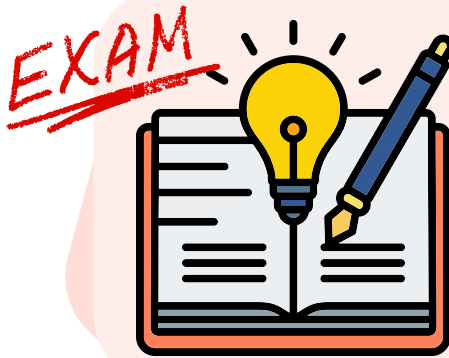




THE TEA

INDIGENOUS NEWSLETTER



*Focus + Study
= Success!*

**Education is the
new Buffalo...**

This Issue:

- April calendar
- Upcoming and past events and activities
- Word of the month - Spring
- Student supports & resources



IPC Elders/ Knowledge Keepers

KNOWLEDGE KEEPER OFFICE HOURS

JOAN

CHURCHJ@BRANDONU.CA

Mon. 12:00-4:00 pm

Thurs. 9:00am-4:00 pm

Mon. 3:00- 6:00 pm

Tues. & Wed. 11:30 am- 1:00 pm

Thurs. 9:00 am-1:00 pm

Fri. 3:00 -4:30 pm

SUSIE

MCPHERSON-DERENDYS@BRANDONU.CA

Tuesdays 5:00 - 7:30 pm

Wednesdays 12:00 - 2:00 pm

BARB

BLINDBARBARA2@GMAIL.COM

Thurs. 9:00 am- 12:00 pm/ 1-3:00 pm

- Available to meet by request



Susie McP-D

Cree Elder Knowledge Keeper

McPherson-Derendys@BrandonU.ca



Barb B

Anishinaabe Elder Knowledge Keeper

BlindBarbara2@gmail.com



Joan C

Metis Elder Knowledge Keeper

ChurchJ@BrandonU.ca

The Great Bannock Bake Off



Tori S. 1st, April B. 2nd Justine H. 3rd place
Thank you to our judges, JC Houle, Barb Blind, Kevin McKenzie and Joan Church

LNAP was a Fun Successful Night



Welcome to our New Drums



April 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 -Full Moon Ceremony Eastsite 7pm -BUISC Study Night 4-7 -Beading 12-2 Metis Room	2	3 CLOSED GOOD FRIDAY	4
5	6 PENT Starts -Beading 12-2 Metis Room -Drumming 3:30-4:30 -Cree Language Circle 5-6	7 -Indigenous Grads Sharing 12-2 -Beading Babes 5:30	8 -Loom setup+Sash Weaving 12-2 -BUISC Study Night 4-7	9 -Crib Night 5-7	10 LAST DAY OF CLASSES -Potluck Brunch 11:30-1	11
12	13 -Beading 12-2 Metis Room -Drumming 3:30-4:30 -Cree Language Circle 5-6	14 -Beading Babes 5:30 -EXAMS START	15 -Beading 12-2 Metis Room	16	17	18
19	20 -Beading 12-2 Metis Room -Drumming 3:30-4:30 -Cree Language Circle 5-6	21 -Beading Babes 5:30	22 -Beading 12-2 Metis Room	23	24 -Birthday Cake & Basket Draw 12pm	25
26	27 -Beading 12-2 Metis Room -Drumming 3:30-4:30 -Cree Language Circle 5-6	28 -Beading Babes 5:30	29	30		

Other drop-in support in IPC...
 Academic Skills w/Jaimie
 Writing Skills with Joan & Karen
 Research Support with Rainer
 Academic Advisors Alex, and Connor.

Please come into IPC to view our calendar on the wall for drop-in times.

Like our Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/BrandonUIPC> to keep up with all activities and events and other helpful information



Scan the QR code
 Brandon University Indigenous Peoples' Centre

Join us. Come out to listen, learn from, and ask any questions to some of our Indigenous Graduands!



