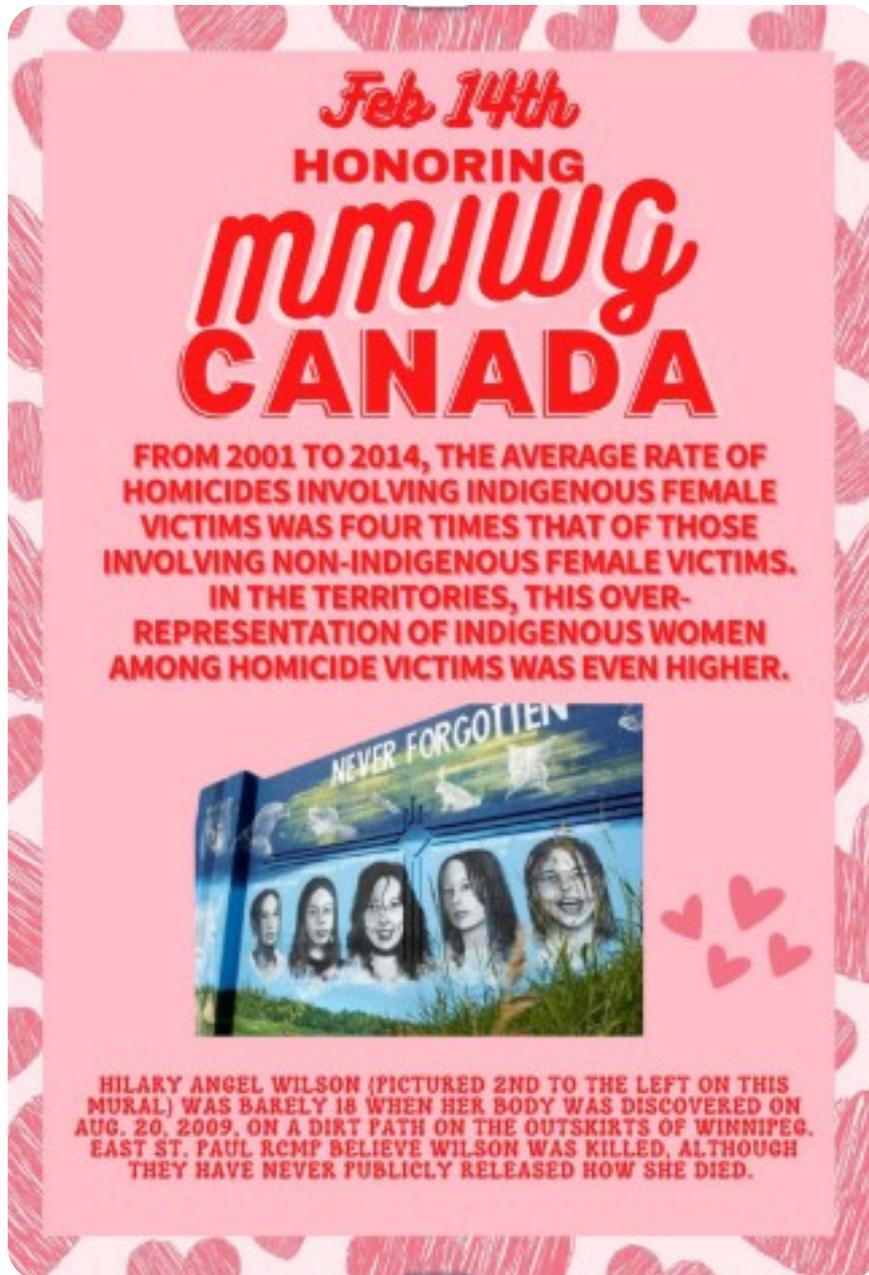




Honouring Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls 2 Spirit+ February 14th



This Issue:

- February calendar
- Upcoming and past events and activities
- Word of the month
- 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



