



Okanagan College Aboriginal Access and Services

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Aboriginal vendors to be on campus. We invite the OC staff as well as the Aboriginal community to be a part of the grand opening.

Beat the Line Ups 2009

Okanagan College invites you to come and beat the line ups! Beat the line ups is held to encourage early registration for students who will be attending OC for the following school year. It is beneficial for getting your books, student IDs, parking passes, and campus tours. Don't wait in line during the first week of school, get a jump start on all of the things you need to do.

Dates are as follows:
Vernon Campus- August 25
Kelowna Campus August 26
Salmon Arm Campus- August 26
Penticton Campus- August 27

Okanagan College Daycare to Open- Kelowna Campus

Okanagan College Kelowna Campus will offer a new service when the on campus daycare is opened on September 1, 2009. The daycare will be open to students and staff members requiring child care. The daycare will be operated by the YM-YWCA of the Central Okanagan and will provide 53 daycare spots for children ranging in ages from infant to five years

New Aboriginal Student Centre Update - Salmon Arm

The new Aboriginal Student Centre in Salmon Arm will be completed July 2009. The college will be hosting a grand opening in September and will coincide with



old. The 3,000 square-foot facility offers three distinctly different play areas, a quiet room, an office, washrooms, full kitchen facilities, laundry and a secure outdoor play area. The YM-YWCA is currently accepting registrations and wait-list applications.

For more information please call the YM-YWCA at: 250-764-9621 ext. 301

Aboriginal Services – Mentor Profile

Ethan is Syilx (People of the Okanagan Nation) and was born and raised in Oliver, on the Osoyoos Indian Band reserve. He graduated from Notre Dame High-school in Wilcox Saskatchewan, then attended UBC Vancouver and majored in political science and economics and, thereafter, attended Concordia University College and majored in Business Administration while playing varsity hockey.



After which, he attended Thompson Rivers University and completed a Bachelor of Business Administration degree with a major in Finance. Currently, he is attending UBC Okanagan pursuing a Master of Arts degree in Interdisciplinary Indigenous Studies. Ethan believes strong cultural and traditional backgrounds are the key to any Western education, whether post-secondary or graduate. As such he has dedicated his time to learning Syilx way of life and worldview, traditional songs, attending ceremonies and has co-organized the annual Traditional Okanagan Hunting Trek.

Help Wanted

If you are an Okanagan College student in good standing, taking two or more courses, and would like to earn extra money in between classes, we want you! You may qualify for up to 15 hours per week. There are positions available

for computer lab monitors and AV runners. If you are interested, the online application form will appear in you're "My Okanagan" under personal announcements. Once we have reached our quota the application will be removed. Please note that no applications will be accepted before the fall registration period.

Important Dates For Fall 2009

- September 1: Orientation Day
- September 2: Classes begin for Business, CIS, Commercial Aviation, Arts/Science, Engineering Technology, and Advanced Culinary Arts Diploma
- September 7: Labor Day (no classes)
- September 8: AACP classes begin- all campuses
- September 15: Last day to register in a course for the fall semester
- September 15: Last day to receive a tuition rebate for withdrawal from a fall semester course
- September 15: Last day to withdraw without record of course resignation entered on the student's transcript for a summer semester course
- September 15: Last day to submit a waiver or an addition to the Medical and Dental Plan. Forms to be submitted to Student Association offices by 4:00pm
- October 12: Closed for Thanksgiving
- October 27: Last day to change from credit to audit
- October 27: Last day to withdraw, without penalty, from a fall semester courses
- November 11: Closed for Remembrance Day
- December 10-21: Ten Day Final Exam Period
- December 23: AACP classes and exams end
- December 24: Last Day to submit final grades
- December 24-January 3: Holiday Break

Upcoming Events

30th Annual Kamloopa Pow Wow

July 31 - August 2, 2009



Kamloops, BC
Information at Kamloopa Pow Wow Society
Tel: 250-828 9782
E-mail: powwow@kib.ca

Kamloops, BC will be hosting one of the largest celebrations of First Nations culture and heritage in Western Canada. The Kamloopa Pow Wow is held rain or shine, so come and experience the traditional dances, food, people, and much more. There will also be booths where you may purchase Native arts and crafts. Admission is \$10/day, \$20/weekend pass, and \$5/weekend pass for dancers and drummers.

ABSOLUTELY NO ALCOHOL OR DRUGS PERMITTED

3RD Annual Squianny Traditional Gathering Pow Wow

August 21 – August 22, 2009
Nicomen River Road
East of Lytton on Trans Canada Hwy.
Information: Ursula Drynock
Tel: 250-280-0148
E-mail: urdrynock@shaw.ca

This is a free event suitable for people of all ages. There will be camping, sweat lodge ceremonies, teepees, nature walks, as well as local rafting available nearby. Come join the fun!

3rd Annual In-Shuck-ch Days

August 22-August 23, 2009
Forest Service Road in the Lillooet River Valley
Information: Kevin
Tel: 604-820-6875
E-mail: days@inshuckch.com

Come and have some fun and enjoy free food, music, traditional First Nation's games and activities, as well as a children's fun zone. This free event is open to everyone!!

9th Annual Neskonlith Traditional Pow

Wow

August 22, 11am – 11pm
August 23, 11am – 5pm
Neskonlith Reserve, West of Chase
For More Info Contact us
Tel: 250-835-8492

This is an Annual First nations Celebration featuring dancing, singing, crafts, and food concessions with traditional food such as bannock.

Continuum: Vision and Creativity on the northwest Coast

June 20, 2009 – January 31, 2010
Bill Reid Gallery of Northwest Coast Art
639 Hornby Street
Vancouver, B.C
Tel: 604-682-3455

A major exhibition of 23 emerging and mid-career Aboriginal Artists from BC, Washington State, and Alaska. Come check it out!

NAHO 2009 National Conference

November 24-26, 2009
Crown Plaza and Marriot Hotels
Ottawa, Ontario
More info at

www.naho.ca or
conference@naho.ca

NAHO's national conference will bring together front-line health workers, community members, First nations, Inuit, and Métis organizations, government departments, professional and Para-professional associations, and academic institutions.

During the conference, we will explore recent innovations and existing or emerging trends in population health research as they relate to disparities among First



Nations, Inuit, and Métis communities.

Websites of Interest

Okanagan College Aboriginal Programs and Services Webpage:

<http://www.okanagan.bc.ca/aboriginal>

Aboriginal Funding Tool:

<http://www.aboriginalcanada.gc.ca/acp/apps/fundingtool.nsf/>

Shuswap Nation Tribal Council:

<http://www.shuswapnation.org/>

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