CLASS OF 2026

Graduands Sharing their Experience



Students and Staff,

We are excited to invite you to a special event to hear from some of our Indigenous graduates as they share their inspiring education journeys.

Support and learn from their experiences, insights, achievements, hard work, resilience, and dedication.

Show solidarity and enrich our community's understanding of diverse educational paths.

Let's come together to listen to their success and be inspired by their stories.

TUES. APRIL 7
GATHERING SPACE
IN THE LIBRARY
12:00 - 2:00 PM



**PIZZA & REFRESHMENTS
TO FOLLOW**

Indigenous Peoples' Centre Expansion

HELP US BUILD THE FUTURE



Scan the QR code for more information or to support the
Indigenous Peoples' Centre Expansion, contact:

Office of Advancement & Alumni Affairs Brandon University
270-18th Street Brandon, MB. R7A 6A9
204-727-7374 or 1-877-282-4483
Advancement@BrandonU.ca- BrandonU.ca/Give





FULL MOON CEREMONY

Join Knowledge Keeper Barb Blind for the Full Moon Ceremony

Wednesday April 1, 2026
7:00 PM East Site

This is a women's ceremony. Please wear a long skirt. Bring tobacco, a meter of yellow cloth, and a food item for the feast.



Now recruiting for the 2026 Summer Student Employment Program!

LOOKING FOR A SUMMER JOB?


We partner with employers across Manitoba to create and support summer jobs for Red River Métis students to develop skills, gain work experience & earn income!

- Explore career interests
- Hands-on work experience
- Develop workplace skills
- Quality job placements

APPLY NOW!

✉ METRecruitment@mmf.mb.ca
🌐 mmfemployment.ca/ssep




 Order IPC Swag

Indigenous Peoples' Centre

Spring Store

The IPC store is now open

Please place your order online

[Visit Our Website](#)

<https://buindigenouspeoplescentre.itemorder.com/shop/home/>

The IPC Store Closes April 19



The Inter-Provincial Association of Native Employment Westman Presents...

22nd Annual Indigenous JOB FAIR

JOIN US WEDNESDAY

SAVE THE DATE APRIL 8TH

Brandon Shoppers Mall 10:00 - 3:00



For More Information Please Contact :
Jenn Boulton at
careercoordinator@brandonfc.ca

Need Resume Help?
Friendship Centre
4 Directions Employment Services:
204-727-1407
BU Career Planning:
204-727-9651
Metis Employment & Training: 204-725-7520

Shoppers Mall

IF YOU'VE EXPERIENCED SEXUAL OR GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE, SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE.

Brandon University
Sexual Violence Education & Prevention Office
312 Clark Hall
431-542-1707 Call or Text Mon-Fri



Everyone deserves to feel safe, respected, and loved, no one should have to live in fear.

