

S'olh Shxwlèlì

Siya:ye



Aboriginal Access Services



Just rootin' round because spring has sprung.

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NITEP thinks “Get back to Chilliwack”

Long since established as an important part of the regional First Nations educational landscape, the Native Indian Teacher Education Program began to set its roots as a UBC mainstay in 1974. NITEP served as part of a vanguard for increasing First Nations participation and success in post secondary education. NITEP is still a major part of the First Nations education scene today.

There was a Chilliwack NITEP centre for many years and many First Nation students went on to professional careers in education or other fields. After a six or seven year absence, NITEP may well have a presence again on the UCFV's Chilliwack campus. If there is enough interest to enrol indicated, NITEP will return to Chilliwack.

Many students have spent up to two years in Chilliwack in teacher training. Although students from many first nations studied at the centre, many students will be recognizable as Sto:lo

people or as xwelme'w living in Sto:lo territory. As well during the time of NITEP being here, many students began post secondary study through the program before deciding to move into another field. Whether as teachers or in someother professional role, people with NITEP training have made



many valuable contributions to many communities. Many former NITEP students have become educational, cultural or political leaders for aboriginal communities.

Sto:lo scholar Dr. Joann Archibald is the Acting NITEP Director as well as the Associate Dean of Indigenous Education. With her extensive association with aboriginal post-secondary education in general and with NITEP specifically, Dr. Archibald has been in discussion with UCFV's Aboriginal Access Services and the Aboriginal Community Council for over a year to bring NITEP back to Chilliwack. NITEP originally began a Chilliwack centre at Coqualeetza in 1977. After a brief hiatus, NITEP re-opened a centre on the Chilliwack UCFV campus in 1985. The centre remained open until 2000. This year may be significant for the return of NITEP to UCFV Chilliwack. Aboriginal Access Services looks forward to welcoming NITEP in the near future.

Visual Arts show features Nuxalk student

UCFV visual arts student Heather Nairn recently had artwork included in a show at the UCFV gallery on the Abbotsford Campus. Her creation entitled 'Thunderbird' is based on a Nuxalk dance mask representing a being called 'thunder'. The dance



'Thunderbird' by Heather Nairn

continues to be one of most important for the Nuxalk.

Nairn used plaster and twigs to make 'Thunderbird'. The whole figure is whitewashed. For at least one Nuxalk observer, this piece is rife with messages about the impacts of colonialism on Nuxalk people.

Did You Know....?

...that retired Judge Albert Scow founded the Scow Institute in 2001? The Scow Institute aims to provide non-partisan information on the “cultural, historical, and legal issues” faced by aboriginal people in BC. There are fact sheets about aboriginal people on the web site.

Check it out online:

<http://www.scowinstitute.ca/>



Important Dates to Know and Remember

Winter Semester

April 5 - Last day of classes

April 10 to 23 - Examination period

See Winter semester exam schedule online at:

<http://www.ucfv.ca/ar/semesterinfo/200701/examschedule.htm>

Summer Semester

March 8 - Registration times are available through MyUCFV

March 21 - Registration begins

May 7 - Classes begin for Full and Early sessions

July 3 - Classes begin for Late session.

For Summer Semester, please note the three sessions courses may offered within. There is one longer session running over the whole semester and two sessions offering courses over a shorter period. The start and end dates for each session runs are shown below.

Full Session

Classes: May 7-Aug 4

Exams: Aug 7-16

Early Session

Classes: May 7-Jun 23

Exams: Jun 26-30

Late Session

Classes: Jul 3-Aug 18

Exams: Aug 21-25

S'olh Shxwlelì Student Luncheon

Thursday, April 5, 2007

11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Room D136
Chilliwack campus

All are welcome!!!



Local NITEP connections

Over the years there have been hundreds of NITEP graduates. There have been Sto:lo NITEP grads, grads with family ties to Sto:lo people, and others who have come to live and work within Sto:lo territory. Here are a few names of NITEP grads which are familiar within the local aboriginal community. Some are Sto:lo and some are from other first nations. All are xwelmxw.

Beatrice Silver	Ethel Gardner
Gwen Point	Shirley Leon
Jeff McNeil-Bobb	Nancy Pennier
Peggy Janicki	Diana Kay
Gerald Charlie	Jill Charlie
Karen Blaine	Charlotte Tommie
Jim Sutherland	Isabella Peters
Salish Wesley	Rick Joe
Heather Commodore	Barb Hans

Several of the above have gone onto to earn Masters degrees. Ethel Gardner has completed a doctorate while Gwen Point and Mark Point are currently working in doctorate programs.



NITEP Grads Mark and Brenda Point are married to each other. Mark works for the Fraser Cascade School District. Brenda works for the Chilliwack School District.



Dr. Ethel Gardner chairs the Aboriginal Education Department at Lakehead University in Ontario.



Gwen Point is on Faculty at UCFV and nears completion of an Ed. D. degree through SFU.

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HOST DRUM
Northern Cree
Grammy Winners
M.C.'s

Gerald Sitting Eagle
and
John Terbasket



PRESENTS

The 15th Annual

Chilliwack Powwow

APRIL 6, 7, 8 2007

ARENA DIRECTOR

Steven Point

WHIP MAN

Brian Point

LOCATION

Chilliwack Heritage Park
44140 Luckakuck Way,
Chilliwack BC, V2R 4A'

ENTRY FEE

Adults: \$6/Day or \$15/wkend

Children 6-12/Seniors

Dancers/Drummers:

\$5/Day or \$10/wkend

Aboriginal Teachers Make A Difference

Native Indian Teacher Education Program (NITEP)



The Aboriginal Community Council of the University College of the Fraser Valley (UCFV) and NITEP are interested in establishing a NITEP Field Centre at the Chilliwack Campus of UCFV, starting September 2007, subject to funding. Applications are encouraged.

For information please contact Shirley Hardman,
Aboriginal Access Coordinator at UCFV.

NITEP offers a quality teacher education program that honours diverse Aboriginal traditions and philosophies. NITEP graduates are highly qualified Aboriginal educators with Bachelor of Education (Elementary or Secondary) degrees.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:
MAY 15, 2007**

Applicants who submit all supporting documentation by **June 15, 2007** will have their application fees (Faculty of Education Application and Language Proficiency Index) paid by NITEP.

**FINAL DOCUMENT DEADLINE:
JULY 31, 2007**

The applicant is responsible for paying the application fees.

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