Joan C- Metis

Susie McP-D -Cree

Barb B- Anishinaabe



Gego Mawikak: A Story of Reconciliation

A documentary journey of truth and remembrance offering the opportunity for Canadians to heal



Brenda Catcheway

One of the Executive Producers, Respected Indigenous leader, Advocate and Knowledge Keeper

Dr. Emily Holland

Associate Professor Brandon University Department of Anthropology Forensic Anthropologist



Pine Creek First Nation **Chief Derek Nepinak**



Indigenous Peoples' Centre Students with Dr. Emily Holland



Students April and Ethen asking question

January 29 Students had the opportunity to travel to Winnipeg to attend The Canadian Museum for Human Rights to view the Screening of Gego Mawikak (Don't Cry)

Gego Mawikak: A Story of Reconciliation is a powerful documentary that contains hard truths of lived experiences of people and families who attended Pine Creek Indian Residential School, north of Dauphin, Manitoba.

The film captures the research and 2023 archaeological investigation undertaken to explore 14 anomalies detected under the Catholic church near the former residential school in the community. The process to determine whether the anomalies were unmarked graves was undertaken by the Pine Creek First Nation (Minegoziibe Anishinabe), with the participation of the Archdiocese of Winnipeg, RCMP – Winnipegosis Detachment and RCMP Manitoba – D Division.

Through careful excavation, historical records and lived memory, the documentary traces not only the findings of the dig, but the emotional and spiritual journey carried by Survivors, families and communities seeking truth.

The film confronts difficult realities while honouring resilience, accountability and the ongoing work of reconciliation. Following the film, documentary contributors will engage in a Q&A with the audience.

<https://humanrights.ca/event/screening-gego-mawikak-story-reconciliation> (February 3, 2026)

NEW!



Guitar Club

**THURSDAYS 1-2 PM
IN IPC**

**NEW & EXPERIENCED PLAYERS
WELCOME**

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



Brandon University Indigenous Student Collective (BUISC)



Vice Chair - Emma Sinclair



Treasurer - Ethen Laugher



Social Media Rep -
Cory Dysart-Moody



Secretary- April Bone



Meet your new BUISC Executives !

NEED WORK, PART TIME, SUMMER,
FULL TIME ?



**BE READY SO YOU DON'T
HAVE TO GET READY!**



A New Year
New You
New Goals
New
Resume !



Get Started

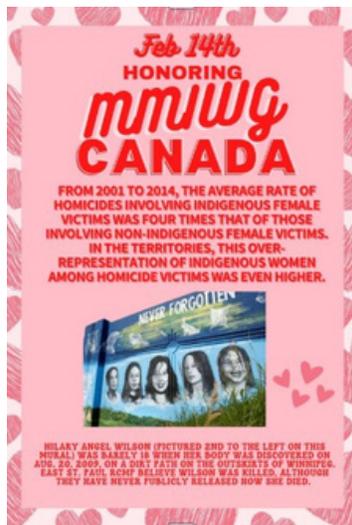
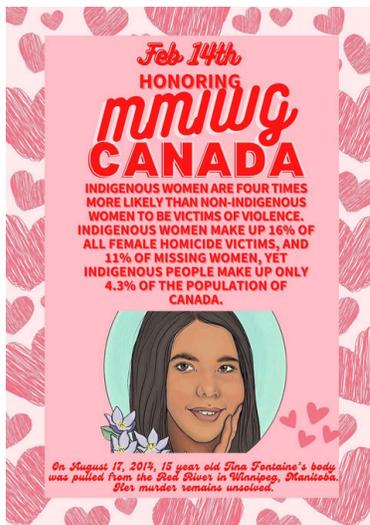
● Tues. Feb. 24th, 2026
2-3 pm
&
Mar. 2, 2026 2-4 pm

● Doug Pople will be available
to assist with starting or
upgrading your resume.