- LISTEN**
- SPEAK UP**
- OFFER HELP**
- SUPPORT SURVIVORS**

ON CAMPUS SUPPORT - SEXUAL VIOLENCE OFFICE- 312 CLARK HALL

Thursday



Guitar Club

**THURSDAYS 1-2 PM
IN IPC**

**NEW & EXPERIENCED PLAYERS
WELCOME**

**OPEN TO BU STUDENTS, FACULTY &
STAFF**



Food Resources

Community Wellness Collaborative

BRANDON FOOD PROGRAMS – Weekly Calendar | Updated DEC 2025

Information is subject to change.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
LUNCH Bear Clan 1:30pm – 3:00pm Downtown Mobile (no set location)	BREAKFAST Women's Resource Centre 9:30am -Noon Women & children only	TO-GO BAGS Women's Resource Centre 9:30am -Noon Women & children only	BREAKFAST Women's Resource Centre 9:30am -Noon Women & children only	TO-GO BAGS Women's Resource Centre 9:30am -Noon Women & children only	BREAKFAST Women's Resource Centre 9:30am -Noon Women & children only	LUNCH 7th Street HAC Sandwiches 11:30am - 1:00pm
LUNCH Love in the City Ministries 1:00-3:00pm	BREAKFAST Men's Resource Centre 9:00-10:00 am Program Participants	LUNCH Helping Hands 11:30am - 1:00pm	BREAKFAST Men's Resource Centre 9:00-10:00 am Program Participants	LUNCH Helping Hands 11:30am - 1:00pm	BREAKFAST Men's Resource Centre 9:00-10:00 am Program Participants	DINNER Salvation Army Princess Park 4:30pm
LUNCH 7th Street HAC Sandwiches 11:30am - 1:00pm	LUNCH Helping Hands 11:30am-1:00pm	HAMPERS Samaritan House Monthly Hamper (or Weekly Kit for unhoused population) Register in person only Mon-Fri 10:00am-3:00pm Tues evening 4:00pm-5:30pm	LUNCH Helping Hands 11:30am - 1:00pm	GROCERIES Food Rescue Grocery Store Wed & Thurs 12:00-6:00pm Fri 1:00-6:00pm Sat 10:00-4:00pm Closed Sun-Tues	LUNCH Helping Hands 11:30am - 1pm	OUTDOOR WATER BOTTLE REFILL STATIONS Closed for the season until the Spring
Ask Auntie Coffee Lounge Mon-Fri 9:00 am -11:00 am 4:30 pm-7:00 pm Sat-Sun 11:00 am -7:00 pm	COFFEE 7th St. HAC Tues & Thurs 9:00am - 11:00am BFC Drop-In Mon-Fri 8:30am-4:30pm	HAMPERS St. Augustine's Church Monthly on Wed 1:30pm -3:00pm Drop in basis. East door. 204-727-4728 Salvation Army Monthly on Wed. Call Tues to book 204-727-4334	LUNCH Helping Hands 11:30am - 1:00pm	LIGHT MEAL Bear Clan - Mobile Thurs. & Fri. 7:00pm - 9:00pm	LIGHT MEAL Bear Clan - Mobile Thurs. & Fri. 7:00pm - 9:00pm	PHONE APPS FOR DISCOUNTED GROCERIES Flashfood (Superstore) Food Hero (Safeway/Sobeys)

Contact Information:

Brandon Bear Clan: 603 Princess Ave 431-720-2327
 Brandon Friendship Centre (BFC): 603 Princess Ave 204-727-1407
 Ask Auntie (new location): 24-6th St 204-901-4049
 Food Rescue Grocery Store: Town Centre parkade 204-727-1696
 Helping Hands Soup Kitchen: 111 7th Street 204-727-4635
 Love in the City Ministries: 302 8th Street 204-717-7744

Samaritan House: 820 Pacific Avenue 204-726-0758
 The Women's Resource Centre: 1233 Rosser Ave 204-726-8632
 Salvation Army: 9 Princess Avenue East 204-727-4334
 (Food Truck location – Princess Park)
 St. Augustine's Church: 327 4th Street 204-727-4728
 7th Street Health Access Centre: 20 - 7th Street 204-578-4800

Find the most up-to-date Brandon Food Calendar
 SOCIAL MEDIA @CWCBRANDON CWCBRANDON.CA
 QR code for website

• CAMPUS CUPBOARD •



The BUSU Campus Cupboard is an initiative started in 2024 which aims to alleviate the issue of student hunger and food insecurity. The Cupboard provides preserved, dry, fresh, and frozen foods to those in need at a much lower price than supermarkets, and even the dollar store. Several free offerings will also be available to those who most need it.

The Cupboard is located in the BUSU Main Office.

BUSU Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30am - 4:30pm

Email: info@busu.ca Phone: (204) 727-9660



Assiniboine College

Brandon University

WALK-IN MEDICAL CLINICS

Please bring your student insurance card.

Rotating every Wednesday between AC & BU.
Students welcome to attend at either campus.

