



# WIC

WEST ISLAND COLLEGE

# VIEWBOOK

**BE BOLD. BE BRAVE. BE READY.**

**SOYEZ AUDACIEUX. SOYEZ COURAGEUX. SOYEZ PRÊTS.**

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## OUR VISION

Our students are curious, creative, innovative - able to impact our world.

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## OUR MISSION

Empowering each student to thrive, contribute, and live a healthy, purposeful life.

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## OUR VALUES

Our values guide our genuine relationships with students, parents, alumni, and with each other. We strive to provide a safe and inclusive learning environment that prepares each student to lead a purposeful life, and be active and responsible citizens of the world.

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### EMPATHY

We are curious and possess a desire to know and understand other peoples' needs and feelings.

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### RESPECT

We care about ourselves, others, and the world in which we live.

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### INTEGRITY

We are reliable, trustworthy, and responsible.

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### HONESTY

We are true to ourselves; we are truthful and sincere.

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### COURAGE

We try new things and we step out of our comfort zone; we stand up for what we believe in.



# JUNIOR HIGH PROGRAM OF STUDY **BUILDING A SOLID FOUNDATION**

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**A BRAND NEW BEGINNING,  
THE START OF YOUR JOURNEY AT WIC**





## GRADE 7

Joining the WIC community as a WIC Wolf, you will seek challenge, acceptance, friendship and guidance. You will find your own path, one that suits who you are. You will find a special opportunity in Grade 7 as you begin your Junior High experience in a fun and supportive environment.

## GRADE 8

You will become leaders and role models to the new Grade 7s. Pushing boundaries and taking on new adventures, you will have learned much from the challenges that your first year in Junior High presented. Friendships strengthen as you enter into the world of teenage independence and individuality. We focus on building confidence and resiliency.

## GRADE 9

This is a foundational year for Senior High. It is in Grade 9 that you will establish many of the patterns and habits that will guide you through your educational journey. You will continue to build on your confidence, courage and resiliency through a challenging academic program that ensures you have a strong academic base. We will focus on your ability to be your own unique and authentic self.

Core Program Grades 7 to 9	
English Language Arts	Physical and Health Education
French Language Arts	Mathematics / Mathématiques
French/Spanish	Science / Sciences
Social Studies / Études Sociales	

Complementary Courses		
Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 9
Art	Art	Art
Band	Band	Business and Technology
Drama	Coding	Drama
	Drama	Engineering
	Financial Literacy	Leadership
	Robotics	Multimedia
	Spanish	Senior Band
		Jazz Band
		Sports Academy

### Continuing French Immersion Studies

This curriculum is designed for students who, during their elementary school education, opted for French Immersion studies. In following this curriculum, students have the opportunity to earn a Bilingual High School Diploma upon graduation.

### Second Language Option

Students in this group continue to take all their courses in English but have four periods a week of either French or Spanish language instruction. It is anticipated that they will also complete Grade 12 French or Spanish while in Grade 10.

