



THE TEA



MESSAGE FROM OUR ASSOCIATE VICE-PRESIDENT INDIGENOUS INITIATIVES

Tawnshi! Hello! Greetings! My name is Chris Lagimodiere, I am a member of the Red River Metis Nation, and I am honored to have the position as the Associate Vice-President Indigenous Initiatives at Brandon University. Since joining the BU community in August 2016, I have built many meaningful relationships across campus. We have achieved a lot of progress toward indigenization, decolonization, and reconciliation, and the work continues! I look forward to continuing to build on our progress and moving forward in a good way.

It is my pleasure to introduce the first edition of our BU Indigenous Newsletter titled "The Tea". This newsletter will be sent at the beginning of each month and highlight and celebrate Indigenous initiatives on campus. This is one way we can honor the good work being done across our campus and bring attention to exciting initiatives, events, opportunities, and celebrate individuals who support this work.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



MY NAME IS ENOCH OUSKUN AND I COME FROM THE PAS, MB WHERE MY RESERVATION IS LOCATED WHICH IS CALLED OPASKWAYAK CREE NATION. HOWEVER, I MOVED TO BRANDON, MB WHEN I WAS NINE YEARS OLD, AND I CONSIDERED MYSELF TO BE FROM HERE EVER SINCE.

THE GOAL OF MY JOURNEY IS BECOME A CEO, GENERAL MANAGER, OR CFO FOR A SUCCESSFUL ORGANIZATION, AND I WANT TO GROW IT. MY FIRST STEP WAS COMPLETING MY BBA AT BRANDON UNIVERSITY AND NOW I AM ENTERING THE CPA PROGRAM AND I BEGIN THIS SUMMER.

I AM HERE BECAUSE OF MY GRANDPARENTS. THEY RAISED ME FROM THE DAY THAT I WAS BORN. I FEEL LIKE I WAS ABLE TO OVERCOME SO MUCH IN MY LIFE SO THAT I CAN SHOW OTHERS THAT YOU CAN DO IT TOO. WE ALL HAVE COURAGE, STRENGTH, AND MOST IMPORTANTLY LOVE WITHIN US TO OVERCOME ANYTHING IN OUR LIVES. I THANK MY GRANDPARENTS FOR EVERYTHING I HAVE IN MY LIFE AND WHO I AM.

WHO AM I? I'M ENOCH. I'M 34 NOW AND I STILL FEEL LIKE I'M YOUNGER THAN EVER. I LOVE JOKING AROUND WITH PEOPLE AND JUST ENLIGHTENING OTHER'S MOODS. I AM CARING AND THE LOVE THAT MY GRANDPARENTS GAVE ME GROWING UP IS SOMETHING I ENJOY SHOWING OTHERS WHENEVER I GET THE CHANCE. I AM A HUGE GAMER BUT UNDERSTOOD THOSE NEED TO BE PUT AWAY TO FINISH MY STUDIES. I AM A SUPPORTER OF MY GIRLFRIEND, SISTER, NIECE, ANIMALS, AND MY COMMUNITY. THANK YOU.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

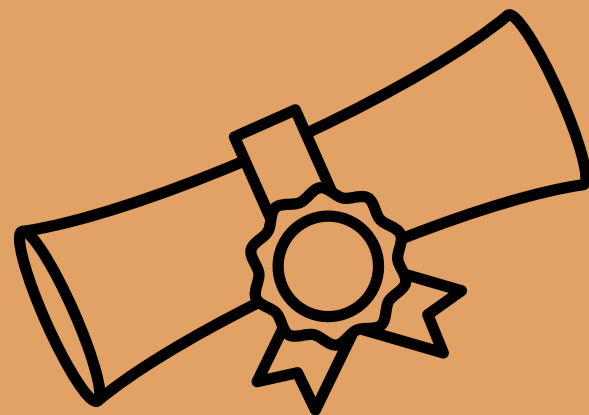


I AM FROM FISHER BRANCH, MB WHICH IS A RURAL TOWN WITH AROUND 600 PEOPLE.

