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NEWSLETTER

Dear Students,

Greetings from JIBC's Office of Indigenization (OI). On behalf of our team, we send our respects and hope you and your relations are healthy and well during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Traditionally, Autumn is a season of harvest, and in the spirit of sharing our bounty, we want to offer Students the fruits of our labor this past season and share the good work happening in our local communities to support the success of Indigenous Peoples and communities.

In this issue, we will share highlights from JIBC's observation of Orange Shirt Day and the National Day of Action for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls and resources and culturally relevant information that we hope supports you to thrive in your educational and life endeavors. To access education resources recently made available, please visit the OI's Activities and Events webpage at: <https://www.jibc.ca/office-indigenization/indigenous-activities-and-events>



Trilogy Mural Installation at New Westminster Campus, Coast Salish Territories
Left to right: Jason La Rochelle (Director, Office of Indigenization) Sharifah Marsden (Artist), Elder Phillip Gladue, Heather Simpson (Coordinator, Office of Indigenization), Kara Weintraub (Administrative Support, Office of Indigenization)

WHAT IS THE OFFICE OF INDIGENIZATION AND WHAT SUPPORTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR INDIGENOUS LEARNERS?

The Office of Indigenization (OI) works across the Institution to support JIBC's commitment to Indigenous education and implementation of its five-year Indigenization Strategy.

When studying at JIBC, the OI offers Indigenous learners holistic services and supports designed with student balance in mind. Students have access to the Elders-in-Residence, the OI Team, the Aboriginal Gathering Place, Indigenous Garden and Traditional Medicines. Throughout the calendar year, the OI organizes events and learning opportunities to observe significant Indigenous occasions and to celebrate and strengthen the active presence of Indigenous ways of knowing, being, relating and doing at JIBC. To connect with the Office of Indigenization, please email Indigenization@jibc.ca.



DID YOU KNOW?

The Office of Indigenization logo is created by Haida Gwaii artist James Cowpar, and reflects a concept of social justice and the design acknowledges the diversity of Indigenous peoples.



Dr. Michel Tarko, Métis Nation, CEO and President of JIBC

JIBC COMMUNITY RESPONSE TO COVID-19

JIBC has formed an Emergency Operations Centre Group since the onset of this health pandemic. This team maintains safety of students, employees and community members as its foremost priority and has developed a JIBC COVID-19 Safety Plan, a COVID-19 Recovery Framework and an COVID-19 FAQ.

To read Dr. Michel Tarko's most recent update, please visit: jibc.ca/news/article/covid-19-updates.

INDIGENOUS EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FUNDS

This fund is set up for Indigenous post-secondary learners who are in difficult and emergency situations.

If you have any questions about this fund or wish to apply, please email financialaid@jibc.ca or call (604) 528-5762 or 1(877) 275-4332 (toll-free North America).



MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORTS AT JIBC

Support is available to all JIBC students by contacting the Senior Manager of Learning Support and Disability Resources, 8 AM to 4 PM, Monday to Friday, by phone at 604.528.5884 or 1.877.275.4331, or by email at studentresources@jibc.ca.

The BC Crisis Line is also available 24/7 at 800.784.2433.

CULTURAL MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORTS IN COMMUNITY

The Native Women's Association of Canada (NWAC) provides a resources, supports and services during the the COVID-19 pandemic.

NWAC offers Elders Support, aimed at providing culturally relevant emotional support and building resiliency.

Elder support is available Monday-Friday, from 9:00 AM- 11:00 AM (EST) and 1:00 PM- 3:00 PM (EST.)

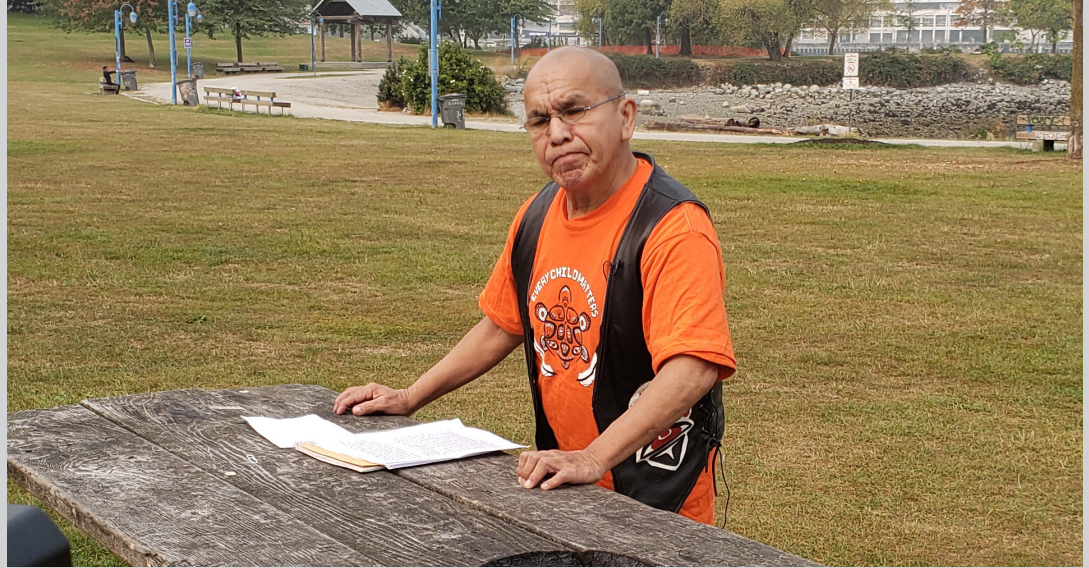
For more information, visit:

<https://www.nwac.ca/covid19-support/>

Native Women's
Association of Canada



L'Association des femmes
autochtones du Canada



Stephen Lytton, Nlaka'pamux First Nation and Survivor of St. George's Residential School. Filming Orange Shirt Day with Stephen Lytton at Crab Park, on the unceded, traditional territories of the Musqueam Nation, Tsleil-Waututh Nation and Squamish Nation.

ORANGE SHIRT DAY AT JIBC

September 30 marks the annual observation of Orange Shirt Day, an occasion that, by wearing an orange shirt, acknowledges the legacy of the Indian residential school system in Canada and honors the children who survived residential schools and remember those who did not.

This year, guest speakers for Orange Shirt Day included Phyllis Jack-Webstad, Founder of Orange Shirt Day and Stephen Lytton, of the Nlaka'pamux First Nation. Listen to Stephen share his story and address reconciliation from his perspective at <https://www.jibc.ca/office-indigenization/orange-shirt-day>.



On Monday, September 28, 2020, JIBC was honored to host Phyllis Jack-Webstad, Executive Director of the Orange Shirt Day Society, in the sharing of her Orange Shirt Story.

In this Zoom presentation, Phyllis courageously shared intimate details of her life including what it was like as a child to grow up with her Granny on Xgat'tem (Dog Creek) reserve before being taken away at the age of six, by the Indian agent and the blue "Stage", forced to attend St. Joseph Mission (SJM) Residential School in Williams Lake, B.C. for one year. Phyllis shared the significance of her orange shirt and how this story is both a source of past pain and trauma and a source of inspiration for what has become the Orange Shirt Day National movement. Out of respect for Phyllis's privacy and to hold space for sacredness of her story and journey, we did not record the presentation. Those who joined in the call, witnessed Phyllis in her humanness, describe how find healing through her work with Orange Shirt Day and its commitment to ensure "every child matters".

To learn more about Phyllis's Orange Shirt Story and the origins of this national movement, please visit: <https://www.orangeshirtday.org/phyllis-story.html>.



Honorable Judge Marion Buller, Mistawasis First Nation, Chief Commissioner, National Inquiry Into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG)

OCTOBER 4: NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION FOR MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN AND GIRLS (MMIWG)

The Justice Institute of BC is committed to actively answering the Calls for Justice for Missing and Murdered Indigenous women, girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA Peoples and recognizes that the scale and severity of violence experienced is, as aptly described by Canada’s National Inquiry into MMIWG, persistent and deliberate human and Indigenous rights violations nothing short of genocide.

On October 5th, 2020, in observation of Sisters In Spirit Day, widely becoming know as Canada’s National Day of Action for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls, the Office of Indigenization was humbled to released a pre-recorded Keynote Address by the Honorable Judge Marion Buller, of the Mistawasis First Nation. Judge Buller, the Chief Commissioner for National Inquiry Into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG) shares a heartfelt message with JIBC to inspire cumulative actions to address the many manifestations of colonial violence.

To hear Judge Buller’s Keynote Address, please visit: <https://www.jibc.ca/office-indigenization/indigenous-activities-and-events/justice-mmiwg>



Read the Final Report of the National Inquiry Into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG) at <https://www.mmiwg-ffada.ca/>

CULTIVATING SAFE SPACES WORKSHOP WITH ELAINE ALEC

On October 5, 2020, as one step towards affirmation action to redress the issues of violence against Indigenous Women, girls and 2SLGBTQQIA Peoples, the Office of Indigenization hosted Elaine Alec, of the Sylix (Okanagan) and Secwepemc (Shuswap) Nations for a workshop aimed to teach participants the four necessary conditions required to cultivate safe spaces to promote diversity and inclusion in planning, governance and business, including individual planning for self-care, self-love and self-confidence.

We raise our hands in thanks to Honorable Judge Marion Buller and Elaine Alec for joining JIBC honour our Sisters In Spirit and their families and communities, and to lead by example towards the changes we seek in a good way.

We welcome your feedback on these presentations and this newsletter at Indigenization@jibc.ca.







Please stay safe and well ❖ All our relations

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