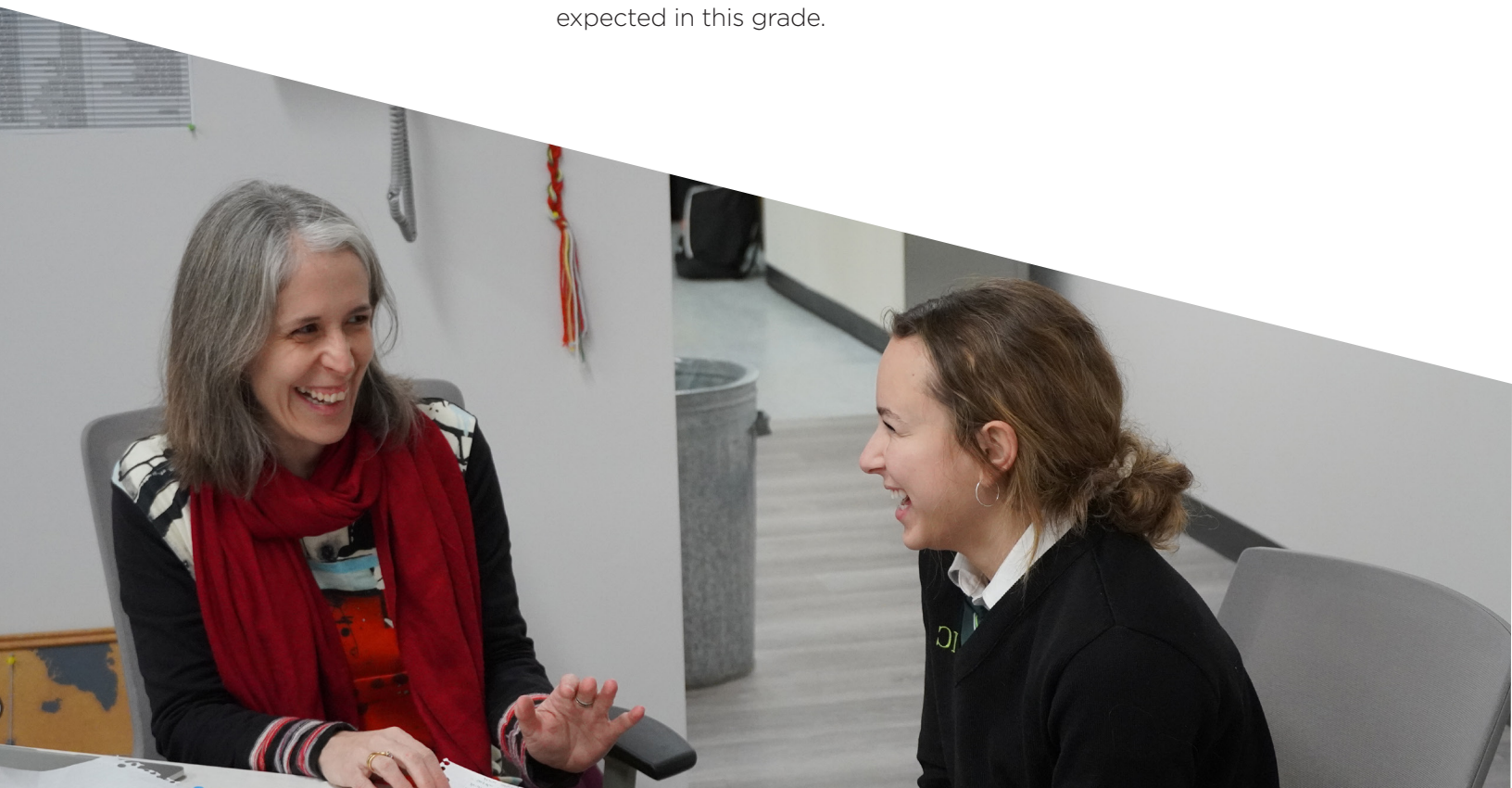
# SENIOR HIGH PROGRAM OF STUDY **A POST-SECONDARY PREPARATORY AND EXPERIENTIAL CURRICULUM**

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**INCREASED INDEPENDENCE, RIGOROUS  
ACADEMICS** AND UNPARALLELED EXPERIENTIAL  
LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

## **GRADE 10**

Students' introduction to high school and the black blazer marks an increase in independence and rigour and opens doors to higher-level experiential opportunities. A higher degree of focus on responsible decision-making, post-secondary research and leadership is expected in this grade.





## GRADE 11

This is the accelerated academic year with an introduction to diploma exams and Advanced Placement courses; it is also referred to as the year of specialization, post-secondary and scholarship research. Community service and the acquisition of experiences in the Institute programs will be highlights for you this year.

## GRADE 12

The graduation year is the culmination of the high school journey; however, your WIC journey does not end here as you will be a member of our newest group of WIC alumni. As a graduate, you will be ready in all regards for your post-secondary experiences — embarking on your own best future.