I AM GOING INTO THE EDUCATION AFTER DEGREE PROGRAM, NOW THAT I HAVE COMPLETED BY BSC AT BRANDON UNIVERSITY. I WISH TO GO INTO EARLY YEARS STREAM AND EVENTUALLY TEACH RURALLY.

I AM HERE TO FURTHER MY EDUCATION AND MEET MORE PEOPLE WITH A SIMILAR BACKGROUND TO MY OWN. GOING TO A SWEAT WITH OTHER PEOPLE MY AGE WAS AWESOME!

I AM LAUREN LETEXIER, DAUGHTER TO A FARMER AND A TEACHER (WHO TEACHES K-8!) WHO LOVES SMALL TOWN LIVING AND WHO WANTS TO BECOME A TEACHER IN A SMALL TOWN AND GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY VIA VOLUNTEERING.



INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' CENTRE DRUM MAKING

ON APRIL 18, 2024, KNOWLEDGE KEEPER BARB BLIND HELPED FACILITATE A DRUM MAKING WORKSHOP TO BRANDON UNIVERSITY STUDENTS. STUDENTS WERE ABLE TO MAKE THEIR OWN DRUMS AT NO COST WITH THIS WORKSHOP. HERE ARE SOME PHOTOS OF THE PROCESS AND THE TALENTED STUDENTS MAKING THEIR DRUMS. THESE DRUMS WILL BE USED AT THE VARIOUS EVENTS IPC PUTS ON THROUGHOUT THE ACADEMIC YEAR.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Left: Sharing Circle with Susie McPherson Derendy, every Monday at 5:00pm, all are welcome. Come for an evening of song, Cree language, and drumming with Knowledge Keeper Susie McPherson Derendy.

Right: National Day of Awareness for MMIWG2S, May 6, 2024. Come and gather around the fire and listen to stories of those who have been impacted by colonial violence. Rally & Gathering in the Brandon University Courtyard

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' CENTRE

SHARING CIRCLE WITH KNOWLEDGE KEEPER

Susie McPherson Derendy



Join Knowledge Keeper Susie McPherson Derendy in the Indigenous Peoples' Centre every Monday, for an hour of drumming and sharing. Snacks & Refreshments available to those who come.

Mondays 5-6pm
Indigenous Peoples' Centre

For more information contact:
robertsonr@brandonu.ca



NATIONAL DAY OF AWARENESS FOR MMIWG2S

PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN AWARENESS RALLY TO HONOR MISSING & MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN, GIRLS, & 2 SPIRIT PEOPLE.

MONDAY MAY 6, 2024, BEGINNING AT THE
BRANDON UNIVERSITY COURTYARD
11:00AM

For more information contact Rache
robertsonr@brandonu.ca





Left: Sweat Dress making with BU student and artist Sandy Bunn. Sweat Dresses are gowns that can be worn during ceremony & sweats. Spots are very limited & registration is required. Supplies is free to registered BU students.

Right: Drum song with Susie, every Monday at 3:30pm. Join Susie and other drummers. This is an opportunity to practice drumming and singing, and to learn new songs.

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' CENTRE

Sweat Dress
Making



Join the Indigenous Peoples' Centre and artist Sandy Bunn for an afternoon of Sweat Dress making. Spots are limited, and supplies is free to registered Brandon University students.

Monday May
13, 2024
10am-3pm

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER:
ROBERTSONR@BRANDONU.CA



INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' CENTRE:

NIKAMO NIH WAHKOMAKANAK DRUM SONG

Join knowledge keeper Susie McPherson Derendy- In collaboration with BU Ed Department Instructor Jeff Smith and BU School of Music Jason Young. For an afternoon of Cree Language and drumming. There will be a practice of the song "Waniska"- a song about reconciliation.

EVERY MONDAY

starting at 3:30pm in the IPC

For more information, contact:
robertsonr@brandonu.ca

Participants do not need to RSVP.
This will be a recording of the song.



ELDER TEA & BANNOCK

with

MÉTIS ELDER

Joan Church

Tuesday, May 21, 2024

12pm-2pm

Indigenous People's Centre

nicole.braun@mmf.mb.ca

Top Left: Elder Bannock & Tea with Metis Elder Joan Church. Join Metis elder Joan Church for an afternoon filled with tea and laughter. This is a come and go event, all are welcome.