● Prepare your resume for FSWE
(Federal Student Work Experience
Program) workshop on
March 3, 2026 @ 2:30 -3:30 pm

More info to come



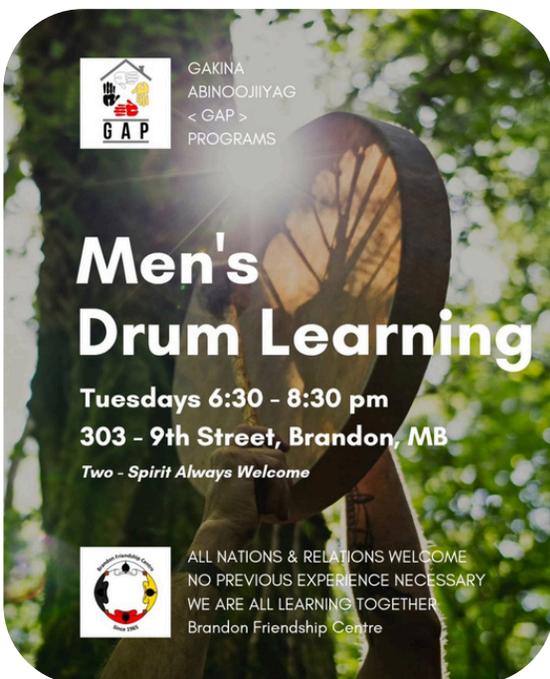


Dara Culhane,[3] Professor Emeritus of Anthropology at Simon Fraser University, emphasizes a quote from a flyer distributed at the Women's Memorial March in 2001 at the beginning of her essay *Their Spirits Live Within Us: Aboriginal Women in Downtown Eastside Vancouver Emerging into Visibility*,

"WE ARE ABORIGINAL WOMEN. GIVERS OF LIFE. WE ARE MOTHERS, SISTERS, DAUGHTERS, AUNTIES AND GRANDMOTHERS. NOT JUST PROSTITUTES AND DRUG ADDICTS. NOT WELFARE CHEATS. WE STAND ON OUR MOTHER EARTH AND WE DEMAND RESPECT. WE ARE NOT THERE TO BE BEATEN, ABUSED, MURDERED, IGNORED."

[2] https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Women%27s_Memorial_March (February 3, 2026)

Posters will be hung up around campus February 13, for awareness on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women 2S+. Thank you for respecting.



Ishkode Saakaykateh Indigenous Student Transition Program

Monthly Activity



The program focuses on offering transitioning support to Indigenous students starting their education at Brandon University under four pillars: academic, social, personal and cultural. This month, the students had a social gathering at A Tea Love, for many it was their first time having Bubble tea and shrimp appetizer while enjoying each other's laughs and a game of Jenga. They also went to Fun time Pottery and enjoyed conversations while painting.

Counsellor's Corner

If you are in need of support, Brandon University has personal counselling available:

Indigenous Peoples' Centre Indigenous Counsellor

To book an appointment with Deidre email, call or stop by IPC (George T. Richardson bldg.).

Deidre Gregory GregoryD@BrandonU.ca

(204)-727-9623

Student Services Counsellors

To book an appointment with Marsha or Sherry call 204-727-9737 or stop by Student Services (105 McKenzie bldg.).

Dr. Marsha Harris

Sherry Sawatzky-Dyck

If you believe there is imminent danger of harm to a student or someone else CALL 911

24 Hour Crisis Supports:

Over 18 years of age:

Mobile Crisis Unit (MCU)

204-725-4411

Sexual Assault Crisis Line

1-888-292-7565

Under 18 years of age:

Child & Adolescent Treatment Centre

204-578-2700



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	LIGHT MEAL Food Rescue Grocery Store Wed & Thurs 12:00-6:00pm Fri 1:00-6:00pm Sat 10:00-4:00pm Closed Sun-Tues	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 @WVBRANDON.CA
 QR code for web link

• 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



Ribbon Skirt Making

Free for BU Students
others will need to
purchase supplies in
advance. Contact us for
list

Feb. 19 & Feb 26th
1-4 p.m.

