

# The Mamalilikulla First Nation

AUGUST  
2021

In order to create a strong, self-sufficient and independent Mamalilikulla Nation, we seek opportunities to bring our community together and build capacity amongst members through joint interest of our land, language, and culture



## Communications Update

Greetings Mamalilikulla Nation!!

This month's newsletter shares navigators around our surrounding member's areas. We are coming up to fall, and I thought going to University or College is an extensive process whether you freshly graduated from high school, took a year off, or returning to school. These navigators are there to talk with you about your goals, dreams, interests and help you along your path to greatness.

I want to encourage you but applaud you at the same time! Continuing school or returning is a fantastic accomplishment, and I don't think our First Nation people hear it enough. I am PROUD of you.

We all have our own story of life and trauma, but the choice to go/finish school is above what our Canadian government has done to our people, rise above the racism, the walls they put up, the trauma, and last but not least better your life for yourself or your family. Take the steps needed to believe in yourself and work towards a better future. I can not explain enough that you are resilient, unique, and hardworking as sad as our history is, you keep moving forward to "stick it to the man."

The Mamalilikulla First Nation office applauds you for thinking of your future and is proud to see you finish or return to school!! Keep being you, stay strong, and always believe in yourself!

## tikwala / Joke, to

Is today really August? Or are Julying to me?



## BIRTHDAY SHOUT-OUT

Can we give a Happy 55th Birthday to Darlene Flanders!! August 10th 1966

**ixḵas̱alala x̱is ma'yudṯamxḏamus!!**

## Word of The Month

Sunday - i'kila'aṉx̱

Monday - 'ṉamp̱aṉxwats̱aṉx̱

Tuesday - ma'ṯp̱aṉxwats̱aṉx̱

Wednesday - yuḏaxw̱p̱aṉxwats̱aṉx̱

Thursday - mu̱p̱aṉxwats̱aṉx̱

Friday - sa̱ka̱p̱aṉxwats̱aṉx̱

Saturday - na̱xs̱'andi

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# MAMALILIKULLA FIRST NATION



## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Saturday, October 23rd, 2021**

**9:30am Campbell River**

### AGENDA

1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER
2. APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 2020 AGM
3. AUDIT 2021, PRESENTED BY Kam Sandhu of MNP
4. APPOINT AUDITOR FOR THE ENSUING YEAR
5. STAFF REPORTS
6. COUNCIL REPORTS
7. CHIEF'S REPORT & UPDATE
8. IPCA (Indigenous Protected & Conserved Areas)
9. OTHER BUSINESS
10. ADJOURN

**This meeting will be LIVESTREAM for those band members that are unable to attend. The Livestream information and instructions will be posted.**



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### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23<sup>RD</sup>, 2021  
AT THE QUINSAM HALL  
2005 EAGLE DRIVE, CAMPBELL RIVER, BC V9H 1V8**

**At 9:30 am**

Breakfast snacks, Lunch and Turkey dinner to be provided.

#### **TRAVEL SUPPORT**

The Chief & Council are providing travel support for our out-of-town band members to attend this one-day event. The travel support includes mileage to attend the meeting, hotel (*we have 3 hotels with rooms blocked off for us*), and ferry costs.

To accommodate adequate travel support, **we will need our band members to pre-register with the band office by October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021**. We will use the registration list to arrange the hotel stay and prepare the travel claims for our members. You can pre-register via email at [communications@mamalilikulla.ca](mailto:communications@mamalilikulla.ca) or phone at 250-287-2955 or toll free 1-888-287-2955.

***Only members who have pre-registered will be provided with their travel support upon arrival at the AGM. Members who register after the deadline will receive their travel support via mail the following week after the AGM.***



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### JOB POSTING

## MFN ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING CATERING

#### OVERVIEW

This position requires an energetic and current food-safe certified Caterer and staff to prepare breakfast snacks, lunch, and a turkey dinner. In this role, you need to be fully vaccinated as you will be serving elders. You will need to provide menu options to the band office with your quote. On the day of the event, you will set up and break down equipment, prepare and serve food and beverages, and ensure the food service runs smoothly.

The object of this position is to ensure that we have a full-service caterer for the Annual General Meeting. This bid must be in Mamalilikulla Administration no later than September 17, 2021. Please be advised that the total amount of this contract will be paid on completion of this work. Only 50% of this contract will be paid before the event. Please be entirely aware you will only receive 50% of the bid the remainder will be paid after the job is complete.

Respectfully Mamalilikulla First Nations

#### A. REQUIREMENTS

##### Mandatory Requirements

- Load and unload catering vehicles with food, supplies, and equipment for events in all weather conditions
- Plan event menu and quote to go with it
- Prepare and serve food and drinks
- Breakdown and clean equipment following the event; ensure that the venue is left clean and tidy
- Provide a full-inclusive binding budget for this event
- Valid driver's license

### **Additional Requirements**

- Organize and source all ingredients needed for every item on the menu for the event
- Organize the serving of the food after it is prepared in order to keep guests from getting hungry or too full all at once.
- Previous experience in catering or serving
- Excellent food handling and preparation skills
- Able to stand and lift for extended periods

### **B. QUALIFICATIONS**

- Food Safety Certification
- Culinary Training
- 1 – 5 years of experience
- Able to cook and serve for 150 people
- Proof of COVID Immunization Vaccination

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this post, you can call the band office.

