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SUMMER **2021**

NEWSLETTER

Dear Students

Greetings from JIBC's Of ce of Indigenization (OI). On behalf of our team, we send our respects and hope you and your relations are healthy and well during the COVID-19 pandemic.

This summer we have seen record breaking temperatures and resurgence of a busy wild re season throughout our province. It is important with the summer season soon changing to give thanks to the Creator and take a moment to adjust to the slower pace of the fall season.

As we return to campus in New Westminster, you will observe the new Welcome Post in the atrium. The majestic Welcome Post was created by Musqueam artist Brent Sparrow Jr. The post depicts an Eagle and Sun design. It is to provide guidance, strength, protection, and warmth to al staff faculty students, recruits, and visitors of JIBC.

Welcome back to campus! Please drop by the OI and say hello!



Welcome Post created by Musqueam artist Brent Sparrow Jr

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

The Of ce of Indigenization (OI) works across the Institution to support JIBC's commitment to Indigenous education and implementation of its ve-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 OITeam, the Aboriginal Gathering Place, Indigenous Garden and Traditional Medicines. Throughout the calendar year, the OI organizes events and learning opportunities to observe signic cant Indigenous occasions and to celebrate and strengthen the active presence of Indigenous ways of knowing, being, relating, and doing at JIBC.

The Aboriginal Gathering Place (AGP) is in AD 135 near the gymnasium at the New Westminster campus. We look forward to you visiting the AGP. To connect with the Office of Indigenization, please email placed by block by



DID YOU KNOW?

The Of ce of Indigenization logo is created by Haida Gwaii artist James Cowpar, and re ects a concept of social justice and the design acknowledges the diversity of Indigenous peoples.



NATIONAL INDIGENOUS HISTORY MONTH AND NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY

With Elders and community partners, the Of ce of Indigenization observed a month-long celebration of National Indigenous History Month including National Indigenous Peoples Day on June 21. As the month started following the devastating report from Tk'emlúps te Secwepemc, we held ceremony and spaces throughout the month to grieve, educate about, and sit with the hard Truths of what has happened and continues to happen, to Indigenous Peoples on Indigenous land. Through on-line and live engagements, we gathered to share First Nations, Inuit, and Métis cultures, histories, voices, and traditions as a source of pride, strength, and healing.

The OI hosted fteen separate events in June including an Opening Ceremony, led by JIBC CEO and President, Dr. Michel Tarko, Métis-Cree, Elder Caroline Buckshot, Algonquin Nation, and the OI's Director, Jason La Rochelle, Haida Nation and a Closing Ceremony that included a performance by Spakwus Slolem, the

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Eagle Song Dancers



INDIGENOUS YOUTH CAREER CAMP 2021

The JIBC Indigenous Youth Career Camp-Building Bridges, Breaking Barriers, Encouraging Connections, aims to build youth resiliency, establish positive relationships, and introduce youth to the broad spectrum of careers in justice, public safety, and health care. This year we offered a blend of virtual online activities and in-person activities. The youth along with Elders and the OI staff, spent a day of hands-on learning with the Paramedic Academy, Fire Academy, and Police Academy. Our online learning sessions were with the Emergency Management Division and the Corrections & Court Services Division. The connections made by youth during the camp equipped them with the tools to plan for their future careers. Overall, the Indigenous Youth Career Camp 2021was a great success!

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