CLINIC TIMES: 12 PM TO 2:30 PM

AC DATES:
 January 21
 February 4, 18
 March 11, 25
 April 8, 15

Room 234 2nd Floor
 Victoria Ave East Campus
 Brandon

BU DATES:
 January 14, 28
 February 11, 25
 March 4, 18
 April 1

Knowles Douglas Building
 Mingling Area
 Lower Level

Confidential Services Offered (but not limited to):

- Medical prescriptions
- Birth control, pap tests, prenatal care, pregnancy tests,
- Confidential 2SLGBTQIA+ services
- Partnership with accessibility services
- STI testing,
- Chlamydia and gonorrhea treatments
- Referrals

With Nurse Practitioner
Berly Belsar-Lawrence



TIME TO LOCK IN!

BUIISC STUDY NIGHTS

Every Wednesday

4-7 PM | INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' CENTRE



LET'S FINISH STRONG TOGETHER.



Snacks. **Support.** Success.

@ bu_indigenouscollective

Mondays

Mondays

Drumming

3:30-4:30 pm

&

Cree Language Circle

5-6 pm

with Cree Knowledge Keeper

Open to BU students, faculty and staff
and All Brandon Community

**Indigenous Peoples' Center
at BU**

*Come listen,
Come sing,
Come learn*



Tuesdays



BEADING BABES

Tuesdays

5:30 pm



**We invite all students, faculty and staff
Beginners and experienced beaders are
welcome**

Supplies provided by the IPC



Beading



RED DRESS BEADING

with

**Métis Elder Joan Church &
Métis Inclusion Coordinator Nicole Braun**

**Metis Room- 202 Clark Hall
12pm-2pm**



EARRINGS

**Mondays
&
Wednesdays**



Pins

****All Materials Provided by the MMF****

nicole.braun@mmf.mb.ca

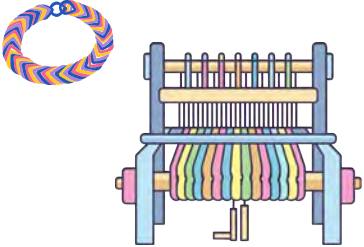
Red Dress Day is May 5th - National Day of Awareness
for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and
Two Spirit People (MMIWG2S+)

LOOM SET UP & SASH WEAVING DEMO

WITH METIS MATRIARCH
VERNA DEMONTIGNY

Wednesday, April 8, 2026
12pm-2pm
Metis Room- 202 Clark Hall

CONTACT: nicole.braun@mmf.mb.ca



Last months Crib Night winners !



CRIB NIGHT

April 9
5pm
Indigenous Peoples' Centre
** OPEN TO BU STUDENTS **
NICOLE.BRAUN@MMF.MB.CA



CALLING DRUMS AND DANCERS

for Our Journey - Indigenous Student Success Celebration

MAY 22 Grand Entry at 11 a.m. | Powwow till 3:30 p.m.
Dancers register at the event at 9:30 am
Honorariums, food and water provided

Limit of 6 drums (minimum of 5 drummers each)
Drums to register in advance at Moodye@BrandonU.ca

In partnership with:



assiniboine.net/journey2026



CALLING MÉTIS, FIRST NATION AND INUIT CRAFTERS/ VENDORS

for Our Journey - Indigenous Student Success Celebration

MAY 22 NO SETUP COST
Details of the setup will be relayed upon registration

Register before April 30th with Suelee at Inness@brandonu.ca

In partnership with:



assiniboine.net/journey2026

SAVE THE DATE



Join Us In Celebrating
Indigenous Student Success at


OUR JOURNEY

May 22, 2026
Riverbank Discovery Centre


We will celebrate First Nation, Métis and Inuit student achievement in education. Students will be honoured through ceremony and tradition.

Featuring a Performance by Metis Dance Group

MÆGGHAN BRAMLEY MEMORIAL STEPPERS



Sponsored By : Manitoba Métis Federation Education Department




CALLING LOCAL FOOD TRUCKS

for Our Journey - Indigenous Student Success Celebration

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In partnership with:



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*Last Day of
Classes*

Brunch Potluck

Friday April 10th

**11:30 am - 1:00 pm
in IPC**

Sign up sheet in IPC.