Pre-Register

Email IPC@brandonu.ca
to register
Space is limited



Student (PSAC) Positions

or go to www.Brandonu.ca/jobs/



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

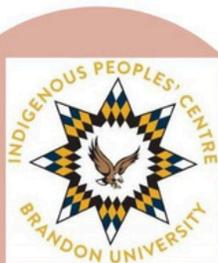


BEADING BABES

Tuesdays

5:30 pm

All students, faculty and staff welcome
Beginners and experienced beaders
welcome
Supplies provided in IPC



Beading



February Beading

with
Métis Elder Joan Church &
Métis Inclusion Coordinator Nicole Braun

Varying

MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS & THURSDAYS

CHECK CALENDAR BELOW

2026		FEBRUARY					
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	

12pm-2pm

202 Clark Hall

All skill levels welcome!!

All Materials Provided by MMF

nicole.braun@mmf.mb.ca





May 22 nd, 2026

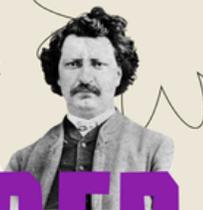
OUR JOURNEY

Omani Unkitawapi | Nutr voyaazh
Kii-B'baamaadiziininan | Nininan Pimacihowin

Celebrating Indigenous Student Success
Wounspe Kuwa Woolhiye Oshkate



Celebrate Louis Riel Day with us with a performance by:

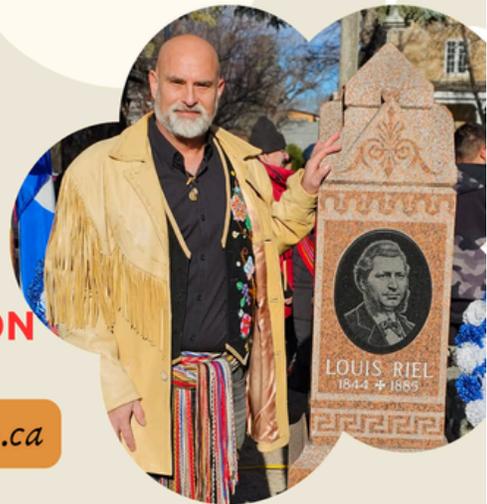


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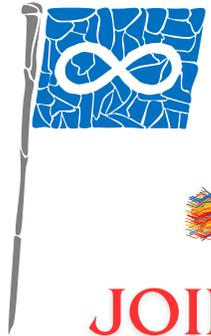


EVANS THEATRE
12PM
FEBRUARY 12, 2026

WITH SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER
MINISTER WILL GOODON