Bottom Left: Join Metis Inclusion Coordinator Nicole Braun for an afternoon of beading in the Metis Room.

Bottom Right: Metis Sash Weaving with Metis Elder Verna Demonitgny. Come learn the Metis art of sash weaving. All are welcome, no cost to participants.



MÉTIS ROOM BEADING GROUP

with

Métis Inclusion Coordinator

Nicole Braun

Monday, May 6

Wednesday, May 8

Monday, May 13

Wednesday, May 15

Wednesday, May 22

Monday, May 27

12pm-2pm

in the Métis Room-202 Clark Hall

contact: nicole.braun@mmf.mb.ca

ALL MATERIALS PROVIDED BY THE MMF



SASH WEAVING

WITH

VERNA DEMONTIGNY

Thursday, May 9

9am-11am

Indigenous People's Centre



Lunch to Follow



Indigenous Graduates mark your calendar for May 29, 2024. "Our Journey Celebrating Indigenous Student Success" Graduation Ceremony will be taking place at the Riverbank Discovery Centre. All are welcome to attend to help celebrate Indigenous Student Success. Volunteers are needed for this day, so if you or someone you know is interested in volunteering please contact: ipc@brandonu.ca
We look forward to seeing you there!



OUR JOURNEY

Omani Unkitawapi | Nutr voyaazh
Kii-B'baamaadiziininan | Nininan Pimacihowin

Celebrating Indigenous
Student Success

Wounspe Kuwa Woohiye Oshkate

MAY 29

Riverbank Discovery Centre
11 - 2 and 5 - 8

KNOWLEDGE KEEPER HOURS

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' CENTRE



Barb Blind

Knowledge Keeper Hours

Tuesday: 12:00pm-1:30pm

Wednesday: 9:00am-2:00pm

Thursday: 12:00pm-3:00pm



INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' CENTRE



Susie Mcpherson Derendy

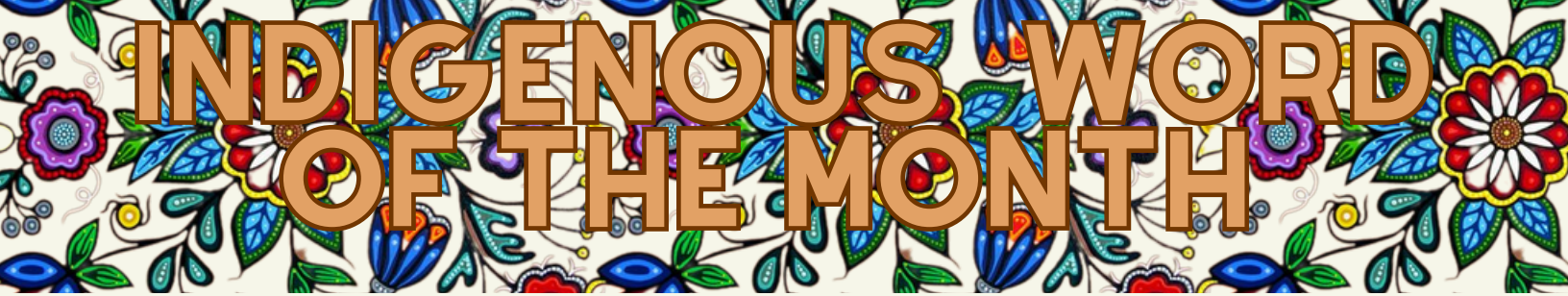
Knowledge Keeper Hours

Monday 3:30pm-6:30pm

Tuesday: 11:30am-1:30pm

Wednesday: 9:00am-1:30pm





INDIGENOUS WORD OF THE MONTH

BEAR

OJIBWAY: MAKWA (MUH-KWAH)

CREE: MASKWA (MUHS-KWAH)

DAKOTA: MATO (MAW-TOE)

MICHIF: AEN NOOR (ENN-OOR)



MIIGWECH!
MARRSII!
WOPIDA!
KINANASKOMITIN!
NAKURMIK!
THANK YOU!

