

S'olh Shxwlelí Siya:ye



Aboriginal Access Services



The Williams family from Skwah Nation

The Honorable Steven Point Visits UCFV - Abbotsford Campus on January 14th

Our Province's Lieutenant Governor, Steven Point, continues his culture and traditions as they are now included in many of the ceremonies that he attends as part of his role as the Queen's representative. The honorable Steven Point, as well as an UCFV alumnus, and recipient of an honorary doctorate, and former UCFV instructor, was drummed into the boardroom at UCFV (Abbotsford campus) on Monday, January 14th by the Williams family from Skwah First Nation and a representative from Kwantlen First Nation, Lekeyten. The drum beat represents the heartbeat of our people he explains to the people who are in attendance, some are not aware of the importance of the drum beat, to not only the Sto:lo people, but all xwelmexw (First Nations) people.

The honorable Steven Point's speech was awe inspiring because he speaks from the heart as he has a powerful way of captivating his audience. As First Nations people, among the crowd of predominantly non-Aboriginal people, his words were evocative and gave us a sense of pride and reassurance that the future will change for the better for all Aboriginal people. The Lieutenant-Governor's traditional name means "Speaker of the House," a translation that moved the audience and a meaning that carries more than appropriateness, but the fate of the Aboriginal people.

NITEP is returning to Chilliwack Campus.
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Happy Valentine's Day

Apply today to the UCFV Program of your choice. Call Aboriginal Access Services and get started. Funding deadlines are fast approaching.

Aboriginal Access Services and UBC NITEP are pleased to announce the opening of a NITEP Field Centre on the Chilliwack Campus of UCFV.



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

For more information contact:

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Honour Your Health Challenge 2008



Who: Faculty, Students, Women and Youth
 You are all invited, Children welcome.

Place: G 120- Aboriginal Access Services
Time: 4:00 pm **Date:** Thursday, Feb. 7, 2008

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

Craft, Pow Wow Dance, & Fitness workshops; Talking Circle; &
 Pipe Ceremony.

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Indigenizing Our Academy

Aboriginal Access Services staff is partnered with the Aboriginal Community Council, UCFV President Skip Bassford, UCFV Board of Governors, Senior Administrators, faculty and staff to undertake a process to integrate an indigenous dimension to the teaching/learning, research and service functions of UCFV.

To learn more:
<http://www.ucfv.ca/arc/indigenizing.htm>

Announcing A New Program. . . .

Sto:lo Studies Certificate
 1 year certificate
 10 courses = 30 credits
 Starting in September 2008
 Apply as soon as possible

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Elder in Residence



Message from our Elder:

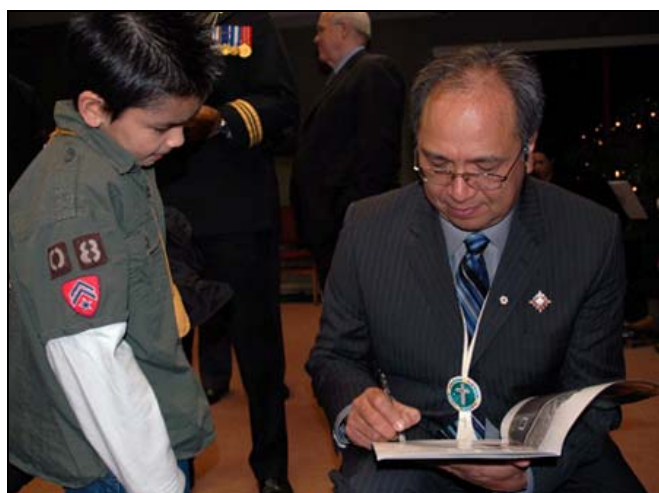
S'olh Shxwlel' Elder-in-Residence Terry Prest will be on Abbotsford campus every Wednesday. Drop by S'olh Shxwleli (A221) and say hi!

Terry is in Chilliwack S'olh Shxwleli every Monday and Thursday. You can join Terry on Thursday for a Talking Circle—just drop in Thursdays at 1pm.

This month Terry is encouraging students to find “Balance” in their journey.



From Left to Right: Lieutenant - Colonel Roman Acconi, who accompanies the honorable Steven Point at all times; Social Work student, Leslee Picton; Chatelaine, that means “mistress of a large house,” Gwen Point; and the Lieutenant-Governor, the honorable Steven Point.



Above: The honorable Steven Point shares a laugh with Lorraine Chapman of Chehalis First Nation. They share strong cultural ties with each other.

Indigenous Smile of the Month!



The honorable Steven Point poses with an UCFV student, Mary Parenteau's son, Harley. Above to the left, the Lieutenant - Governor signs Harley's “aluminations” magazine (a magazine for alumni) that has the Lieutenant-Governor's picture on the front cover.



EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Craft Nights!!! - Will be held on Thursday Evenings from **6:00 - 9:00 pm** starting on **Thursday, January 31, 2008**. Facilitated by Sheila Marsden - Work Study Student, held at the **ARC** at the UCFV - Chilliwack campus. For more information, contact **604-795-2835**.

Winter Tales in the Pit House (Xaytem) - Are held on **Sunday** afternoons from **12:00 - 4:00 pm**.

February 3rd - Nicola Campbell

February 10th - TBA

Cost: Adults: \$12:00; Seniors & Students: \$7:00; Family: \$25.00

Get directions / info: 604-820-9725 or

<http://www.xaytem.ca> or email: info@xaytem.ca

SWEATLODGE CEREMONY

The 3rd Sunday in February (17th) Meet at the Cultus Lake Plaza at 9am. Call Josephine for more information.

UN Declaration

The United Nations, on September 13, 2007 passed a Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. UCFV will host a forum to explore the implications and highlight the milestones achieved on **February 26th in the Theatre on the Chilliwack campus**.

Richard van Camp

Richard van Camp will be at S'olh Shxwleli February 27th For more information contact **Josephine at 604-795-2835**.

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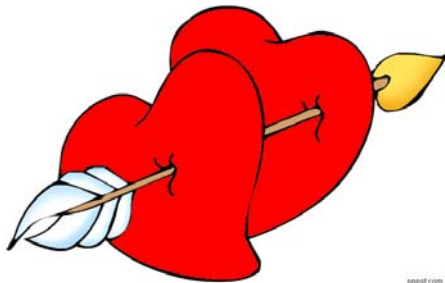
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