Language Arts	International Languages	Fine Arts	Social Sciences
English 10-1, 20-1, 30-1, 35AP	French 10, 20, 30-3Y, 30-6Y	Art 10, 20, 30, 31	Social Studies 10-1, 20-1, 30-1
French Language Arts 10-1, 20-1, 30-1, 35AP	Spanish 10, 20, 30-3Y, 30-6Y	Drama 10, 20, 30	Études Sociales 10-1, 20-1, 30-1
		Technical Theatre 15, 25, 35	Macroeconomics/Microeconomics 30, 35AP
		Band 10, 20, 30	Entrepreneurship 10
			Religious Meanings 20
			International Politics 30
			Psychology 20, 30, 35AP
			Western World History 30
			World Religions 30
			Film Studies 15
			European History 35AP
Mathematics	Science	Physical Education	Other Programs
Mathematics 10C	Science 10	Physical Education 10, 20, 30	Independent Studies
Mathematics 20-1, 20-2, 30-1, 30-2	Biology 20, 30, 35AP	Sports Medicine 15	International Studies
Mathematics 31,	Chemistry 20, 30, 35AP	Sports Performance 15, 25	Outdoor Education
Calculus 35AP	Physics 20, 30, 35AP	CALM 20 (Career and Life Management)	Institutes Program
	Computer Studies 10, 20		

### Be challenged by rigorous, in-depth courses that prepare you for post-secondary success

Advanced Placement courses are stimulating and exacting high school classes which are comparable to the ones you will face at university. Taking AP gives you the opportunity to earn college credit while still in high school, increases academic standards throughout your entire high school curriculum, and heightens your chances for post-secondary acceptance and success.



# INSTITUTE PROGRAMMING

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**AS A WIC STUDENT, YOU WILL HAVE COUNTLESS EXPERIENTIAL OPPORTUNITIES** TO EXPLORE YOUR PASSIONS.

WIC's various Institutes will provide you with hands-on learning experiences to prepare you for success at a post-secondary level. A vast majority of our students have pursued post-secondary education in business, engineering, health sciences, and liberal arts. In response, the Institute programs were created to provide you with significant learning opportunities that will connect you with your passions.

## **INSTITUTES OVERVIEW:**

- You will work in teams focused around project-based plans.
- Partnering with universities and colleges, you will enjoy educational interactions with post-secondary business, engineering, health sciences and liberal arts programs and communities.
- You will learn to think critically, to work in teams and to use your academic knowledge and skills to solve complex problems.
- You will be offered opportunities for mentoring, internship, networking and job shadowing within the business, engineering, health sciences or liberal arts communities.

## **BUSINESS INSTITUTE HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:**

- Interactions with the Business Community/Entrepreneurship Seminar
- New York City's Financial District Trip
- San Francisco/Silicon Valley Trip
- University of Calgary Haskayne Case Competitions
- Entrepreneurship Camps

## **FINE ARTS INSTITUTE HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:**

- Fine Arts Cabaret
- Senior High Band Trip
- Student-Led Festivals
- Workshops and Clinicians



## ENGINEERING INSTITUTE HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- Senior Engineering Challenge
- TELUS Spark Science Centre Excursions
- The University of Calgary's Science, Engineering and Technology (SET) Challenge
- Women in Engineering Day – Schulich School of Engineering
- Pre-Engineering Experiential Training

## HEALTH SCIENCES INSTITUTE HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- Suturing Workshop
- TotalCardiology Rehabilitation and Risk Reduction Centre at the Repsol Sport Centre
- University of Calgary Discovery Day
- STARS Air Ambulance
- Rockyview Hospital Site Visits: ICU and Ophthalmology Clinic

## LIBERAL ARTS INSTITUTE HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- Boardroom Negotiations Experience
- Calgary Courthouse Tour
- Debate Camp Canada
- Global TV Studio Tour
- Model United Nations Club
- Speech/Debate Competitions
- Calgary Herald Facility Tour

## INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES & CULTURE INSTITUTE HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- Quebec Culture Studies Trip
- American Sign Language Workshops
- DELF/DELE Exam Preparation Course
- Mentoring for Page Program Application
- Mandarin Chinese Introduction Course
- Poetry in Voice
- Odyssey









# FRENCH IMMERSION & BILINGUAL DIPLOMA



## A UNIQUE BILINGUAL PROGRAM

WITH A GLOBAL UNDERSTANDING OF  
MULTILINGUALISM AND CULTURAL DIVERSITY

Does the thought of having the ability to communicate with people from different origins and backgrounds excite you? WIC's French Immersion program will expose you to languages through a variety of life experiences. We want you to be confident when travelling, to engage in authentic interactions with individuals whose native language is different from your own, to become aware of your cultural identity, and to achieve your career goals by being able to compete confidently in a multilingual market.

The WIC Bilingual Diploma is awarded to those students who have successfully completed 35 credits of study in which the language of instruction was French, one DELF Diploma (B1 or B2), the FSL 30 Challenge Exam, the AP French Language & Culture, and who have earned a West Island College Graduation Diploma.



# FRENCH & SPANISH **AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (FSL & SSL)**

## **BROADEN YOUR LANGUAGE HORIZONS**

Second-language learning provides significant cognitive and academic benefits. It is known to enhance first-language and overall literacy skills as well as provide a foundation for the learning of additional languages. Multilingualism is an economic and cultural asset both within Canada and beyond in an era of increasing globalization.

FSL and SSL are part of our core curriculum at WIC, but you may also opt to learn Mandarin, American Sign Language and others throughout the year by joining diverse WIC clubs. The opportunities are endless for you to broaden your language horizons.









# STUDENT SUCCESS CENTRE

**WIC'S STUDENT SUCCESS CENTRE FOSTERS**  
YOUR PHYSICAL, EMOTIONAL AND ACADEMIC  
WELL-BEING THROUGH LEARNING AND PERSONAL  
EDUCATION PLANNING.

The academic and personal supports offered at WIC continue the College's tradition of learning beyond traditional curricular lines, establishing the support networks and skills necessary for students to reach their full potential.

## OUR SERVICES

- Academic Advising
- Student Referrals
- On-Site Counselling  
(Academic and Socio-Emotional)
- Post-Secondary Advising
- Development of  
Individualized  
Programming Plans (IPPs)
- Teacher Advisory
- Referrals to External  
Services
- Organization and  
Executive Functioning  
Training
- Study Skills Support
- Reflective Practice  
Strategies
- Mental Health Initiatives
- English as a Learned  
Language Support

Our team endeavours to provide a holistic and integrated approach in response to the needs of our students while keeping with the College's Mission: Empowering each student to thrive, contribute, and live a healthy, purposeful life.

The Student Success Centre team works closely with the Principal of Junior High School and the Principal of Senior High School to monitor the academic and social progress of all WIC students. This collaboration allows for consistent and continual oversight of each student's development throughout their time at WIC.







# STUDENT LEADERSHIP

**AT WIC, WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO FOLLOW YOUR PASSION** AND CONTRIBUTE IN A MEANINGFUL WAY NOT ONLY TO THE WIC COMMUNITY BUT TO THE WORLD BEYOND.

WIC cultivates individual student growth by providing unparalleled leadership opportunities. From formal leadership positions in groups within the school, to a multitude of informal leadership roles in various co-curricular activities, sports teams and events that occur during our school year; you will have plenty of opportunities to discover the path that most excites you.

There are leadership roles at all grade levels, not only in the daily activities of the school but also at WIC's many special events. Furthermore, WIC promotes programs such as the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, which encourages young leaders and helps them to rise to new challenges.

Depending upon your grade level, you are encouraged to apply for leadership positions in the following groups:



### **GLOBAL AWARENESS CLUB (GRADES 7-12)**

Raise awareness about a variety of issues that are occurring all over the world.

### **MENTORSHIP PROGRAMMING (GRADES 7-12)**

Provide support and guidance to those new to the school community to create a welcoming transition.

