

Gathering Voices

SELKIRK COLLEGE ABORIGINAL STUDENTS & SERVICES

Spring 2017 (1)

Our circle grows...

We want to welcome **Michele Morin** who will be doing her practicum with us in Aboriginal Services for May & June. See below for her introduction:

I am a mature, Métis person in the process of finishing my second year at Selkirk College. I am in the Human Service Worker-Social Service Worker Diploma Program here at the College, and I am enjoying my practicum with Leah. This fall I will begin my third year of studies in the Social Worker-Indigenous Specialty through the distance education program, University of Victoria.

Indigenous Graduation Celebration & Elders Brunch

What a beautiful gathering with many local elders and those from our surrounding nations. Families and community members witnessed the accomplishments of our Indigenous student. We are so proud of you all! Check out our facebook page for [photos](#).

Reflecting on our Winter Semester

Student Connections at the Gathering Place

We were lucky to have Ann-Marie Smith with us on Thursdays this past semester to share stories, cultural teachings, sharing food and traditional crafts. We had a great attendance with staff and students alike learning how to make dreamcatchers, smudge kits and leather mitts. Miigwech!

Dr. Leroy Little Bear

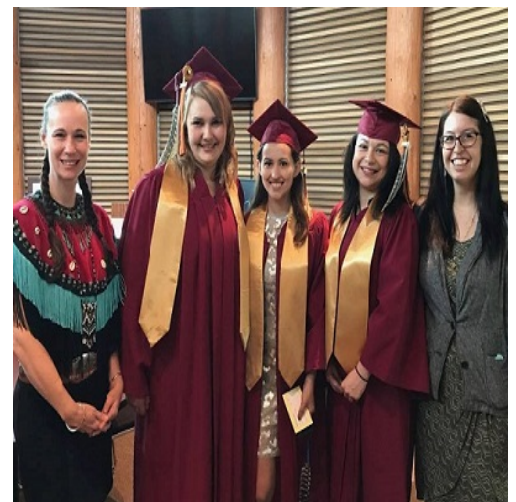
What an honour to have Dr. Leroy Littlebear and his wife Amethyst First Rider here from the Blood Tribe in Alberta. Dr. Littlebear shared a Blackfoot perspective on science and how that complements and contrasts with Western science. An informative and inspiring talk!

Ted X – Awkward Spaces

An evening full of interesting talks including one from Ktunaxa academic Dr. Christopher Horsethief entitled [Truth and Reconciliation can be Awkward](#). Check out the rest of the Tedx Youth@Nelson/Selkirk College talks [here](#).

Métis Kitchen Party

Our 2nd annual Métis Kitchen party was so well attended with over 70 people that we had folks eating out in the hall! Check out our facebook page for [photos](#). The youth participants were honoured and sashed by Elders, and a feast was shared with community.



Spring/Summer 2017 Upcoming Events

Reconciliation & Indigenous Education Symposium

Join regional and international educators at the second annual Learning Symposium and Indigenous Educators' Summit. Share best practices with each other including exploration of growth mindset and experiential learning.

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Judy Thompson

Mon. June 19th

6:00-8:00 pm - Welcome Dinner

Tuesday June 20th, 2017

9:00-4:00pm

Patenaude Hall, Tenth Street
Campus, Nelson

Check out our website here for details or to [register](#).

Indigenous Plant Garden at the Gathering Place

Exciting details coming soon...

This is our slower time to reflect and regroup and plan for our upcoming school year.



Pictured in photo on left (L to R): Elders Program Opening Song for Grad 2017. Jessica Morin, Bev Gilliard, Gerry Remple, Lil Laertz, Ganishka Silverfox, Leah Lychowyd & Donna Wright.

Previous page Left: Angus Graeme & Ann Marie Smith showing his dreamcatcher made on the Thursday Student Connections drop-in.

Centre: Indigenous graduating students Diana Marcoux & Merope Chappelle

Right: Jessica Morin (Aboriginal Services Liasion), Santanna Hernandez, Haley Seven Deers., Lesley Garlow & Leah Lychowyd (Aboriginal Access & Support Assistant)

Interested in keeping in touch and up to date on what we are doing? Like us on facebook at [Aboriginal Students at Selkirk College](#).

Stay tuned for our new newsletter format that students, alumni, community members alike can subscribe to...coming soon!

[Lynx Portal](#) - Free Online Career Portal for Aboriginal Students looking for employment. Please contact Olga Sherstobitoff - osherstobitoff@selkirk.ca for more info.

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