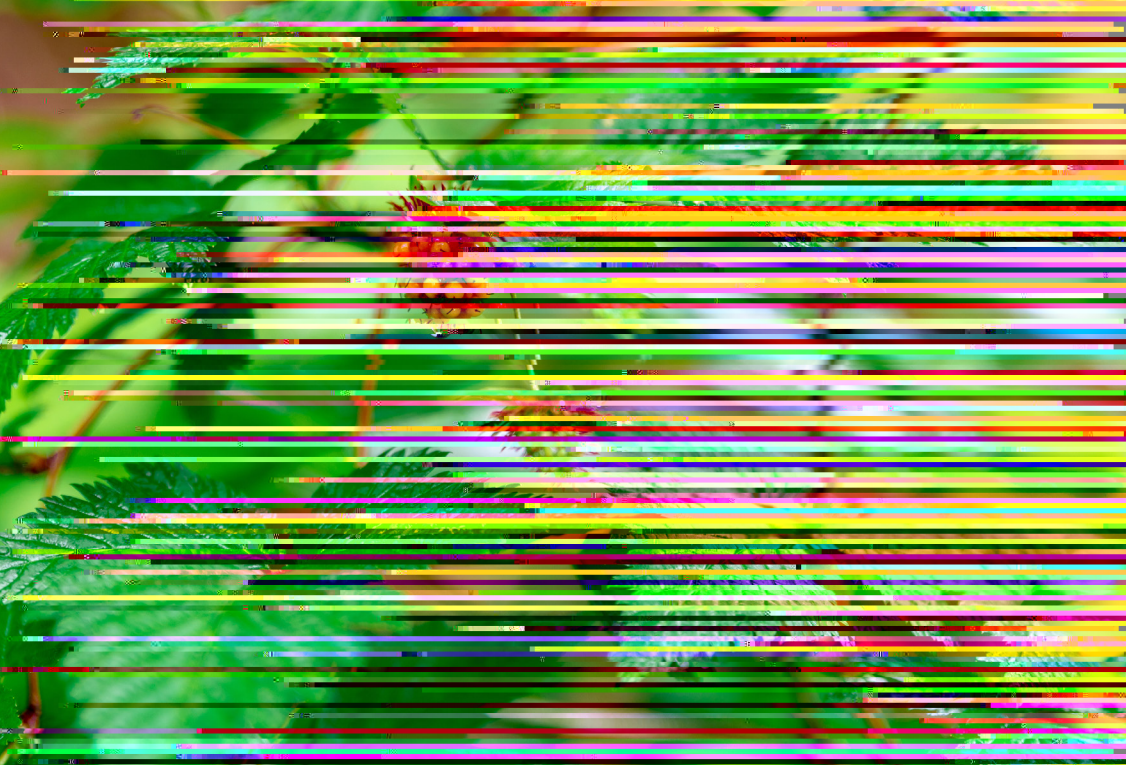




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NEWSLETTER

Dear Students,

Greetings from JIBC's Office of Indigenization (OI).

On behalf of our team, we send our respects and hope you and your relations are doing well as we navigate so many things right now.



The Office of Indigenization (OI) works across the Institution to support JIBC's commitment to Indigenous education and implementation of its five-year Indigenization Strategy.

When studying at JIBC, the OI offers Indigenous learners holistic services and supports designed with student balance in mind. Students have access to the Elders-in-Residence, the OI Team, the Aboriginal Gathering Place, Indigenous Garden and Traditional Medicines. Throughout the calendar year, the OI organizes events and learning opportunities to observe significant Indigenous occasions and to celebrate and strengthen the active presence of Indigenous ways of knowing, being, relating and doing at JIBC. To connect with the Office of Indigenization, please email Indigenization@jibc.ca.



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.

Truth and Reconciliation
The Indian residential school system or more appropriately referred to as residential incarceration, operated in Canada for over seven generations. It is thought that reconciliation will take as long, if not longer. The Office of Indigenization (OI) goes on record to proclaim that without Truth there is no Reconciliation and any hope for redress of the devastating and persisting impacts of colonial violence will require the full and immediate implementation of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's (2015) Calls to Action, the Province of British Columbia's (2019)



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The Office of Indigenization and JIBC began observation and celebration of National Indigenous History Month with an Opening Ceremony led by our newest Resident Elder, Caroline Buckshot. Throughout the month of June the OI is hosting a series of weekly events and activities. From Elder-led teachings to Inuit storytelling, we are offering many online opportunities to get involved. Please join us in celebrating Indigenous excellence and to learn about the rich diversity and distinction of First Peoples. To learn about upcoming events, check out JISU's social media or visit: <https://www.jibc.ca/news-and-events>

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In May 2021, JIBC welcomed Elder Caroline Buckshot to the Elders-In-Residence Program. Please join us in welcoming Elder Buckshot to JIBC! Elder Buckshot is a respected Elder from Kitigan Zibi Anishinabeg First Nation of the Algonquin Nation in Maniwaki, Quebec. Elder Buckshot's traditional name is KaNigan a Pit meaning "Woman who teaches." Currently,

Qayqayt, Musqueam and Coast Salish Traditional Territories


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