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Third cohort of Red Deer Catholic students preps for Olds College Vet Tech Program

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Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools is proud to announce that a third cohort of students has officially started their studies in the Veterinary Technical Assistant Program through Olds College of Agriculture and Technology as part of our dual credit program.

This one-year certificate program introduces students to the veterinary industry in an entry-level position in the animal health field. Working with small animals, students receive industry-leading instruction from Olds College instructors and participate in hands-on learning experiences through weekend labs at Olds.

“Our Veterinary Technical Assistant Certificate students will convocate from Olds College before they graduate from high school fully prepared to enter a career in animal health or pursue continued post-secondary education in animal sciences. Every student we have enrolled has successfully completed the program earning their certificate and 25 high school credits,” said Tracey Millar, Career Pathways Coordinator.

“We are incredibly proud to see another cohort of students embark on their journey through the Veterinary Technical Assistant Program at Olds College. This opportunity not only equips our students with valuable skills and hands-on experience but also opens the door to future careers in the animal health industry. It’s inspiring to witness their dedication and growth as they prepare for success in this unique field,” said Murray Hollman, Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools Board Chair.

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Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools serves over 9,700 students in 21 schools in Red Deer, Blackfalds, Sylvan Lake, Rocky Mountain House, Innisfail, and Olds. It also supports the learning of over 850 students in a Home Education Program. The Division is committed to serving children and parents with a complete offering of learning opportunities delivered within the context of Catholic teachings and within the means of the Division.

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