



THE TEA

INDIGENOUS NEWSLETTER



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Congratulations PENT Grads!!



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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: RAYA TURNER

Taanishi!!

My name is Raya Turner and I'm a recent BU graduate. I'm from Brandon, but I mostly grew up in the country around the small town of Wawanesa, MB. My Indigenous roots come from my Dad's side of the family - I'm proud to be Red River Métis. I'm also proud to be reconnecting more with our culture, and I'm so grateful to be learning from those around me. Prioritizing this has brought so much balance and joy to my life.

This fall I'll be starting my Master of Science degree at BU, studying animals and how they are able to adapt and thrive in their environments.

I hope to eventually have a career in biological research where I can combine my passion for exploring the natural world and my love for learning and discovery



Aside from school, I help deliver hands-on learning opportunities to youth in the community through our Let's Talk Science program.

In my spare time you might find me beading in the IPC or Métis room, working in the lab or the Let's Talk Science office, or in Baileys having my daily iced coffee(s). I'm always happy to chat or help out with anything if you're a new or returning student!



Rayas Current Beading Project

STAFF INTRODUCTION: JOAN CHURCH

»» IPC METIS
KNOWLEDGE KEEPER



Joan is a Métis Elder from the Southwest Region. She originated from Bowsman Ridge but grew up in Swan River. She graduated from BUNTEP (Brandon University Northern Teacher's Education Program) in 1981. Joan worked as a classroom teacher from 1982 until her retirement in 2013. She then worked as an RCW (Residential Care Worker) for AFM from 2014-2020.

Joan is now actively enjoying retirement and her involvement with Brandon University Indigenous student initiatives. She is an avid crib player and pretty good with a beading needle.

Joan is a parent to 5 daughters, Granny to 7 grandkids and Kookum to 4 great grandkids with more on the way. Oh, and she lives with her cat!



CONGRATS GRADUATES!!



Best wishes and congratulations from the IPC Team
for all your future endeavors!



AUGUST CALENDAR

12,19,26

3:30 pm

IPC

DRUM SONGS WITH SUSIE

Weekly on Monday afternoons

Join Cree Knowledge Keeper Susie Mcpherson Derendy to learn and practice drum songs



12:00

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2:00pm

IPC

BEADING WITH METIS INCLUSION COORDINATOR NICOLE BRAUN

Monday, August 12
Wednesday August 14
Wednesday, August 28



AL AND BEE WAGNER STUDENT TRANSITION PROGRAM

29 - 31

10:00am

Orientation

Thursday, August 29
Friday, August 30
Saturday, August 31

Ceremony Room



LOOK OUT FOR NEWS ON OUR UPCOMING CRIB NIGHTS,
JIGGING PRACTICE AND AUGUST TEACHING HOUSE!

TEACHING HOUSE: WATER TEACHINGS

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Upcoming Opportunities



CALLING INDIGENOUS STUDENTS

Ready to explore Indigenous identity through the lens of photography and film? We invite you to participate!

Project Details:

- 💰 \$50 reimbursement
- 🧑 Open to Indigenous students
- 📷 Explore Indigenous identity
- 🎓 Learn new skills
- 🌍 Contribute to research



TELL YOUR STORY

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IPC
Beading Group
with

Métis Inclusion Coordinator

Nicole Braun

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12pm-2pm

Indigenous People's Centre

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THANK YOU!
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WOPIDA!



MARRSII!
KINANASKIMOTIN!
NAKURMIK!