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# NEWSLETTER

Dear Students,

Spring greetings from the Office of Indigenization (OI). The sun is finally starting to set a little later each day, and you might have noticed the colourful blossoms in the trees and the early spring bulbs poking out of garden beds bringing new life and hope for the season to come.

The past two years of global pandemic has been challenging for everyone and with the renewal of spring all around us, we are happy to see students back on campus as COVID restrictions are being lifted. The OI has been busy planning for our own Indigenous Garden at the New Westminster campus. This year, we will be growing Tobacco from seed as well as nurturing our small but mighty crop of Sweetgrass along with other medicinal plants.

If you would like to learn more about our Indigenous Garden, check out our [garden tour](#). If you are at the New West campus, please drop in to the OI and say hello!



JIBC Office of Indigenization Team: Jason La Rochelle, Nicole Mate and Heather Simpson.

## WHAT IS THE OFFICE OF INDIGENIZATION AND WHAT SUPPORTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR INDIGENOUS LEARNERS?

Our work includes facilitating Indigenous student spaces and the Indigenization of physical campus spaces at JIBC, enhancing cultural connections and knowledge sharing through our Elders-In-Residence program, and collaborating with internal and external teams and communities to embed Indigeneity within every aspect of JIBC; from governance to student services, from policies to programming and everything in between. By including Indigenous ways of thinking, doing, being and relating into the fabric of JIBC, everyone in the circle benefits.



## DID YOU KNOW?

The Office of Indigenization logo is created by Haida Gwaii artist James Cowpar and reflects a concept of social justice, and the design acknowledges the diversity of Indigenous Peoples.



## ABORIGINAL GATHERING PLACE

The Aboriginal Gathering Place (AGP) is in AD 135 near the gymnasium in the New Westminster campus. The AGP is an inclusive Indigenous space to support instructional activity, cultural exchange, and community engagement and is primarily dedicated for usage by Indigenous students of JIBC. The AGP is a place for study, socialization, and spiritual connection. Next time you're on campus drop by the AGP as we are seeking student input on:

- What kind of student space do you want at JIBC?
- How would you like to use this space?
- How can we improve on engaging with students in the AGP?

Let us know in person or by emailing [Indigenization@jibc.ca](mailto:Indigenization@jibc.ca).

## ELDERS-IN-RESIDENCE

The Elders-In-Residence Program supports and encourages Indigenous students and provides a cultural connection for them on their journey. Elders encourage and promote understanding and respect for Indigenous knowledges, perspectives, culture, and values. Elders are available to students for one-on-one dialogue and in group settings. Information on remote Elder-led workshops will be shared with students soon! If you have a request for a specific topic of learning, please email Heather Simpson, Coordinator for the OI, at [hsimpson@jibc.ca](mailto:hsimpson@jibc.ca).



## FUNDING

### Indigenous Emergency Assistance Funding

This fund is set up for Indigenous post-secondary learners who are in difficult and emergency situations. The fund provides a modest amount to assist status and non-status students with emergency expenses related to housing, utilities, groceries, medical/dental needs, etc. You can apply at any time in the calendar year. If you have any questions about this fund or wish to apply, please email [financialaid@jibc.ca](mailto:financialaid@jibc.ca) or call (604) 528-5762 or 1(877) 275-4332 (toll-free North America).

For more information please email: [financialaid@jibc.ca](mailto:financialaid@jibc.ca).

# FORMING STRONG CULTURAL IDENTITIES IN AN INTERSECTING SPACE OF INDIGENEITY AND AUTISM



## Join our team and influence change in public post-secondary education!

### ABOUT:

This participatory action research project will support Indigenous Autistic students to:

- Strengthen cultural identities in an intersecting space of Indigeneity and Autism within post-secondary education.
- Teach the teacher what better supports the identity and success of an Indigenous Autistic student in post-secondary.
- Use digital storytelling to inform Indigenized and decolonized teaching and learning practices to promote better equity, diversity, and inclusion in education.

### STUDENT RESEARCHERS MUST:

- Be an adult 18+ who self identifies as both Indigenous (First Nations, Métis, or Inuit) and Autistic/Person with Autism. We are inclusive of mixed racial identity.
- Be a student enrolled in a post-secondary institute.
- Be committed to advancing human rights and social justice for Indigenous and Autistic Peoples.