### **COMMUNITY IN ACTION (GRADES 7-12)**

Create change and help support the community around us.

### **PREFECT COUNCIL (GRADE 12)**

Become an ambassador of WIC by embodying our culture of confidence, creativity and connection. As a Grade 12 Prefect, you will role model WIC to other students, parents and the Calgary community.

### **ROOTS & SHOOTS (GRADES 7-12)**

Make a positive change for the environment, for animals and for our communities, making our world a better place.

### **FINE ARTS COUNCIL (GRADES 7-12)**

An executive-style club that allows students to become engaged in the Fine Arts Department and provide leadership to their peers.

### **FRENCH AMBASSADORS (GRADES 7-12)**

Support and motivate students on their path towards bilingualism. They envision a community in which all people value our French heritage, appreciate francophone cultures, and endeavour to excel in the French language.

### **STUDENTS' COUNCIL (GRADES 7-12)**

As part of Students' Council, you will represent the WIC student voice while promoting school community spirit. You may be elected as an Executive Member by the whole student body, or as a Grade Representative by your grade.

### **WEST ISLAND COLLEGE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (WICAA) (GRADES 7-12)**

If you have a passion for athletics and school spirit, WICAA is the place for you. As a WICAA executive member, you will help with our intramural program, athletic events and lead House events throughout the year.



# INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL STUDIES

## EXTEND YOUR HUMANITARIAN REACH.

WIC's foundational International Studies program is designed to give you hands-on learning experiences around the world where you can foster mutual respect and understanding of different cultures. As part of an International Studies service-learning experience, you can be part of a one-of-a-kind humanitarian project that will make a lasting difference in a local community for years to come.

Since its inception as *Travel Studies* in the early 1990s, WIC's International Studies program has sent more than a thousand student travellers abroad. Past destinations of the program include Belize, Belgium, Bhutan, Brazil, Cambodia, China, Costa Rica, Ecuador & Galapagos Islands, England, Egypt, France, India, Japan, Kenya, Laos, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Peru, Poland, Romania, Samoa, South Africa, Spain, Tanzania, Thailand, Tibet, USA, and Vietnam.

Each year, over Spring Break, the program aims to revisit its sustainable humanitarianism and conservation efforts and continues to add new and exciting destinations.

Be part of a truly unique global experience. Through our International Travel Studies program, you will experience firsthand travel and explore outside of your comfort zone.

### **CERTIFICATE OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES**

This distinguished certificate of completion was created to honour the intellectual, emotional, and physical engagement of our students and is given each year to our qualified graduates.

Participation in a minimum of two international service-learning experiences, completion of related course work, completion of a 30-level Social Science course, and study of a second language at the formally recognized 30-level during your time at WIC will make you eligible for the Certificate of International Studies.





VIETNAM 2018



TANZANIA 2019



NEPAL 2018







# WIC WOLVES ATHLETICS



**SHOW OFF YOUR WIC WOLVES PRIDE** BY TRYING OUT FOR A TEAM, OR SUPPORT OUR ATHLETES BY CHEERING THEM ON FROM THE STANDS.

As a WIC student, you will have plenty of opportunities to show your athletic spirit. Our coaches are passionate about our teams and will help you to develop a lifelong love of physical activity on your journey to athletic excellence. Wear your green with pride and get ready to be part of Wolf Country!

## WE ARE THE WOLVES!

### SEMESTER 1 TEAMS

Junior Cross Country Running  
Senior Cross Country Running  
Junior Golf  
Senior Golf  
Grade 7 Girls Volleyball  
Grade 7 Boys Volleyball  
7/8 Girls Volleyball  
7/8 Boys Volleyball  
8/9 Girls Volleyball  
8/9 Boys Volleyball  
Junior Varsity Girls Volleyball  
Senior Girls Volleyball  
Senior Boys Volleyball  
Grade 7 Girls Basketball  
Grade 7 Boys Basketball  
7/8 Girls Basketball  
7/8 Boys Basketball  
8/9 Girls Basketball  
8/9 Boys Basketball  
Junior Varsity Boys Basketball  
Senior Girls Basketball  
Senior Boys Basketball

