From Education Commons**

As we near the end of this difficult year, Education Commons encourages you to reflect on how much we have all accomplished, despite the adversity. We wish you all a happy holiday, and look forward to seeing you in the new year!
forward to working with you again in the new year.

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