**The application deadline is: Monday, September 20, 2021**

Sonia Roberts  
Band Administrator  
Mamalilikulla First Nation  
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Applications can be submitted (1) electronically to [admin@mamalilikulla.ca](mailto:admin@mamalilikulla.ca) (ensure to add the job title in your subject line); (2) by regular mail to the address listed above, or by (3) fax at 250-287-4655.

**Preference is given to qualified members of the Mamalilikulla First Nation.**

Gilakas'la to all who apply; however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

# MAMALILIKULLA FIRST NATION

## YOUTH CHOSEN SPORT OR ACTIVITY FUNDING APPLICATION FORM

Parent(s) Name:	Band Member: Yes____ No____
Phone Number:	Cell Number:
Email Address:	Current Address:
Name of Child:	Date of Birth: Band Member: Yes____ No____
Please tell the MFN about the activity you are seeking sponsorship for:	
Name of Activity:	
Date(s):	
Location:	
Previous involvement in this activity:	
Total cost of activity: \$ _____ Total Requested Amount: \$ _____	
Have you previously been sponsored by the MFN? Yes____ No _____	
When:	For what activity:
Signature of Parent:	
Date:	
DEPT. 8300-883	

# MAMALILIKULLA FIRST NATION (MFN)

## YOUTH CHOSEN SPORT OR ACTIVITY FUNDING POLICY

### **Registration Fees:**

Based on the availability of funds, the MFN will provide assistance funding for the chosen Sport or Activity's registration fees up to a maximum of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) per youth calendar year (April 1 to March 31).

### ***Procedures:***

- The parent/guardian must bring in the completed funding application either before or after the start date of the activity.
- The completed funding application must be accompanied by either a receipt and or completed registration form for chosen activity.
- No cheques will be issued without the proper paper work filled out, which included the funding application, registration forms and or receipts.

### **Next Level: Provincials or equivalent**

Based on the availability of funds, the MFN will provide assistance funding for those youth that succeed in their chosen Sport or Activity and are selected to participate at the Provincials or equivalent level. The MFN will assist with travel cost to a maximum of One Hundred & Fifty Dollars (\$150.00) per youth, per activity, per calendar year (April 1 to March 31)

### ***Procedures:***

- The parent/guardian must bring in the completed funding application either before the start date of the activity.
- The completed funding application must be accompanied documentation showing the child has been chosen to participate at the Provincial level or equivalent in their chosen activity.
- No cheques will be issued without the proper paper work filled out, which includes the funding application, registration forms and or receipts.

### **Next level: Nationals or equivalent**

Based on the availability of funds, the MFN will provide assistance funding for those youth that succeed in their chosen Sport or Activity and are selected to participate at the Nationals or equivalent level. The MFN will assist with travel costs to a maximum of



Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) per youth, per activity, per calendar year (April 1 to March 31<sup>st</sup>)

***Procedures:***

- The parent/guardian must bring in the completed funding application either before the start date of the activity.
- The completed funding application must be accompanied documentation showing the child has been chosen to participate at the Provincial level or equivalent in their chosen activity.
- No cheques will be issued without the proper paper work filled out, which includes the funding application, registration forms and or receipts.

**Next Level: Exceptional / Gifted Level**

Based on the availability of funds, the MFN will provide assistance funding for those youth that succeed in their chose Sport or Activity and are selected to participate at the Rep or Competitive level where the training/participation requirements exceed the normal or accepted requirements of their chosen Sport or Activity, the MFN will assist with costs to a maximum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) per youth, per activity, per calendar year (April 1 to March 31<sup>st</sup>)

***Procedures:***

- The parent/guardian must bring in the completed funding application before the start date of the activity.
- Parents & youth are required to meet with MFN so that they can jointly work together to plan for the child's financial requirements in the sport and or activity they are excelling in.
- The completed funding application must be accompanied with documentation showing the child has been chosen to participate at the Exceptional or Gifted level or equivalent in their chosen activity.
- No cheques will be issued without the proper documentation, which includes the funding application, registration forms, letter/documentation reflecting additional/advanced participation requirements, and or receipts.

**Team Funding Application:**

The MFN will assist with Tournament entrance fee funding to teams that have a minimum of fifty percent (50%) of Mamalilikulla First Nation youth on the team that are looking to participate in a maximum of Two (2) Tournaments per calendar year (April 1 – March 31)

**Procedures:**

- The team Coach must fill out an application form and submit the tournament registration forms.
- There must be a list of all of the Mamalilikulla First Nation participants
- The MFN Release and Indemnity form must be completed and signed by the parent(s) of each Child that is participating.
- No cheques will be issued without the proper paper work filled out, which includes the funding application, registration forms and or receipts.

Amended and passed at a duly convened meeting of the Mamalilikulla First Nation the 1st day of June, 2021.

It was moved by Bert Boucher and seconded by Brad Puglas to amend the MFN Chosen Sport or Activity Funding Policy. Motion Carried.