ACADEMIC SUPPORTS

IPC DROP-INS



Rainer S

LIBRARY/RESEARCH HELP

THURSDAYS

11AM-12PM

*Knowledge
is
Power*

*'stay *
focused*

*Practice
makes
PROGRESS*

*Keep
learning*



Alex B

ACADEMIC ADVISING

CONNOR - TUESDAY 1-3 PM

ALEX - WED 10 AM-12 PM

****MAY VARY**

WRITING SKILLS

WEDNESDAYS

10AM-12PM

hi



Joan G



Connor T

LEARNING SKILLS

**TUESDAY & THURSDAYS
10 AM -12 PM**

**MATH SUPPORT IN
STUDENT SERVICES**

$$(x^a)^b = x^{a \cdot b}$$

**AIM
HIGHER**
YOU CAN DO IT

**BUILD
SKILLS**



Jaime T

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Winter



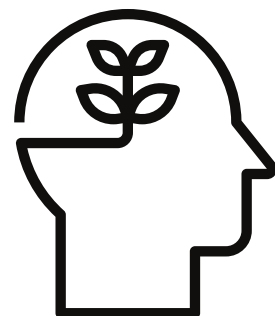
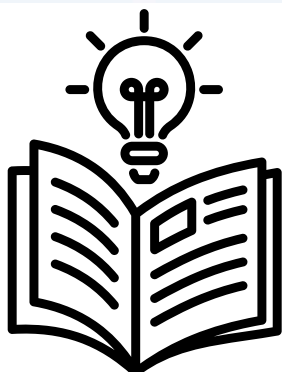
ACADEMIC SKILLS
DROP IN

Tuesdays and Thursdays
IPC

10:00-12:00pm

Are you in
class then?

Book an appointment
Jaime Taggart
Academic Specialist





INDIGENOUS EDUCATION AWARDS



FINANCIAL AWARD

APPLY BY MAY 31

The Indigenous Education Award provides **\$3,000** to support Indigenous students attending university or college in Manitoba.



SCAN FOR MORE INFO & TO APPLY ONLINE



Administered by:



businesscouncil.mb.ca/indigenous-education-awards

Writing Skills Walk-Ins

Winter 2026

January 12 to April 10

NAME	LOCATION	DAY	TIME
Karen	Library Ref Desk	Mondays	10:00 – 12:00
Alex	Library Ref Desk	Mondays	1:30 – 3:30
Molly	Library Ref Desk	Tuesdays	1:00 – 4:00
Joan	Indigenous Peoples' Centre	Wednesdays	10:00 – 12:00
Alex	Library Ref Desk	Wednesdays	2:00 – 4:00
Molly	Library Ref Desk	Thursdays	1:00 – 4:00
Alex	Library Ref Desk	Fridays	1:30 – 3:30



At Library Walk-Ins there is a same-day sign-in sheet. Stay in the Reference Desk area—if your name is called and you are not present, then the next person in line will be seen, and your name will go to the bottom of the list.

Walk-ins are meant for questions/reviews of approximately 15-20 minutes.

Please plan accordingly.

If you require assistance by Zoom, or have other accessibility concerns, please contact Karen or Joan through the Writing Skills website. Online appointment booking is available for individuals and small groups.

WORD OF THE MONTH



Learn
and
Grow



Spring

CREE- Sikwan

DAKOTA- Wetu

MICHIF- Li Printemp

ANISHINAABE- Ziigwan



The monthly basket is made possible by donation, Thank you for continuing to make this possible :)

**Congratulations to Andre Neault,
winner of the March basket-Theme -
LEAN, GREEN AND IN BETWEEN**

**Our next draw is April 24th. Theme is
Pink Moon- Awakening, Alignment, &
Forward Motion**

Do you have
something you
would like to
share in “The Tea”
next month?
Let us know !



Contact IPC@brandonu.ca

Courtesy of...



**THANK YOU!
MIIGWECH!
WOPIDA!
MARRSII!
KINANASKIMOTIN!
NAKURMIIK!
MAŞI CHOK!**