

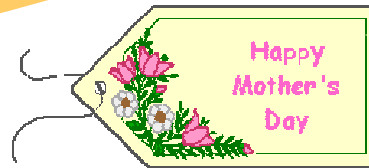
S'olh Shxwlèlì

Siya:ye



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Aboriginal Access Services



May 13th is Mother's Day

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Mother

Reflections in mid-spring

So, Summer Semester 2007 looms, it's imminent and impending. And that is what makes writing a brief yearend review for S'olh Shxwlèlì seem somewhat awkward. It feels like the year has not concluded yet. Plus the weather is warming so that a Fraser Valley Spring in all its glory has set upon UCFV's campuses. So many of nature's cycles and human activity seem to have only recently started anew. At the same time (to compound this feeling), it is time to form plans for next year.

All that means that not much time at all should be spent in a reflective mode this time of year. Unless, of course, it really means looking at reflections of the sky in a puddle for a moment on the way to an activity or experience.

As for this article, much more than can be reported here has happened at S'olh Shxwlèlì. So here but a few highlights from the year.

Aboriginal Access Services has been active this year. S'olh Shxwlèlì Siyaye (this newsletter) has become as regular online feature of service offered from this department. Please tell friends and family about this newsletter.



Terry Prest has contributed a so much to our department. He made frequent visits to S'olh Shxwlèlì to listen to and speak with students. He helped many UCFV students with assignments requiring research about Sto:lo people. He led a sweat lodge ceremony for students and other interested people once a month. He recently lead a sweat lodge ceremony for UCFV interested staff and faculty as well. (Check back for details about the fall 2007 Faculty and Staff sweat lodge ceremony.)

The Aboriginal Culture and Language Support Diploma program has completed its first year of operation. Applicants for acceptance to next September's program start are still being reviewed so, if interested in ACLS, be sure to apply quickly.

Convocation 2007 and National Aboriginal Day celebration coming in June

Convocation 2007

For those have applied to graduate, remember that S'olh Shxwlèlì will be hosting a reception following each ceremony during Convocation. Watch for details here.

We are also looking for good natured volunteers to help at

the Aboriginal Access information tipi during convocation. Please call if you are interested 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 a celebration on June 19th for National Aboriginal Day. This event will be held on the green on the Abbotsford Campus. Please come and join us. Look for details in the June issue as well as anywhere UCFV advertisements are seen.

Did You Know...?

Local writer Sandra Shields authored a five part news feature series about Sto:lo people and the "New Relationship" initiative of the provincial government? The series is entitled "Reconciling With First Nations" and it was written for the online alternative newspaper The Tyee.

Check it out online:

<http://thetyee.ca/Series/2007/03/30/Reconciling/>



Important Dates to Know and Remember

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 here.

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

The Fall 2007 Timetable will be available on May 4. It can accessed online at:

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

Reminder for Notice of ACC Meeting

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 to for information.



Indigenous UCFV student is awarded Alberta Scholarship

Submitted by Kim Lawrence, UCFV Marketing & Communications

Mission resident Jeanette Dillabough, a UCFV Social Work student, is amongst 26 BC students awarded an Alberta scholarship this year.

These annual scholarships, awarded for the first time this year and funded by the Alberta government, are provided to every province and territory in Canada in celebration of Alberta's centennial. Each recipient province or territory determines its own application process and deadline. BC chose to award the \$2005 scholarships to Aboriginal students as a way of helping them start, stay in and succeed in public post-secondary education and training.

A Métis with Cree heritage, Jeanette is originally from Manitoba but lived in Edmonton for ten years. One weekend, she took a trip to BC and never left! This June, she'll cross the UCFV stage at convocation to receive her Bachelor of Social Work degree and an additional certificate in First Nations studies. Jeanette began her studies in 2002, earning her Social Services diploma two years later and then laddering into the degree program. And she's not slowing down now!

"I'd really like to pursue my Master of Social Work next," she says, referring to the community consultation that UCFV recently undertook about introducing such a program. In the meantime, she's working with Triangle Community Resources. She also volunteers her time by sitting on the Mission Community Services board of directors, the Mission Downtown Coalition, and a number of other committees.

Jeanette recently completed her final practicum placement with the Abbotsford Probation Office. "My passion is working with people struggling with substance misuse issues," she says. "For now, I'm focused on getting more experience in my field."

Students must be First Nations, Métis, or Inuit to be considered for the scholarship. They must be enrolled in full-time studies at a public post-secondary institution, provide their educational goals and employment aspirations, and show a need for the funds with their application. Winners are chosen by the British Columbia First Nations co-ordinators committee and a representative from the Ministry of Advanced Education. Interested students should contact the First Nations co-ordinator at their institution this coming December for application details.

Did you Know...?

That UCFV instructor and Sto:lo community member Gwen Point has won an award from the Aboriginal Tourism Association? Gwen is recognized for her efforts over the years in helping Chilliwack host the Chilliwack Powwow.

Check it out online:

<http://www.ucfv.ca/MarCom/newsroom/GwenPointAboriginalTourism.htm>



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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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