Chief John Powell



Band Administrator





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## STUDENT SCHOOL SUPPLY ALLOWANCE APPLICATION

STUDENT NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	BAND NO.	GRADE	SCHOOL	AMOUNT

TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

Receipts Attached: Yes / No

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Authorized By: \_\_\_\_\_ Dept Code: 8200-883

Indigenous Education Navigators are available to assist students in developing educational plans, liaise with instructors, or contact Indigenous sponsorship organizations. Having registered status is not a requirement to meet with a navigator. Campus orientation tours can be provided, and each navigator has an open-door drop-in policy. If you live outside Campbell River, Port Alberni, Port Hardy and the Comox Valley and would like to speak to an Indigenous Education Navigator, please call 1-800-715-0914 (toll-free in Canada).



#### Campbell River

Rylee LaTrace  
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Rylee comes from a Cree and Anishinaabe family with roots in Saskatchewan and the Turtle Mountain Reserve of North Dakota. She was born and raised on Vancouver Island and obtained an Indigenous Studies Diploma from Camosun College and then a Bachelor of Social Work Degree with an Indigenous Specialization from the University of Victoria.



#### Comox Valley

Sarah Lawrence  
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Sarah is a Cowichan Tribes member born and raised in the Cowichan Valley and grew up in the Koksilah Territory. She is a registered social worker who recently completed her Bachelor of Social Work at VIU. Sarah works with Indigenous students to explore career paths, develop educational plans, find funding opportunities, and smooth students' transition to college. She is also eager to develop working relationships with local First Nations, Tribal Councils and Indigenous funding agencies.



#### Port Alberni

Luke George  
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Luke comes from the Tseshaht community and was raised in the territories of the Tseshaht and Hupacasath First Nations in Port Alberni. He has worked for National Parks and the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council and was an elected leader of his community. He has a Bachelor of Arts degree from Malaspina University College. He is happy to meet with students to discuss their dreams and goals.



#### Port Hardy

Sandra Mountain  
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Sandra grew up in Kitimat, on the unceded territory of the Haisla people. She graduated from UBC with a Bachelor of Arts. Sandra comes to NIC after 19 years at Douglas College, working in Financial Aid, Accessibility, Assessments, Admissions and other departments. She is a strong proponent of lifelong learning, equal access to opportunity, and the power of education to change people's lives!



# INDIGENOUS STUDENT ADVISING

Aboriginal Programs & Services at UBC's Okanagan campus has designated Indigenous Student Advisors to provide support from your UBC application and throughout your time as a student.

Learn more about Aboriginal self-identification.

An Indigenous Student Advisor can help you navigate your academic journey with a holistic approach, including academic, cultural, social and physical considerations. We also provide informed assistance for matters that relate specifically to Indigenous students, including Third Party Sponsorship and admissions pathways.

## INDIGENOUS STUDENT ADVISORS

Our Indigenous Student Advisors are able to support you through your specific program of study.

Rachel Andreychuk

rachel.andreychuk@ubc.ca

For support with: Degree programs

Dani Valgardson

dani.valgardson@ubc.ca

For support with: Degree programs

Kelly Fosbery & Ryan Conneely

kelly.fosbery@ubc.ca & ryan.conneely@ubc.ca

For support with: Aboriginal Access Studies

## TUITION SPONSORSHIP

If you are being sponsored for your tuition, your band or Aboriginal association will need to fill out a Sponsorship Third-Party Billing Form. Please consult the UBC Okanagan Calendar for tuition fee payment dates and deadlines.

It is your responsibility to pay your tuition and fees on time. If you do not pay your tuition by these dates, you may be placed on financial hold. To pay your tuition fees, you can use any of the methods that you used to pay your acceptance deposit. For more information on paying tuition and fees, please consult the General Information and Policy on Fees section in the UBC Okanagan Calendar.

## COURSE OR PROGRAM WITHDRAWAL

If you are withdrawing from your program or course, please make note of course withdrawal information and deadlines. You may withdraw from a course before the withdrawal deadline and avoid an academic penalty (a failing grade). You may still be eligible for a full or partial tuition fee refund if you withdraw before the appropriate withdrawal deadlines. If you wish to withdraw from a course past the deadlines, you should read UBC Okanagan's policy regarding late withdrawals (academic concession) and consult an academic advisor prior to withdrawing. Please be aware that course withdrawals may result in the following consequences:

- Loss of eligibility for student loans and financial aid
- Loss of eligibility for Work-Study or other student employment programs
- Loss of sponsorship – contact us for information

## TEXTBOOK SPONSORSHIP

If you are being sponsored for your textbooks,

- You may only buy textbooks from the UBC Bookstore located in the ADMIN building.
- You will need to inform the cashier that you are being sponsored because they will have a list of how much money you are allowed to spend. Make sure you bring your UBCcard ID, otherwise they will not be able to process your purchase.
- It is your responsibility to contact your sponsor if your books end up costing more money than your sponsor has allotted for you. Ask your sponsor if they can cover these costs. If they agree to, they need to contact the bookstore again to authorize more money. Or, if it's okay with your sponsor, you can buy the books and get reimbursed. If your sponsor will not cover the extra costs, you will have to pay for the books yourself.

