

SIFE Okanagan exits nationals with more hardware than any other team in the nation

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The competition was fierce, the presentations nearly flawless, and after two intense days of competition at the SIFE National challenge, Okanagan College is bringing home seven national awards – more than any of the other 53 teams in attendance. SIFE Okanagan picked up TWO National awards and one National runner up award. Team attendees included 32 students, two alumni, three faculty advisors and five administrators.

1st in the country for the ScotiaBank Green Challenge for a variety of projects that included partnerships with the Kelowna and Vernon Chamber of Commerce and Glenmore Elementary, among others.

Okanagan College was recognized with the **top award in the country for the Campbell Soup Let's Can Hunger project**, which charged SIFE teams with raising 100,000 pounds of food for local Food Banks. Okanagan College collected 36,000 pounds of food – more than a third of the national goal. Executives from Campbell's Soup praised the College's project and will visit Okanagan College to meet with students and administrators after the success of the initiative.

In the HSBC Financial Literacy Competition, Okanagan College earned second place in the country behind Ryerson University – the overall winners of the National competition. Projects executed by the team included mentorship of Young Entrepreneurs, consultation to Therapy Vineyards and credit management and educational program delivery to Bridges Youth Mentorship in Kelowna.

At the final award ceremony Okanagan College received an unexpected but highly coveted award for the **Most Supportive Campus Administration in the country**. Okanagan College received a standing ovation as President Jim Hamilton, Board Chair Lance Kayfish, Dean Jayne Brooks and Chair David Northcott took the stage to receive the award – evidence of SIFE Okanagan's impact on the administration.

Finally, SIFE student Matthew Cosar earned one of only 7 student scholarships in the whole country: the **David Henderson Bursary for Entrepreneurial Leadership** in recognition of his strong team leadership.

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