



SUMMER
2021

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.

This summer we have seen record breaking temperatures and resurgence of a busy wildfire season throughout our province. It is important with the summer season soon changing to give thanks to the Creator and take a moment to adjust to the slower pace of the fall season.

As we return to campus in New Westminster, you will observe the new Welcome Post in the atrium. The majestic Welcome Post was created by Musqueam artist Brent Sparrow Jr. The post depicts an Eagle and Sun design. It is to provide guidance, strength, protection, and warmth to all staff, faculty, students, recruits, and visitors of JIBC.

Welcome back to campus! Please drop by the OI and say hello!



Welcome Post created by Musqueam artist Brent Sparrow Jr.

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.

The Aboriginal Gathering Place (AGP) is in AD 135 near the gymnasium at the New Westminster campus. We look forward to you visiting the AGP. 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.



ELDERS-IN-RESIDENCE PROGRAM

The Elders-In-Residence Program supports and encourages Indigenous students and provides a cultural connection for them on their journey. Elders encourage and promote understanding and respect for Indigenous knowledges, perspectives, culture, and values. Elders are available to students for one-on-one dialogue and in group settings. Information on upcoming Elder-led workshops is shared on social media. If you have a request for a specific topic of learning, please email the OI Coordinator, Heather Simpson at hsimpson@jibc.ca.

MEET OUR NEW PROGRAM PLANNER

My name is Nicole Mate, my traditional name is pípehò: m. This name was given to me by Stólò elder Doris Peters and means Frog who shifts from water to land. I am Métis, a descendant of the Ramsay and Bonin and the Perreault-Morin and Hamelin households, from the historic Métis homeland of the Red River Colony in Manitoba.

As a former graduate of the LESD program, I am happy to be back the JIBC now as a staff member. My education at JIBC was imperative to my previous position as a Coroner with BC Coroners Service. I am here to support Indigenous students with cultural resources, community connections, JIBC resources, and educational and training planning.

To connect with me, drop by the OI at the New Westminster campus. Alternatively, please contact me at nmate@jibc.ca or 604.528.5621.





NATIONAL INDIGENOUS HISTORY MONTH AND NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY

With Elders and community partners, the Office of Indigenization observed a month-long celebration of National Indigenous History Month including National Indigenous Peoples Day on June 21. As the month started following the devastating report from Tk'emlúps te Secwepemc, we held ceremony and spaces throughout the month to grieve, educate about, and sit with the hard Truths of what has happened and continues to happen, to Indigenous Peoples on Indigenous land. Through on-line and live engagements, we gathered to share First Nations, Inuit, and Métis cultures, histories, voices, and traditions as a source of pride, strength, and healing.

The OI hosted fifteen separate events in June including an Opening Ceremony, led by JIBC CEO and President, Dr. Michel Tarko, Métis-Cree, Elder Caroline Buckshot, Algonquin Nation, and the OI's Director, Jason La Rochelle, Haida Nation and a Closing Ceremony that included a performance by Spakwus Slolem, the Eagle Song Dancers, led by Elder Bob Baker from the Skwxwú7mesh Nation. On National Indigenous Peoples Day, JIBC was joined by The Wild Moccasin Dancers, an energetic dance collective that shares the pow wow culture. We partnered with Indigenous Elders, Knowledge-Keepers, Survivors, storytellers, and artists to highlight the distinction and diversity that is inherently Indigenous and offer multiple opportunities for members of the JIBC family to engage with and learn from Indigenous Peoples.



Eagle Song Dancers

INDIGENOUS YOUTH CAREER CAMP 2021

The JIBC Indigenous Youth Career Camp-Building Bridges, Breaking Barriers, Encouraging Connections, aims to build youth resiliency, establish positive relationships, and introduce youth to the broad spectrum of careers in justice, public safety, and health care. This year we offered a blend of virtual online activities and in-person activities. The youth along with Elders and the OI staff, spent a day of hands-on learning with the Paramedic Academy, Fire Academy, and Police Academy. Our online learning sessions were with the Emergency Management Division and the Corrections & Court Services Division. The connections made by youth during the camp equipped them with the tools to plan for their future careers. Overall, the Indigenous Youth Career Camp 2021 was a great success!

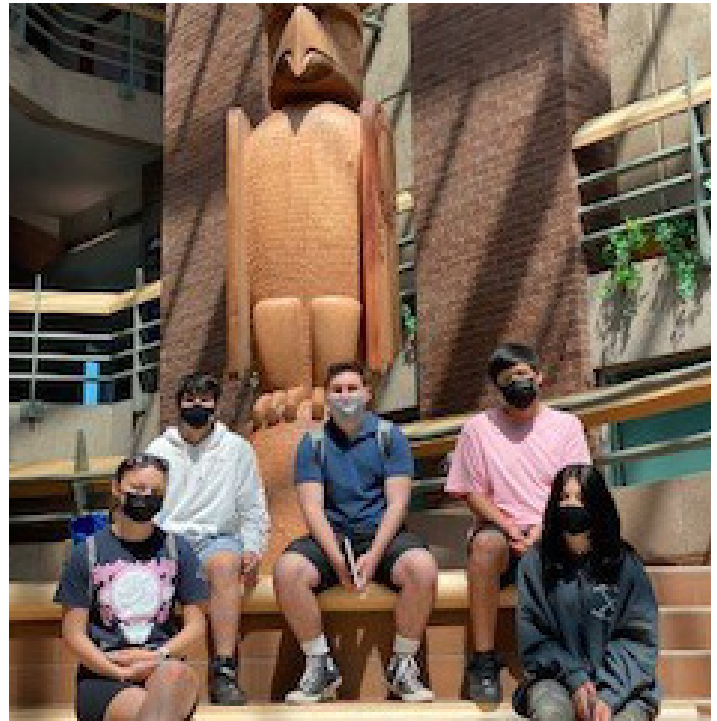


FUNDING FOR INDIGENOUS STUDENTS

The OI works with JIBC's Financial Aid Office to communicate funding options and support application processes for student financial aid. If you have any questions about any of these funds or wish to apply, please email financialaid@jibc.ca or call 604.528.5762. <https://www.jibc.ca/student-services/financial-aid>

1. Indigenous Emergency Assistance Fund. For Indigenous post-secondary learners who are in difficult and emergency situations. You can apply at any time in the calendar year.
2. Marvin and Colette Storrow Award. This award provides tuition support for Indigenous students enrolled in a JIBC certificate (6 credits or more), diploma or degree program. Value: \$1,000 awarded annually.
3. JIBC General Student Bursary. The maximum disbursement of funds to any one student in a calendar year is \$2000.
4. Chief Joe Mathias British Columbia Aboriginal Scholarship. For Indigenous students who are pursuing post-secondary education.

There are external funding opportunities that are administered outside of JIBC. For more information check out: <https://www.jibc.ca/student-services/financial-aid-awards/externalawards#aboriginal>.



CULTURAL METAL HEALTH SUPPORTS IN AT THE JIBC AND COMMUNITY

Support is available to all JIBC students by contacting the Senior Manager of Learning Support and Disability Resources, 8:00 AM to 4:00 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.

The Native Women's Association of Canada (NWAC) provides a resource, supports, and services during the COVID-19 pandemic. For more information, visit: <https://www.nwac.ca/covid19-support/>.

Métis Counselling Connection program:
Contact mentalhealth@mnbcc.ca.



Please stay safe and well ❖ All our relations

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