## ORIENTATION AND SUPPORT SERVICES

### Indigenous Student Orientation

During the first week of September, Aboriginal Programs & Services holds an orientation for new and continuing Indigenous students. This event includes a complete orientation to UBC Okanagan, introduction to support staff and services, and question and answer period. It's a time to meet other students before starting classes in September.

### Aboriginal Centre

Housed on the second floor of the University Centre building (UNC 212), The Aboriginal Centre provides a sense of belonging and community to Indigenous students. This home away from home is committed to enriching the quality of the student experience for Indigenous students by promoting access, providing capacity-building opportunities, and celebrating success.

### Aboriginal Programs & Services

Stop by the Aboriginal Centre in UNC 212 to speak with an advisor or to access a number of our other services and support.





# INDIGENOUS STUDENT ADVISING

## Program Advising

This page lists advisors with faculties, schools and departments who are available to work with Aboriginal students. Contact the advisor that applies to you to help you to plan course timetables and make sure you meet your program's requirements.

Allard School of Law  
Indigenous Legal Studies  
**Lee Schmidt**  
Associate Director, Indigenous Legal Studies  
Phone: 604-822-2177  
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School (Library, Archival and Information Studies)  
**Lisa Nathan**  
Assistant Professor  
Phone: 604-822-1574  
Email: [lnathan@interchange.ubc.ca](mailto:lnathan@interchange.ubc.ca)



Faculty of Applied Science  
School of Architecture + Landscape Architecture  
**Tara Deans**  
Manager, Student Services & Recruitment  
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School of Music  
**Rayne Graham**  
Student Advisor  
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Engineering Student Services  
**Catherine McInnis**  
Academic Advisor, Domestic and International  
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Department of Psychology  
**Dr. Benjamin Cheung**  
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Indigenous Community Planning  
**Leonie Sandercock**  
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School of Social Work  
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School of Nursing  
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Faculty of Dentistry  
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Faculty of Arts  
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Faculty of Arts  
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Faculty of Education  
Indigenous Teacher Education Program (NITEP)  
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School of Kinesiology  
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# Vancouver campus

Faculty of Land and Food Systems

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Faculty of Medicine

School of Audiology and Speech Sciences

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Indigenous MD Admissions Program

**James Andrew, Lil'wat Nation**

Indigenous Student Initiatives Manager

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**Meghan MacGillivray, Métis Nation**

MD Indigenous Initiatives and Admissions Coordinator

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School of Population and Public Health

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Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences

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Faculty of Science

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Sauder School of Business

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UBC Extended Learning

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UBC Graduate School

Indigenous Graduate Initiatives

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Specialist, Indigenous Graduate Initiatives

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Master of Journalism

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In remembrance of Thomas Berger, who passed away on April 28, 2021.

Tom was both my friend and mentor.

While much of his life centered around law, he had a wider interest and for me his interest in the education of Indigenous people was a great bonus to my work at UBC.

I arrived at UBC as the director of the Native Indian Teacher Education Program in 1981. I met him almost immediately through his wife, Bev, who was the NITEP Coordinator at the time. All that existed at the time that targeted Indigenous students was the Law Program and NITEP. As we sat and visited one day, he said that more should be happening at UBC to promote a cess and to support Indigenous people and their communities. This led us to meet with then President George Pedersen. He agreed and he struck a committee co-chaired by Tom and me.

The committee consisted of faculty members and Indigenous community members. In a short time we delivered a report to the president who agreed with the recommendations on how best to have the university serve the students and communities in BC. However, it was a time of fiscal restraint and monies were not available to pursue the recommendation.

A year or more later, Dr. Strangway became UBC president and the fiscal situation had changed. Tom suggested he send a letter to Dr. Strangway advising him about the report before he even arrived here. To our surprise he arranged to have me meet with him at his office the Friday of his first week. At the meeting he spoke of the report and asked if it was a direction we still wished to take. I answered in the affirmative and told him some seed money was promised by the Donner Canadian Foundation if we were to pursue this. His response: "Well go for it".

We formed an advisory committee with Tom as the chair. A concept known as the First Nations House of Learning was the result. Its primary goal was to work with the university as a whole to provide access and to support Indigenous students.

Today, we witness at graduation time, students graduating from many different faculties resulting in expertise to assist our communities on the road to self government. Tom was the key to this movement.

This is probably just one of the stories of Tom's influence that is not widely known.

His work is done. May he rest in peace.

Verna Kirkness is the founding director of the First Nations House of Learning at UBC, serving from 1987 to 1993. During this time, she led a successful fundraising campaign to build the First Nations Longhouse, an important gathering place for Indigenous students. The Longhouse opened in 1993.





# Aboriginal University Bridging Program



Aboriginal University Bridging Program (AUBP) offers Aboriginal students enhanced supports while upgrading and transitioning into University programs.

While students participate in a collaborative cohort, each student also has a unique and individualized pathway that assists in their transition.

Please contact Brian Walker or Mike Calvert for more information, and see the AUBP Program Calendar page for more details.