### SEMESTER 2 TEAMS

Junior Badminton  
Senior Badminton  
Senior Boys Rugby  
Track and Field  
7/8 Soccer  
8/9 Soccer  
Senior Girls Field Hockey

## SUMMIT HOCKEY PARTNERSHIP

**IF YOU ARE AN AVID, COMPETITIVE HOCKEY PLAYER** WHO WANTS TO MAINTAIN A STRONG ACADEMIC FOCUS THEN WE HAVE THE PERFECT PARTNERSHIP FOR YOU.

In partnership with Summit Hockey Academy, WIC facilitates a high-level hockey skills program while building a rigorous academic foundation.

**For more information about WIC's hockey option, visit [www.summithockey.ca](http://www.summithockey.ca)**



# FINE ARTS

## DRAMATIC ARTS

## VISUAL ARTS

## MUSIC: CONCERT BANDS, JAZZ BANDS, & CHOIR

As a WIC Fine Arts student, you will imagine, create and reflect while developing both the verbal and nonverbal abilities necessary for enhancing problem-solving and higher-order thinking skills.

At WIC, we focus on engaging you in a process that encourages the development of strength of mind, cooperation, innovation and self-motivation — all necessary components for success in life.

Programs are offered at all grade levels — emphasis is placed on mastery of concepts and skills as you advance through the process. The arts education experience at WIC will engage you in a process that develops the discipline and motivation that will contribute to your success both in school and beyond.

See Fine Arts Institute Highlights on Page 6.









# OUTDOOR EDUCATION

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**TAKE YOUR LEARNING BEYOND** TEXTBOOKS,  
LECTURES AND CLASSROOM SIMULATIONS.

During Outdoor Education, you will be involved in new and dynamic experiences. We hope you will gain an appreciation for outdoor living, travel and general recreation. We are certain you will gain lifelong skills in leadership, teamwork, resiliency and decision-making.

Here's what Outdoor Education looks like throughout the year: Grade 7 students will spend time on the Glenmore Reservoir in the spring learning all about Dragonboat racing. As a Grade 8 student, you will head out into Kananaskis Country later in the spring, enjoying two days of hiking and rock climbing, experiencing your first WIC overnight campout.

In Grade 9, you will spend three days in Kananaskis Country in the winter cross country skiing and learning about functioning in a winter environment.

When you become a senior student, you will be busy in September preparing for your Outdoor Education experience. As a Grade 10 student, you will head out on a three-day program at Camp Chief Hector to prepare you for your Grade 11 and 12 options where you will choose from alpine hiking, scuba diving, canoeing, mountaineering, mountain biking, or day trips.





# ENTREPRENEURIAL SPIRIT

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## NURTURING YOUR ENTREPRENEURIAL SPIRIT IN A LIFELONG LEARNING PROCESS.

We want to provide you with extraordinary opportunities that will spark your curiosity for the things that excite you. Starting in Grade 7 through to your graduation year, you will embrace an attitude of innovation, continuous learning and critical thinking, and carry this outlook with you throughout your life.

You will be supported to connect with your passions, to challenge the status quo, to see the greater possibilities, to take risks, and to persevere through life's challenges, pursuing your journey to success.



# CAMPS AND CLUBS

**STUDENT LIFE AND THE CO-CURRICULAR PROGRAMS  
AT WIC PLAY AN INTEGRAL ROLE IN YOUR OVERALL  
DEVELOPMENT AS A WIC STUDENT.**

We encourage you to get involved in all that WIC has to offer and discover your passions. Participation in one or more of the College's activities positively contributes to your growth and also to the College as a community. We have listed a sampling of our camps and clubs to pique your interest.





