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**Penticton and Okanagan College host *Ideas Uncorked*
The #ACCC13 Annual Conference**

Penticton BC: Global Spectrum Facility Management welcomes the Association of Canadian Community Colleges (ACCC) 2013 Annual Conference to the Penticton Trade and Convention Centre and the South Okanagan Events Centre from June 1-3.

More than 600 delegates from Canada and around the world will attend #ACCC13 including CEOs, senior administrators, board members, managers, faculty, staff, and students, as well as international guests and business leaders. #ACCC13 will utilize the Penticton Trade and Convention Centre for breakouts, sessions, receptions and ceremonies; through the covered link, the South Okanagan Events Centre will transform into a trade show for #ACCC13 exhibitors.

Hosted by Okanagan College and sponsored by Workbay.net, *Ideas Uncorked* will provide an opportunity for delegates to share exemplary practices and innovations. Delegates will explore post-secondary education in new ways, examine trends and issues, and unite efforts to create new ideas about programs, services and research.

“Now more than ever, the expertise of colleges, institutes and polytechnics is required to provide greater access to advanced skills for community economic and social development,” said James Knight, ACCC President and CEO.

Keynote presentations from several notable speakers include Gwyn Morgan, founding CEO of EnCana Corp. and contributor to *The Globe and Mail*; Wade Davis, anthropologist, author and *National Geographic* Explorer-in-Residence; Mark David Milliron, Chancellor at WGU Texas; Evan Solomon, host of CBC News Network’s *Power and Politics* and CBC Radio’s *The House*; and John Ralston Saul, award-winning essayist and novelist.

Delegates will tackle diverse issues, including student engagement; applied research; apprenticeship for trades professions; aboriginal learning; international partnerships; bullying; evolution of degrees and post-graduate diplomas; programs and services for immigrants and more.

ACCC is the national and international voice of Canada’s publicly funded colleges, institutes and polytechnics, serving 1.5 million learners of all ages and from all socio-economic quarters at campuses in 1,000 urban, rural and remote communities.

For more information visit the Conference Website. Follow the conference on the Twitter handle @ACCC_Comms and use hashtag #ACCC13.

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