## Aboriginal University Bridging Program Chair

Mike Calvert

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## Aboriginal University Bridging Program Co-ordinator (Cowichan campus)

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## Aboriginal Student Transition Advisor

Brian Walker

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## Admission Clerk

Alana Gaetz

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Phone: 250-753-3245 Ext. 2071

## Vancouver Island University

Nanaimo

(Main Campus)

900 Fifth Street

Nanaimo, BC

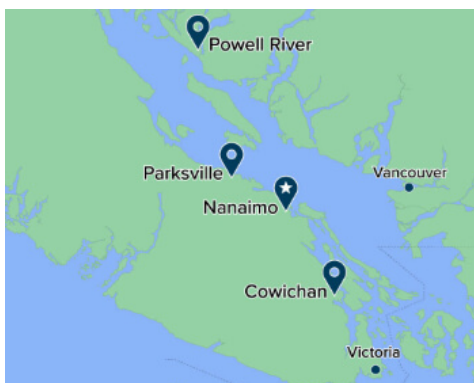
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250.753.3245

1.888.920.2221

[info@viu.ca](mailto:info@viu.ca)



## Milner Gardens & Woodland

### What we are

Welcome to Milner Gardens & Woodland... a seaside garden in Qualicum Beach on the east coast of Vancouver Island, BC and one of best attractions in Parksville-Qualicum Beach.

One of the Ten Best Public Gardens in Canada, Canadian Geographic Travel One of the Seven Wonders of Oceanside (Parksville/Qualicum Beach)

Experience the magic of 28 hectares (70 acres) of unspoiled natural beauty perched on the edge of an oceanside bluff overlooking the Strait of Georgia. Stroll the winding pathways and magical surroundings of an ancient coastal Douglas fir forest.

Find peace and tranquility as you meander 4 hectares (10 acres) of woodland gardens lined with rhododendron, cyclamen and trilliums.

Enjoy a traditional English tea service while you contemplate the history of the house where the Queen once stayed.

### Veronica's dream

This setting is like no other. Visited by Queen Elizabeth, Prince Phillip, Prince Charles and Princess Diana, the 60 acres of woodland, ten acres of garden surrounding a heritage house was the dream of one woman, Veronica Milner. Veronica gathered plants from the temperate zones of the world, including a significant collection of Rhododendrons. It was her vision that created this incredible combination of garden and old growth forest.

## Vancouver Island University

In 1996, Vancouver Island University (formerly Malaspina University-College) was gifted 42 acres, followed by a further gift of 28 acres in 1999. Milner Gardens & Woodland is supported by the Milner Gardens & Woodland Society and Vancouver Island University.

### Come and stay awhile

Come and visit this special place. Walk the gardens and interpretive woodland trails, breathe the fresh ocean air, find a quiet resting spot and stay a while. Please see our list of open hours and days.

### Tea is served

Afternoon tea service is held in historic Milner House from 1 to 4 pm, or you can visit the gift shop, have some refreshments or buy a special plant from the nursery.

### Special occasions

Choose Milner Gardens & Woodland for that special wedding, gathering or meeting.

## Milner Gardens

2179 Island Hwy W  
Qualicum Beach, BC  
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Canada

250-752-8573

[milnergardens@shaw.ca](mailto:milnergardens@shaw.ca)





# Indigenous Services for Students

## General Contact

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## Team Directory:

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## Indigenous Advisory Committee

The Indigenous Advisory Committee provides guidance to KPU and acts as a communications link between the university and the Indigenous community. KPU voting membership includes individuals with diverse experience and expertise from local school districts, First Nations bands and organizations, and faculty members.



## Territorial Acknowledgement

Kwantlen Polytechnic University (KPU) takes its name from the Kwantlen First Nation. We work, study, and live in a region south of the Fraser River which overlaps with the unceded traditional and ancestral lands of the Kwantlen, Musqueam, Katzie, Semiahmoo, Tsawwassen, Qayqayt and Kwikwetlem peoples.

Proudly sharing the name of the Kwantlen First Nation, the word 'Kwantlen' means Tireless Runner, and is reflected in the university's motto: "through tireless effort, knowledge, and understanding." The representation of a wolf and salmon in KPU's Coat of Arms, was created by former KPU Fine Arts student, Brandon Gabriel, nephew of the hereditary Chief of the Kwantlen People, Chief Marilyn Gabriel.

In 2015, KPU appointed its first Elder in Residence, Lekeyten of the Kwantlen First Nation. In his role, Lekeyten supports Indigenous students on their educational journey sharing knowledge, traditions, teachings, and promoting an understanding and respect for Indigenous perspectives, cultures, and values.

Further underscoring the respect and interconnectedness of the university and the First Nation, KPU's Chancellor and President, and Vice Chancellor, have both been given the title and responsibility of Sí:yá:m (Leader) by the Chief of the Kwantlen First Nation.



The SUB is home to the Native Students Union and 4 advocacy groups: UVic Pride Collective, Students of Colour Collective (SOCC), Society for Students with a Disability (SSD) & the Gender Empowerment Centre (GEM). These groups do incredible advocacy work for students and we strongly recommend getting involved with them or seeking out the wide range of supports they offer to students. Student advocacy is one of our primary reasons for existing. We exist to provide advocacy, representation, services & events to our members.