### GET INVOLVED

For more information or to get involved in this research, please email [hsimpson@jibc.ca](mailto:hsimpson@jibc.ca).

Five participants will be selected on a first come, first serve basis.

This research project, JIBCER2021-03-FSCI, is approved by JIBC's Research Ethics Board.

### RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Join scheduled online meetings (camera use optional).
- Use digital storytelling to share about your post-secondary experience.
- Collaborate with a team consisting of Indigenous and Autistic Peoples, Elders, Knowledge Keepers, and Educator-Allies.
- Awareness of role, rights, and responsibilities as a student participant as outlined in this research project's consent.
- Commit to 14 hours of paid participation. \$25.00/hr April 2022-June 2022.

### Thank you for your interest!

Together we will improve student learning outcomes and experiences in B.C. post-secondary education for all students!

**We respectfully thank and acknowledge BCcampus for funding this project.**



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### **EARTH DAY APRIL 22, 2022**

On April 22, 2022, the OI celebrated Earth Day with Elder-In-Residence Larry Grant along with staff and faculty with a live presentation at the JIBC Indigenous Garden at the New Westminister Campus. Elder Larry shared his teachings on Cedar: A Sacred Medicine. In the spirit of Land Stewardship attendees took home their own Cedar seedling or Douglas Fir seedling to plant to respect and honour Earth Day 2022.



**MOOSE HIDE  
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### **MOOSE HIDE CAMPAIGN DAY 2022 – MAY 12, 2022**

The Office of Indigenization and JIBC observed national **Moose Hide Campaign Day on May 12**. We hosted an information kiosk on May 11 at the New Westminister campus to spread awareness about the Moose Hide Campaign and to inspire personal commitments to help end gender-based and domestic violence against women and children. While on campus, pick up your Moose Hide Pin from the OI, the information desk, or the library. Look for JIBC's commitments to the Moose Hide Campaign from the week of May 9 on JIBC social media. To learn more about ways you can get involved visit [jibc.ca/moose-hide-campaign](http://jibc.ca/moose-hide-campaign).

### **MAY 5 NATIONAL DAY OF AWARENESS FOR MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN AND GIRLS (MMIWG)**

With Sage Lacerte of the Moose Hide Campaign, the OI and Resident Elders held a virtual space in observation of the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG). This sacred circle was to raise awareness and make visible the ongoing crisis of gender-based violence and genocide of Indigenous women and girls and introduce the Moose Hide Campaign, a grassroots national campaign to end violence towards women and children. Together we honour, respect, and remember our lost and stolen sisters and relatives, their families, loved ones, and communities.

### **REDRESS CEREMONY HELD MAY 5 AT THE NEW WESTMINSTER CAMPUS, UNCEDED TRADITIONAL COAST SALISH TERRITORIES**

The Office of Indigenization and Resident Elder Caroline Buckshot held a REDress ceremony to honour Stolen Sisters and raise awareness about the crisis of MMIWG.

The ceremony took place next to the pond on the New Westminister campus. The REDress Installation will be in the adjacent garden. In a circle, we spoke and shared ways to enhance safety, security, and human dignity and we will honour and remember Indigenous Women, Girls, 2SLGBTQQIA+ Peoples, and Indigenous Families & Communities in song, in prayer, and in solidarity.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS SAVE THE DATE**

For current and upcoming events please visit: [jibc.ca/office-indigenization/indigenous-activities-and-events](http://jibc.ca/office-indigenization/indigenous-activities-and-events)

### **INDIGENOUS YOUTH CAREER CAMP JULY 18 - 22, 2022**

For Indigenous youth ages 15 – 20 In person at the New Westminister campus.

The camp promotes interest in careers in justice, public safety, and health care through applied education, cultural experiences and connections, and engagements with a wide range of community partners at multiple JIBC campuses. Registration details will be available soon.

### **NATIONAL INDIGENOUS HISTORY MONTH – JUNE 2022**





Watch for offerings on our events page for information and registration details. If you have any questions, please email: [Indigenization@jibc.ca](mailto:Indigenization@jibc.ca)

**Please stay safe and well ❖ All our relations**

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