

S'olh Shxwlèlì

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Aboriginal Access Services



June 17th is Father's Day

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An interesting time - June 2007

June 2007 is shaping up to be an interesting time. Seeing the world from the point of view of a xwelmexw person working at a post secondary institution is often very interesting. This month, the schedule of events upcoming for the Fraser Valley aboriginal community and at UCFV promises celebration and contemplation.

Convocation is June 14th and 15th on the Abbotsford campus. Many people receiving well earned certificates, diplomas, and degrees will be of aboriginal ancestry. All of us aboriginal people should be proud that many of our own at UCFV (and at other schools throughout the month) will be a step closer to serving the aboriginal and larger community as professionals with accredited training. Aboriginal

people know how greatly needed these success stories are for aboriginal people to hear and know.

National Aboriginal Day will be celebrated in many communities across BC and Canada on June 21st to honour the contributions of our people to Canada. There is reasoning, based on tradition, for this day being chosen in Canada. For uncountable generations, many First Nation people attended, around the time of summer solstice, sun dances or other ceremonies. This year will mark the eleventh time the contributions of aboriginal people to the Canadian identity are acknowledged. At UCFV, Aboriginal Access Services will be hosting a National Aboriginal Day celebration on June 19th on the green at the Abbotsford campus.

Listen for the sounds and look for the colours of an aboriginal celebration.

Later in June after festivities and rejoicing, there is an event of a more sombre nature being planned. A event called the 'National Day of Action - Solidarity for Aboriginal Justice' is set for the 29th. It is gaining support at the grassroots and leadership levels. It is a day for aboriginal people to demonstrate and express the collective aboriginal vision of ending poverty within our communities.

So, although much has been accomplished and there is much to celebrate in many communities, aboriginal people know that there is still much work to do to realize the vision of ending aboriginal poverty.



Father

June features convocation ceremonies and National Aboriginal Day celebration at UCFV

Convocation 2007

For those who have applied to graduate, remember that S'olh Shxwlèlì will be hosting a reception following each of the four ceremonies in the lounge area - Room A219 - next to the Abbotsford centre. We are also looking for good natured volunteers to help at the

Aboriginal Access information tipi during convocation. Please call if you are interested in helping with the convocation effort. More information about convocation can be found online:

<http://www.ucfv.ca/Convocation.htm>

National Aboriginal Day Celebration

Aboriginal Access Services will be host at a celebration on June 19th for National Aboriginal Day. This event will be held on the green on the Abbotsford Campus. A mini powwow and arts & crafts vendors will be featured. There will also be burgers and bannock available. Please come and join us.

Did You Know...?

That the exact moment Earth's northern hemisphere will be closest to the sun in 2007 is June 21 at precisely 6:06 P.M. Greenwich Mean time? That will be at 11:06 A.M. Pacific Daylight-savings Time.

Check it out online:

<http://www.astrologycom.com/solstinox.html>



Important Dates to Know and Remember

Reminder for Notice of ACC Meeting

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.

Early Session

Classes: May 7-Jun 23

Exams: Jun 26-30

Late Session

Classes: Jul 3-Aug 18

Exams: Aug 21-25

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 here.

The Aboriginal Community Council will be on June 4, 2007 at the Chilliwack campus at 12:00 pm in Room A201 in building A.

Please call Shirley or Peter for information.

The Fall 2007 Timetable is available online. It can accessed at:

Full Session

Classes: May 7-Aug 4

Exams: Aug 7-16

<http://www.ucfv.ca/ar/semesterinfo/200709quicklinks.htm>



National Aboriginal Day Mini-Powwow ~Tuesday June 19th 2007~

10:30 am - 2:30 pm

-BBQ -

-Mini Powwow-

-First Nation art vendors -

On The Breezeway ~ Abbotsford campus
(In between 'A' and 'B' building)

\$5

**BBQ Lunch
Cheese/Burger,
pop, chips
and Bannock**

\$5

An upcoming exhibition at the UCFV Gallery on the Abbotsford Campus

Yes I'm Indian

Contemporary Female First Nations Art Exhibition

Featuring the work of artists
Shawna Bates and Tara-Lynn Kozma Perrin

June 7th to June 19th
Room B 136 in Building B

Please attend the opening reception is June 8th at the gallery

At 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

To enjoy Interactive Art, smoked salmon, bannock, good company, and much more

Contact Information for Aboriginal Access Services

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Learn Today Lead Tomorrow (LT²) Program to be offered students in first thirty credits

LT² is a University College of the Fraser Valley Aboriginal Access Services program for Indigenous students entering their first year of university study. Whether students are preparing to apply to the UCFV program of their choice or they have been accepted into a program, LT² can lead to academic success.

LT² may open the door to:

A Bachelor Degree in:

Arts (including Anthropology, Adult Education, Criminology and more...)

Science (including Biology, Chemistry, Computing and more...)

Social Work

Nursing

Business Administration

Kinesiology

LT² just may be that first important step toward acceptance in Law School, Medical School or Teacher Education.

The possibilities are endless

Apply Today! Call for more information

University & College Access Program to be offered to CCP students

UCAP is a University College of the Fraser Valley Aboriginal Access Services foundation year initiative program for indigenous students. UCAP will benefit students preparing to apply to the UCFV program of their choice. UCAP will help to build student support systems. While students attend UCAP, there is an opportunity to gain valuable university credits toward a certificate, diploma, or degree. UCAP may be the avenue to opening the door to:

Aboriginal Culture and Language Support Diploma Program (ACLS)

Halq'emeylem Language Teaching Certificate

Social Services Diploma

Nursing

ECE / Child & Youth Care

Criminal Justice diploma

Professional Cook Training

Carpentry or Joinery

Auto Service Technician

and many other UCFV programs

Apply Today! Call for more information

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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