*Native Students Union*

### Native Students Union (NSU)

The Native Students Union (NSU) is a community group for Indigenous students at UVic. Our space in the SUB is open to self-identifying Indigenous students who want to work, study, lounge, have lunch, or connect with other students. We're also located in the First Peoples House. Our weekly meetings are an opportunity for students to connect, plan events, share resources, or work on any student-led initiatives on student wellness, culture, Indigenous resurgence, and decolonization.

Room: SUB B023, FPH 126

Phone: (250) 472-4394

Email: [contact@uvicnsu.ca](mailto:contact@uvicnsu.ca)

Web: [uvicnsu.ca](http://uvicnsu.ca)

Social Media: @UVicNSU



### Gender Empowerment Centre (GEM)

The Gender Empowerment Centre is a collectively run, drop-in space on campus that provides student resources through an intersectional feminist framework. We provide health resources, peer support, as well as a space to hang out, study, and meet others. Our lounge area is open to women, non-binary and gender fluid people and our library is open to everyone. We are committed to facilitating a creative, collaborative, community space through ongoing initiatives like Thirdspace Zine, our library, and workshops and initiatives throughout the year. Our collective is volunteer-driven and always welcomes new volunteers.

Room: SUB B107

Phone: 250-721-8353

E-mail: [gemcentre@uvss.ca](mailto:gemcentre@uvss.ca)

Website: [genderempowermentcentre.ca](http://genderempowermentcentre.ca)



### Society for Students with a Disability (SSD)

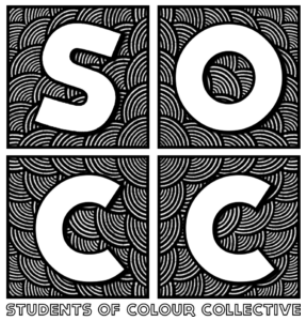
The Society for Students with a Disability (SSD) is a student advocacy group that promotes the full participation and inclusion of students identified with disabilities at the University of Victoria. The SSD provides a welcoming, safe, and supportive environment for all students identified with disabilities. The SSD advocates for individual accommodation and systemic changes to the University that will make post-secondary education more accessible and socially just. To get involved, sign-up for programming, or learn more about what we offer, email us or visit our discord page.

Room: SUB B111

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Discord: <https://discord.gg/gaMwNurCbX>

Web: [uvicssd.ca](http://uvicssd.ca)



### Students of Colour Collective (SOCC)

The UVSS Students of Colour Collective is a group of self-identified Black, Indigenous and/or Persons of colour operating as an advocacy group out of the University of Victoria, located on Lekwungen Homelands. We are committed to cultural awareness, mental health, anti-racism, and social justice. SOCC welcomes and encourages all students who self identify as Black, Indigenous and/or Persons of colour at UVic to become active members.

For more information about resources, activities and how to get involved with SOCC, please drop by the SOCC office.

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Phone: 250-472-4697

Email: [socc@uvss.ca](mailto:socc@uvss.ca)

Web: [socccollective.com](http://socccollective.com)

### UVic Pride

UVic Pride is an advocacy group for trans, queer and intersex students on campus and the broader community. UVic Pride is a collective that operates within an anti-oppressive framework, honoring intersectionality. We aim to maintain safer spaces on campus founded in mutual respect, welcoming to any and all queer, trans, and intersex people. Anybody can get involved, volunteer, or just hang out! UVic Pride regularly hosts social and advocacy events. We also have a lending library, resource programs, a private, gender-neutral washroom, and a vibrant online community. Drop by our office or visit our website for more information about upcoming events, or to sign up for our listserv.

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Website: [uvicpride.com](http://uvicpride.com)





COLLEGE OF  
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# Indigenous Services for Students

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## We are here to help you succeed.

At College of the Rockies we value the relationships we have built with our Indigenous partners, the Ktunaxa Nation, Shuswap Band and Kootenay Region Metis Association. We are proud to provide excellent programs and services and are committed to making Indigenous education a priority.

Our Indigenous Education team consists of Resident Elders, Student Mentors, Student Navigator, Indigenous Education Coordinator/Advisor, and Director of Indigenous Strategy and Reconciliation. We work closely with representatives from the Ktunaxa Nation Council Education and Employment Sector, as well as with the Métis Employment & Training Program. Our team is here to help make your College experience a success.

## Some of our support services include:

- Help with funding applications, financial supports, awards and bursaries
- Completion of applications
- Assistance with assessing program readiness and pre-requisites
- Access to emergency funding sources
- Academic advising and planning (short term plans and long term)
- Assistance with Articulation and transfer of courses/credits
- Advocacy
- Referrals to college and community resources and services
- Academic and Career assessments
- Liaising with the regional Indigenous communities
- Hosting of Cultural events and gatherings

We serve all self-identified First Nations, Métis and Inuit students and community members seeking to further their education or training. We also offer cultural learning opportunities and activities for all students, staff, faculty and external community members throughout the year. We seek to assist all who are interested in increasing their knowledge of Indigenous Peoples.

Come to the Aboriginal Gathering Place and connect with our Student Navigator and Student Mentors who would love to share their experiences at the College and help you get settled in to college life.

All new and returning members of our community are encouraged to like our Facebook page, where all updates about past, current, and future events are posted. If you have any events or news to share, let us know and we will post it to our page for you!

