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OFFICE OF
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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.

In our winter issue we want to share with you some of the things that have been happening in our virtual space over the past months.

In this issue, we will share highlights from JIBC's observation of the Moose Hide Campaign Day, Bells Let's Talk Day, and some insight into our first learning series with our Elders-In-Residence. We have included a few links to videos, 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>



Moose Hide Campaign Founders Paul and Raven Lacerte, Carrier First Nation (left to right).

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.



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 a COVID-19 FAQ.

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

FUNDING

- Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries
- Indigenous Emergency Assistance Funding

For more information please email: financiaid@jibc.ca.

COMMUNITY CULTURAL SUPPORTS

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.

For more information, visit: <https://www.nwac.ca/covid19-support/>



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.

ELDERS-IN-RESIDENCE LEARNING SERIES

The Office of Indigenization and Elders-In-Residence Program had a very successful launch of the Elders-In-Residence Learning Series and we would like to thank our first cohorts for joining workshops.

The sessions that were offered this series were:



Elder Ken Pruden, Métis Nation

Introduction to the Métis Peoples, 1 Session, 1.5 hours

Learners will be introduced to Métis history on Turtle Island, explore the Métis collective ethnic identity and receive Elder recommendations on including Métis worldview into teaching and learning environments.



Elder Larry Grant, x̣ṃəθḳẉəỵəm First Nation

Introduction to Land-Based Teachings, 3 Sessions, 1.5 hours each

In this three-part series, learners will deepen knowledge about the relationship between Turtle Island and its inhabitants and receive Elder recommendations on introductory ways to decolonize teaching and learning environments as an act of Truth and Reconciliation.



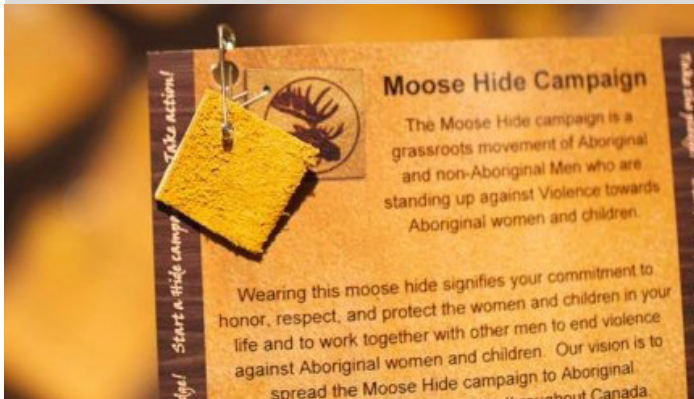
Elder Phillip Gladue, Métis Nation

Introduction to Medicine Wheel Teachings, 1 Session, 1.5 hours

Learners will be introduced to the book The Sacred Tree (Lane, Bopp, Bopp & Brown, 2003), learn about its main concepts and receive Elder recommendations on including Medicine Wheel perspectives into teaching and learning environments.

JIBC Elders provide spiritual support, encouragement and guidance to Indigenous students, staff and faculty while promoting understanding and respect for Indigenous perspectives, culture and values throughout the JIBC community. Elders act as surrogate Indigenous grandmothers or grandfathers. They possess a wealth of knowledge and life experiences about Indigenous culture that they are eager to share. To set up a confidential one-on-one session in the Elders room, a classroom visit, or for any other type of appointment, email Eldersinresidence@jibc.ca.

Watch for an announcement on Elder virtual meeting hours for students!



MOOSE HIDE CAMPAIGN DAY 2021

The Office of Indigenization and JIBC observed Moose Hide Campaign Day this year by hosting a drop-in virtual kiosk to spread awareness about the Moose Hide Campaign and to inspire personal commitments to help end gender-based and domestic violence against women and children.

To learn more about ways you can get involved, visit: <https://www.jibc.ca/moose-hide-campaign>

BUTTERFLIES IN SPIRIT AT JIBC

The Office of Indigenization’s newest educational video titled Taking Action for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls with Butterflies In Spirit is a 35 minutes video where The Office of Indigenization and Resident Elder Ken Pruden of the Métis Nation, hold space for the Butterflies In Spirit, a dance group situated in Central Coast Salish territories and comprised of family members of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG), to share their teachings, stories and art. The Butterflies In Spirit came to JIBC to spread greater awareness as to the central role Justice and Public Safety professionals play in ending violence against Indigenous women and girls and to facilitate positive relationships between law enforcement and women who have experienced violence and families of missing and murdered women. [Click here](#) to watch the Butterflies In Spirit presentation.



ÊKÏSKWÂYÂT MENTAL STATE WELLNESS MORNING BELL LET'S TALK 2021





Resident Elder Phillip Gladue, Métis Nation, and JIBC President & CEO, Dr. Michel Tarko, Métis Nation, created a presentation, which was facilitated by Jason La Rochelle, Haida Nation, Director of the Office of Indigenization. This one-hour presentation creates space for Elder Phillip Gladue and Dr. Tarko to share their perspectives about mental wellness. [Click here](#) to watch this presentation.

Please stay safe and well ❖ All our relations

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