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Student Spotlight

Karleen Anderson-Keeper



Tansi my name is Karleen Anderson-Keeper and I am from Split Lake Manitoba, or also known as Tataskweyak Cree Nation. I am a Cree woman, and I am going into my final year of my Bachelor of Arts degree in the 2024-2025 term. I am majoring in Political Science and minoring in Native Studies. With my degree I hope to work in a field where I can have an Indigenous perspective and focus within the government.

STAFF INTRODUCTION SUSIE MCPHERSON DERENDY



Susie is the Indigenous Peoples' Centre Cree Knowledge Keeper. Susie was born and raised in Churchill, Manitoba along the banks of the Churchill River- and has called Brandon home for 38 years. Susie is a member of the Indigenous Education Senate Sub Committee and is also Knowledge Keeper at Assiniboine Community College where she sits on the Indigenous Education Advisory Circle. At BU Susie is committed to a balanced education. She is the creator of "BU Teaching's House" which is put on monthly at Brandon University. Susie shares that there is a western worldview knowledge system and there is an Indigenous worldview knowledge system, and we would do well to learn from both

RED DRESS DAY



RED DRESS DAY FALLS ON MAY 5 EVERY YEAR. DUE TO MAY 5 BEING ON A SUNDAY, BRANDON UNIVERSITY INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' CENTRE HONORED MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN AND GIRLS ON MONDAY MAY 6, 2024. THERE WAS A SACRED FIRE, DRUMMING, AND PRAYERS FOR THE FAMILIES, COMMUNITIES, AND PEOPLE WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED COLONIAL VIOLENCE. BRANDON UNIVERSITY STUDENT GARY CARIBOU ALSO SHARED A PERSONAL STORY OF THE LOSS OF HIS LOVED ONE TESSA PERRY.

PAIN T AFTERNOON




ON MAY 10, 2024, BRANDON UNIVERSITY INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' CENTRE HOSTED A "PAINT AFTERNOON" WITH ARTIST- AND BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS GRADUATE, FELICITY NEPINAK-HART. THE STUDENTS WHO PARTICIPATED PAINTED INDIGENOUS FLORALS. FELICITY GRADUATED AT THE MAY 2024 CONVOCATION. SHE WILL BE MOVING ON TO THE FACULTY OF EDUCATION TO COMPLETE HER EDUCATION AFTER-DEGREE THIS FALL.

SWEAT DRESS MAKING




ON MAY 13, 2024, BRANDON UNIVERSITY INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' CENTRE HOSTED A "SWEAT DRESS/CEREMONY DRESS MAKING WORKSHOP. THIS WORKSHOP WAS FACILITATED BY BRANDON UNIVERSITY STUDENT AND ARTIST SANDY BUNN.

WOMEN OF DISTINCTION



**YWCA
Westman**
2024 Women of
Distinction Awards Show
*Education &
Mentorship Nominee*



**YWCA
Westman**
2024 Women of
Distinction Awards Show
*Science, Technology &
Trade Nominee*

SUSAN FLORA MCPHERSON

RAYA TURNER

TWO BRANDON UNIVERSITY MEMBERS WERE NOMINATED AND WON IN THEIR CATEGORIES FOR “WOMEN OF DISTINCTION”.

BRANDON UNIVERSITY CREE KNOWLEDGE KEEPER SUSIE MCPHERSON DERENDY WAS NOMINATED IN THE “EDUCATION AND MENTORSHIP” CATEGORY. WHILE BRANDON UNIVERSITY METIS STUDENT RAYA TURNER WAS NOMINATED IN THE ‘SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & TRADE” CATEGORY.

CONGRATULATIONS LADIES, WE ARE SO PROUD!

Ishokode Saakaykateh Indigenous Student Transition Program



Ishokode Saakaykateh, The Fire is Lit (Al & Bee Wagner) Indigenous Student Transition Program is now accepting applications for the 2024-2025 cohort. The program is open to first year Indigenous students that have been accepted to Brandon University.

For more information go to:

<https://www.brandonu.ca/ipc/indigenous-student-transition-program/>

BRANDON UNIVERSITY HONORS PHYLLIS WEBSTAD



AT THIS YEAR'S CONVOCATION, PHYLLIS WEBSTAD WAS THE RECIPIENT OF AN HONORARY DEGREE. PHYLLIS JACK WEBSTAD IS AN AUTHOR FROM THE STSWECEM'C XGAT'EM FIRST NATION, AND THE CREATOR OF ORANGE SHIRT DAY. HER STORY OF HER EXPERIENCES IN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL, AND HER FAVORITE ORANGE SHIRT TURNED INTO A GRASS ROOTS MOVEMENT TO HONOR RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL SURVIVORS, AND THOSE WHO DIDN'T MAKE IT HOME. SHE IS A RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL SURVIVOR, AND ADVOCATE FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLE.

CONVOCATION



BRANDON UNIVERSITY CONVOCATION OCCURRED ON MAY 30TH & 31ST THIS YEAR. THERE WERE A TOTAL OF 69 INDIGENOUS GRADUATES THIS YEAR FROM VARIOUS PROGRAMS AT THE UNIVERSITY.

OUR JOURNEY GRADUATION POWWOW



THE GRADUATION POWWOW “OUR JOURNEY” WAS HOSTED ON MAY 29, 2024, AT THE RIVERBANK DISCOVERY CENTRE. BRANDON UNIVERSITY HONORED INDIGENOUS GRADUATES AT THIS EVENT. IT WAS A BUSY DAY, WITH LOTS OF CELEBRATION.

UPCOMING EVENTS



THE BANNOCK BABES

An evening of Indigenous Drag performances.



Vida Lamour



Local Honey



Prairie Sky



Anita Stallion



Feather Talia

Friday June 7, 2024. Lady of The Lake.
Show begins at 8:00pm.
Tickets \$20.00. Silent Auction. 50/50.
Fundraiser for National Indigenous Peoples' Day 2024 Brandon.

UPCOMING EVENTS



MÉTIS ROOM BEADING GROUP

with
Métis Inclusion Coordinator

Nicole Braun

In Celebration of Pride Month we will be
focusing on Pride Earrings/Sash Pins

Wednesday, June 5
Monday, June 10
Wednesday, June 12
Monday, June 17
Wednesday, June 19
Wednesday, June 26

12pm-2pm
in the Métis Room-202 Clark Hall

****ALL MATERIALS PROVIDED BY THE MMF****

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UPCOMING EVENTS

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE PENT

SUMMER SOLSTICE FEAST

COME CELEBRATE THE NEW SEASON WITH
US AT THE PENT SUMMER SOLSTICE FEAST!

HOSTED BY THE BRANDON UNIVERSITY
FACULTY OF EDUCATION.
LOCATED IN **THE BOWL ON THE SOUTH
SIDE OF MUSIC BUILDING**

June 19th, 2024 | 1 pm

This is a potluck feast. Food will be
provided, bring a small dish to share if you
are able.

Come enjoy delicious food, and the
company of others. Ensure to bring a
blanket to sit on, feast bundle (bowl,
plate, cutlery and tupperware for
leftovers)

Please RSVP by JUNE 10, 2024:
galvinb@brandonu.ca

INDIGENOUS WORD OF THE MONTH

FIRE

OJIBWAY: ISHKODE (ISH-KOH-DAY)

CREE: ISKOTEW (IS-KOH-TAY)

DAKOTA: PETA (PAY-TAH)

MICHIF: LI FEU (LIH-FOO)



Miigwech!

Wopida!

Marrsii!

Kinanaskomitin!

Nakurmiik!

Thank You!