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Toll Free: 1-877-489-2687

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## Aboriginal Gathering Place

yaqakiʔitqawxaxamki "Place where people gather"

The Aboriginal Gathering Place, was built and developed with the assistance of Ktunaxa partners and community members and students and staff at College of the Rockies. We recognize this space as a sacred space that reflects the character, community and traditions of Indigenous cultures.

## Scholarships and Bursaries

As an Indigenous student there are many opportunities to offset the costs of tuition, books and living expenses. A broad range of scholarships and bursaries, from many different institutions across Canada simply require an application. You will find more detailed information under Financial Aid.

## Who we are

As a part of Okanagan College's commitment to enhancing the participation of Aboriginal learners, the College provides Aboriginal support services at each of the four campuses.

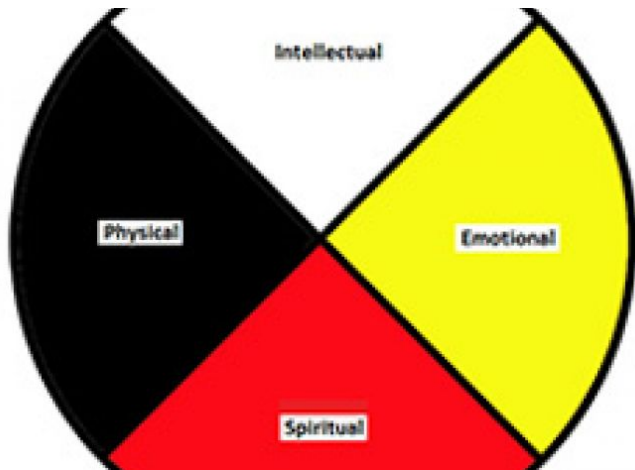
Our goal is to provide culturally relevant support including:

- Visiting Elders
- Cultural and Academic Workshops
- Aboriginal Peer Mentors
- Aboriginal Student Centres
- Aboriginal Awards, Scholarships and Bursary information
- Assistance with band funding applications
- Providing personalized daily supports
- Computer access

## Information about the Academy of Indigenous Scholars

Once in the Academy, students work with an Aboriginal Services staff member to create an achievement plan based on their own needs.

Students will work through their plan for the duration of the year.



It's important to us that we enhance your experience according to your diverse needs. Being a student at Okanagan College is not just about academics, but also about addressing physical, emotional, and spiritual needs as well. The Academy of Indigenous Scholars will help students enhance their experience in all these areas.

The medicine wheel means different things to different Indigenous communities but what they all share is the concept of balance.

The following provides examples of what types of supports are available to students depending on their needs and their own achievement plan.

### Marilyn Alexis

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### Marcella Trotter

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Campus: Penticton  
Phone: 250-492-4305 ext. 3280



## Eligibility for the Academy of Indigenous Scholars

Indigenous students are encouraged to apply regardless of grade point average. To be eligible for the Academy you must:

- Be an Indigenous student (someone who self-declares as having First Nation status/non-status, Metis or Inuit ancestry)
- Be a first-year or first-time student to Okanagan College, or feel you could benefit from additional supports
- Plan to enroll in at least three courses in each term (3 courses in Fall and 3 courses in Winter)
- Attend an in-person interview with an Aboriginal Services staff member to gauge your willingness and suitability for the program

## Apply to Academy of Indigenous Scholars

Interested students can take full advantage of the Academy of Indigenous Scholars by applying to the Academy. Students will receive an email from an Aboriginal Transitions Planner to arrange a meeting after they have submitted their application.

Each student will receive a log book that is meant to help students carry out their own achievement plan. It's up to the student to carry out the plan's recommendations.

## Sponsorship

If you are sponsored by your First Nation, Aboriginal organization, employer or government agency, your sponsor must provide a signed letter to Okanagan College. The letter will be used to bill your sponsor. The sponsor letter should contain the following:

- Your full legal name that you are registered with at Okanagan College
- Your student number
- What type of charges the sponsor is willing to pay on your behalf, providing as much detail as possible. These charges could include the non-refundable tuition deposit, tuition fees, mandatory fees, student association fees, health, dental, books, supplies, material fees or any other billing items
- The maximum allowable amount the sponsor is willing to pay per term (if there is a maximum)

Additional information

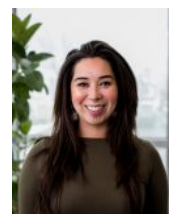
## Awards

Okanagan College offers up to \$75,000 annually to support Aboriginal Students.

Find out more about awards available through [Financial Aid and Awards](#).

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### Anthony Isaac

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# Indigenous Student Centre



NorQuest's Indigenous Student Centre is a multi-purpose facility for Indigenous students. Located in the Singhmar Centre for Learning, the Indigenous Student Centre hosts ceremonies, counselling sessions with Elders, and Indigenous Student Advisor academic services, but it's also a social gathering place.