Contact: nicole.braun@mmf.mb.ca



JOIN US TO CELEBRATE
LOUIS RIEL DAY





Crib Night



Indigenous Peoples' Centre

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FEBRUARY

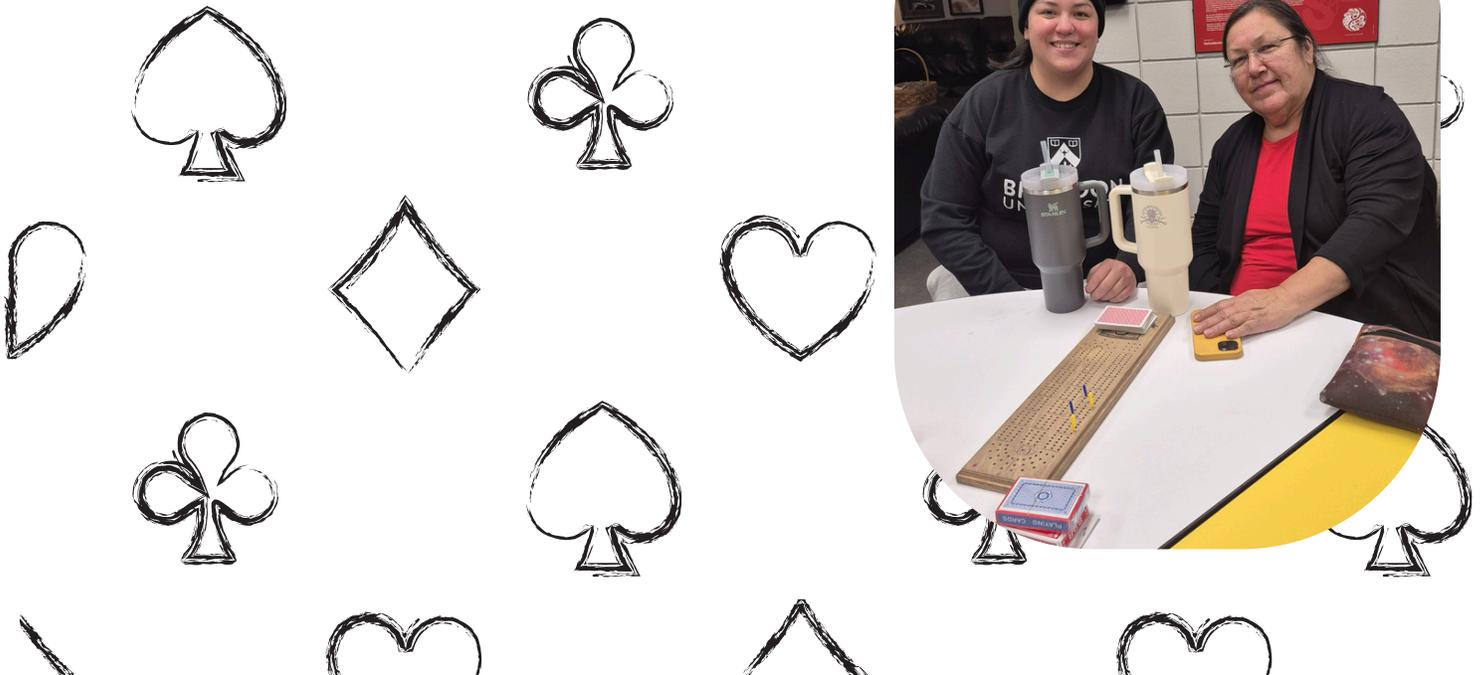
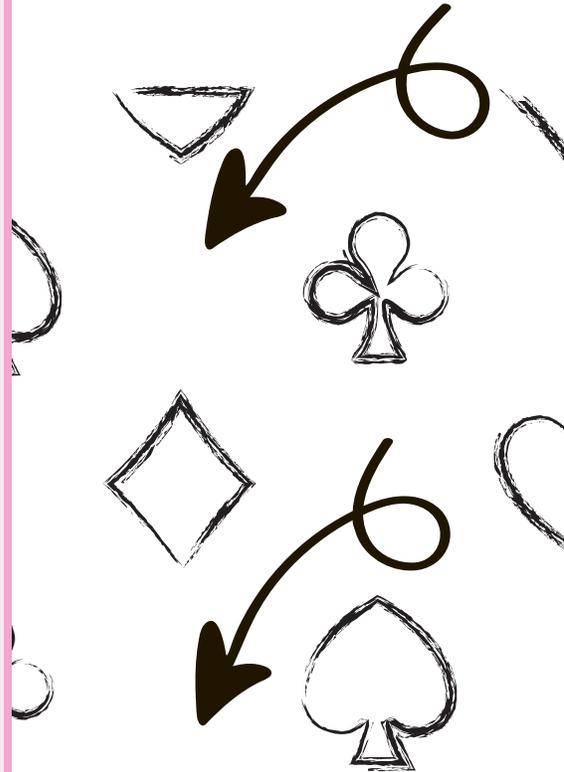
OPEN TO BU STUDENTS

5PM

Refreshments Provided

NICOLE.BRAUN@MMF.MB.CA

January Crib
Winners Tied
Tori S. & Susie Mc-D





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



CONGRATULATIONS TO ROXY DUCHARME THE
JANUARY BASKET WINNER THE THEME WAS
"NEW BEGINNINGS"

- We post everything that's happening in IPC on Facebook !
- Drumming, beading club, academic supports, writing skills, and advising take place in the IPC .