**Book Club**

**Business Case Club**

**Club de discours en français**

**Club des ambassadrices et ambassadeurs de l'immersion française**

**Common Ground**

**Community in Action**

**Creative Writing Club**

**Debate Club**

**Discover Club**

**Drama Club**

**Engineering Club**

**FAME**

**Fictional Literature Society**

**Gardening Club**

**Global Awareness Club**

**Grad Committee**

**Grade 7 Beginner Jazz Band**

**Grade 7 Summer Camp**

**Grade 8 Jazz Band**

**Grade 9 Celebration Committee**

**Investment Club**

**Junior Choir**

**Junior Volleyball Camp**

**Le café de Flore**

**Les voix de la poésie/Poetry in Voice**

**Model United Nations**

**Newspaper**

**Photography Club**

**Radio WIC**

**Robotics Club**

**Roots and Shoots**

**Senior Volleyball Camp**

**Spanish Club**

**Speech Club**

**Students' Council**

**Summer Debate Camp**

**WICAA - West Island College Athletics Association**

**Yearbook Club**



# ADVANCEMENT AND **PHILANTHROPY**

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**AT WIC, WE EMBRACE A CULTURE OF  
PHILANTHROPY** THROUGH THE STRATEGIC  
EFFORTS OF OUR ADVANCEMENT DEPARTMENT.

We invite every member of the WIC Community to engage in the discussion of expanding our possibilities in pursuit of educational excellence. When community members are involved in philanthropy on our campus, everyone benefits. We all play a vital role in supporting students' dreams and ambitions.

## **Annual Fund Campaign**

First launched in the fall of 2016, the Annual Fund supports areas of greatest need and areas of greatest opportunity on our campus. Every year, every family is asked to provide financial support in a way that best works for their family.

It is important that our community understands that the tuition paid by WIC families and the funding provided by Alberta Education is directed to the basic day-to-day operational costs of the school. Funding for much-needed building improvements, financial aid, and enhanced programming and equipment, outside of the standard curriculum, requires the generosity of WIC families, past and present, alumni and the larger community.

The key to our Annual Fund's success is participation. Our goal is to see every member of the WIC community participate in whatever way they are able to. The gifts we receive are truly appreciated and every dollar makes a difference in the lives of our learners.

There are many opportunities for our families to invest in our learners, leaders, and world-changers. If you would like more information on investing in our students at WIC, please contact:

## **Debra Klippenstein**

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# WE CANNOT WAIT TO MEET YOU!

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**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT ATTENDING WIC, CONNECT WITH US AND WE WILL BE HAPPY TO HELP YOU START ON YOUR JOURNEY TO BECOMING A WIC STUDENT.**

**OUR ADMISSIONS OFFICE CAN:**

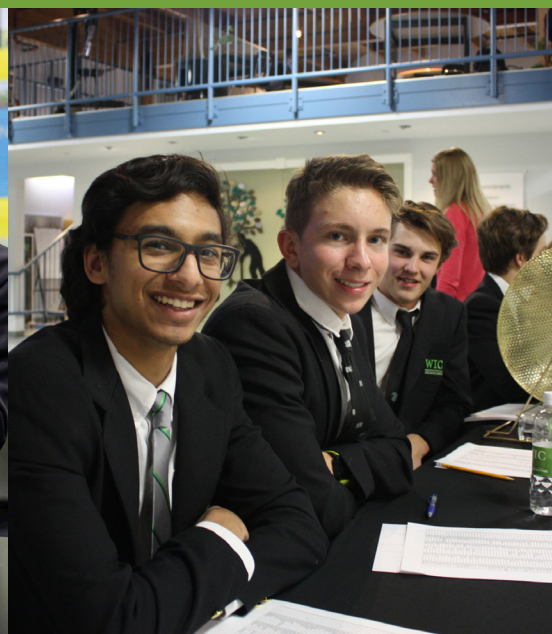
- Book a tour to show you around the College, and highlight all the great features of being a student at WIC
- Set up a private meeting with our Director of Admissions to have all of your questions answered regarding the admissions process, school programs, and student life
- Help you along your journey to WIC

**403.444.0023**

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