## Indigenous Student Advisors

Available for drop-ins or individual appointments with students who need help with:

- identifying Indigenous funding options
- assisting prospective students with program information and the admissions process
- providing career planning and educational guidance to Indigenous-funded students
- liaising with bands in the provision of student support and service management
- referrals to appropriate community agencies and resources
- connecting with instructors, admissions personnel, tutors, counsellors, and advisors

**Note:** Student advisors are available Monday – Friday from 8:15 am – 4:30 pm to assist Indigenous students.

## Mentorships opportunities

The RBC Indigenous Mentorships Program provides Indigenous learners the opportunity to develop community. Learners can access volunteer opportunities, develop skills, and hear about community organizations. The program's goal is to ensure Indigenous students build supports with other Indigenous students, staff, faculty, and community to be successful at the college.

## To book a service email

indigenous@norquest.ca or call 780.644.6772

## Hours of operation

Monday to Friday: 8:15 am to 4:30pm  
Closed weekends and statutory holidays.

## Contact Information

Location: Room 1-151, Singhmar Centre for Learning

## Indigenous Student Centre Staff

### Elliott Young

Manager Indigenous Student Services

Elliott is Nehiyaw (Cree) from Ermineskin Cree Nation, one of the four nations that make up Maskwacis. Born and raised on Ermineskin, he came to Edmonton to attend the University of Alberta where he completed a Bachelor of Arts in Native Studies degree with a certification in Aboriginal Governance and Partnership. Elliott's career has been focused on policy development and coordination, community engagement, Indigenous relations, and youth engagement. Elliott's motivation is ensuring social issues are addressed through collaboration and engagement of community.

As the Indigenous Community Engagement Advisor, Elliott will be working with external and internal stakeholders to ensure NorQuest is working collaboratively with the Indigenous community in Edmonton and surrounding area. He will be exploring ways NorQuest College can work with Indigenous communities to address their needs and improve the programs the institution offers. Elliott is an experienced facilitator and has provided Indigenous awareness training sessions for non-profits, governments, agencies, and businesses.



### Robyn Fabiosa

Indigenous Student Advisor

Tân'si! My name is Robyn Fabiosa. I am of mixed Cree and Scottish heritage, grand daughter of a residential school survivor and a member of Frog Lake First Nation. I was born and raised in Edmonton and graduated from MacEwan University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology.

For the past 4 and half years I have had the great honor of living, working and learning on traditional Coast Salish Territory, in Vancouver BC. In my time there, I helped to support Indigenous women and mother's living in the Downtown Eastside, as well as, collaborating with community members to offer programs for families to access cultural connection, wellness and intergenerational healing. I also provided leadership and regional support to various urban and on-reserve infant development programs.

My additional career background includes advocacy, group facilitation and community support work with various not-for-profits, throughout Edmonton. I am beyond grateful to be back on my ancestral and home territory, as the Program Coordinator for the Indigenous Student Services Center. At the centre I will be the first point of contact for students and staff, as well as coordinating events, protocols for Elders, and administration tasks – please pop in and say hello!



### Patricia Gladue

RBC Indigenous Mentorship Liaison

Tân'si! (Hello)

My name is Patricia Gladue. I am a proud and loving goalie mother of four children. I am an avid hockey enthusiastic individual. (GO VEGAS KNIGHTS GO) I was born and raised in Kikino Metis Settlement up until I was nine years old. My work experience varies from working close with families, groups and individuals of all ethnic backgrounds. Some of my background knowledge stems from work experience with trauma, toxic stress and Social Determinants of health. This practice has included helping connects individuals with resources in the community, enhance safety, and increase level of awareness of resources out in the community.

My goal as the RBC Indigenous Mentorship Liaison is to be a mentor to other students by creating a safe and welcoming support system. I hope to be able to help assist students in creating a safe place to learn, grow, connect to their cultural grass-roots, and develop skills such as leadership and community engagement. I am a proud Metis woman who loves learning new techniques to build a stronger foundation for students by being a voice for other students. I personally believe that success is a shared responsibility. By effectively working together as a team, I believe that individuals can overcome challenges, build on their strengths and begin to recognize their full potential. By supporting the needs of students, I believe that everyone can learn and reach their full potential by providing the opportunities and appropriate tools used in and out of NorQuest College.





THE UNIVERSITY OF  
WINNIPEG

# Support Services

The University of Winnipeg is committed to providing a welcoming, respectful, and culturally sensitive environment. The University provides academic, social, cultural, spiritual, and financial assistance to ensure Indigenous students have the supports they need to succeed.

## Aboriginal Student Services Centre (ASSC)

The Aboriginal Student Services Centre creates a sense of community for First Nations, Métis, and Inuit students throughout the educational experience. We provide a sense of belonging, a place to gather, and a hub for educational, cultural, and social activities. The student lounge includes a computer lab and locker and kitchen facilities and is open to students seven days a week from 7 am to 11 pm. Support services include individualized help with admission and registration, academic advising, and free tutoring to enhance academic success. We also have an Elders in Residence program who can offer guidance and support.

## Housing and Daycare

The University of Winnipeg can help you locate housing on or off campus, including family housing. We also have a beautiful and newly expanded campus daycare, the University of Winnipeg Students' Association daycare centre.

Find out more about [housing options here](#).

Find out more about our [daycare here](#).

## Housing

<https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/campus-living/index.html>

## Daycare

<https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/daycare/>

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