FEBRUARY 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Beading w/Joan 12-2 pm Drumming 3:30 pm Cree Language 5 pm	3 Beading w/Barb B. 5:30 pm	4 Isaac Murdoch 11-12:30 pm	5 Guitar Club 1-2 pm	6	7
8	9 Beading w/Joan 12-2 pm Drumming 3:30 pm Cree Language 5 pm	10 Beading w/Barb B. 5:30 pm	11 Beading w/Joan 12-2 pm	12 Guitar Club 1-2 pm	13	14
15 Reading Week	16 Drumming 3:30 pm Cree Language 5 pm	17 Beading w/Barb B. 5:30 pm	18 Beading w/Joan 12-2 pm	19 Crib 5-7 pm Beading w/Joan 12-2 pm Guitar Club 1-2 pm Ribbon Skirt Making 1-4pm	20	21
22	23 Beading w/Joan 12-2 pm Drumming 3:30 pm Cree Language 5 pm	24 Resumes w/Doug P 2-3pm Scholarships, Awards Bursaries Presentation 12:30-1:30 pm Beading w/Barb B. 5:30 pm	25 Beading w/Joan 12-2 pm	26 Guitar Club 1-2 pm Teachings House- 2-3:30 pm Ribbon Skirt Making 1-4pm	27 Birthday cake and Basket Draw 12:30 pm	28
29	30 Drumming 3:30 pm Cree Language 5 pm	31 Sharing Circle 12:40-1:30pm Beading w/Barb B. 5:30 pm	March 1	2 Resumes w/Doug P 2-4pm	3 FSWEP 2:30-3:30 pm	

STAY INFORMED 



Like us on Facebook

Brandon University
Indigenous Peoples' Centre



Follow us on Instagram

BU Indigenous Peoples' Centre



*Drop in to IPC to view our calendars for any changes.

ACU Indigenous Student Bursaries *Apply today*



Are you an Indigenous student enrolling in a post-secondary business-related program in 2026-27 school year in Manitoba?

We are committed to reconciliation

ACU supports Indigenous communities through cultural respect, partnerships, and financial inclusion. Annually, we offer four bursaries of \$2,000 to students of Indigenous Ancestry enrolled in post-secondary studies.

We award bursaries based on values-based decision making, including academic performance, financial need, and community involvement.

To learn more about the criteria, eligibility, and the application process, visit our website for details.



Apply today.
Deadline* February 28, 2026

3 easy steps to apply

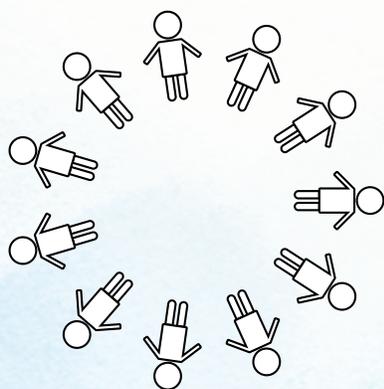
- ☑ Review the criteria and eligibility requirements
- ☑ Complete the online application form available on our website—by scanning the QR code form on your right—with all supporting documentation. Include cover letter, resume, transcript and proof of Indigenous Ancestry.
- ☑ Submit completed online application form.

**Incomplete or applications received after the February 28, 2026 deadline will not be accepted or considered.*



@MyAssiniboine/Assiniboine Credit Union

**Deadline to Apply
February 28, 2026**



BU TEACHINGS HOUSE

A gathering place for the sharing of Indigenous knowledge.
A gathering place for all Nations.



MÉTIS STORY & CULTURE

Thursday, February 26

11:30 am – 1:00 pm

He Oyate Tawapi Ceremony Room
Room 141, Health Studies Complex
Brandon University

Winter is a time for storytelling.

