



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to Olds College!

As we begin another academic year, I am pleased to extend a warm welcome to all members of Olds College family.

As we approach our Centennial in 2013, this is truly an exciting time to be at Olds College. I am certain that we all prioritize providing the best possible education and training for our students. Our small class sizes, customized training and our hands-on education continue to be invaluable features of the programs we offer.

I know we take pride in making the "Olds College Experience" a memorable one for our students. Our students' success rate is unmatched. Your college has ambitious plans and goals, which are embedded in the 2011 – 2014 Comprehensive Institutional Plan. I invite you to familiarize yourself with the plan, and specifically, have a look at our goals for 2011 – 2014.

Our commitment to the plan is evident in many of the College's achievements over the past year. Students now have more access to post-secondary options through new agreements with institutions such as England's Hartpury College, the University of Guelph, McEwan University, and more. Award-winning work on the Community Learning Campus' dual-credit programs for high school students continues to gain momentum. A new era in rural education with far-reaching implications for rural businesses, the food and hospitality industry and agriculture began with our launch of the Canadian Institute for Rural Entrepreneurship. Several of our Broncos Athletics teams will now compete in the Alberta Colleges Athletics Conference, the top competitive tier for institutions of our kind. These are but a few of the highlights from an outstanding 2010 – 2011.

Throughout all this, we continue to reinforce our vision to be the premier Canadian integrated learning and applied research community specializing in agriculture, horticulture, land and environmental management, along with rural entrepreneurship, agri-business and rural development.

I intend to keep you informed about our progress and I encourage you to contact me with any suggestions, concerns or questions.

Welcome to another exciting year at Olds College!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "H. J. Thompson". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Dr. H. J. (Tom) Thompson
President, Olds College