Join Knowledge Keeper Joan Church as she reflects on her own story and connection to her Métis identity.

All are invited to attend! Refreshments provided.



Brought to you by the BU Indigenous Initiatives Working Group. BU Teachings House gatherings are open invitations to students, faculty, staff, alumni & the broader community to reflect, listen and share.



ACADEMIC SUPPORTS

IPC DROP INS



Rainer

LIBRARY/RESEARCH HELP

THURSDAYS

11AM-12PM

Knowledge is Power

*Stay * focused*

Practice makes PROGRESS

Keep on learning



Alex B

ACADEMIC ADVISING

CONNOR - TUESDAY 1-3 PM

ALEX - WED. 10 AM-12 PM



Connor T

WRITING SKILLS

WEDNESDAYS

10AM-12PM



Joan G



LEARNING SKILLS

THURSDAYS

10:30AM-12:30 PM

MATH SUPPORT IN STUDENT SERVICES

AIM HIGHER
YOU CAN DO IT

BUILD SKILLS

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



Jaime T

Times may change. Come into IPC to check our calendar



Winter

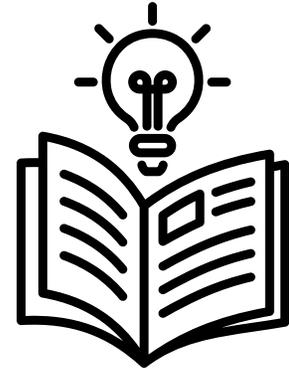


Students Study Skills Workshops

- Jan 6 - The "Busy Method" Schedule
- Jan 13 - Reading a Textbook
- Jan 20 - Taking Notes in Class
- Jan 27 - Mid-Term Prep
- Feb 3 - Test Taking Strategies
- Feb 10 - Flashcards & Memory
- Feb 24 - Multiple Choice Exam Prep
- Mar 3 - Exam Study Plan
- Mar 10 - Improving Memory
- Mar 17 - Exam Study Plan
- Mar 24 - Active Study Strategies
- Mar 31 - 5-Day Study Cycle
- Apr 7 - Test Anxiety

IPC

12:00-1:00pm



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 Peoples' Centre

SHARING CIRCLES

With Deidre & IPC Knowledge Keepers

12:40-1:30

January 20

New Year, New Me

February 17

Financial Responsibility

March 17

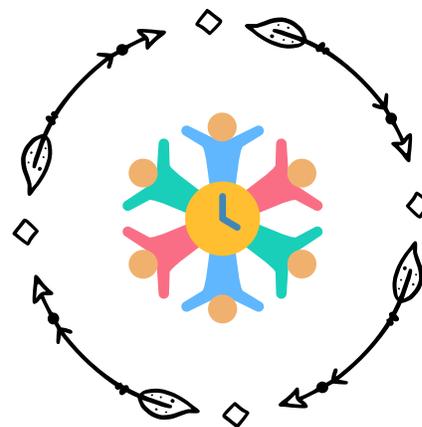
Identity & Wellness

April 7

Grounding

He Oyate Tawapi Ceremony Room

Open to current BU students



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.



*Learn
and
Grow*



WORD OF THE MONTH

I Love You

CREE- Kisakihitin

DAKOTA- Techihhla

MICHIF- Kishaakiitin

ANISHINAABE- Gizaagi'in



To feel true love is to know the Creator. Therefore, it is expected that one's first love is to be the Great Spirit. He is considered the father of all children, and the giver of human life. Love given to the Great Spirit is expressed through love of oneself, and it is understood that if one cannot love oneself, it is impossible to love anyone else.

The Eagle was chosen by the Great Spirit to represent this law, as the Eagle can reach the highest out of all the creatures in bringing pure vision to the seeker. Although the supplier of the greatest and most powerful medicine, love can also be the most elusive of the teachings, as it depends upon a world that acknowledges the importance of spirituality.

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!
MAŠI CHOK!**

