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NEWSLETTER

Dear Students,

Winter greetings from the OI. We are honored to share with you JIBC's *Living Indigenization Plan 2021 – 2027*. The long-range goals of this plan indicate our intention to continue to develop programs, partnerships, cooperation, and understanding of Indigenization far into the future with your support.

Living Indigenization 2021-2027 uses two concurrent holistic models; an original assessment framework (La Rochelle & Simpson, 2020) and an operational framework conceptualizing Indigenization as a natural lifecycle system and learning journey rooted in specific values. It will help reinforce our Institute's legal and strategic imperatives to answer the *TRC Calls to Action*, the *MMIWG Calls for Justice*, and to align and implement BC's *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act*. It is upon all of us at JIBC to challenge and dismantle the many legacies and harms of colonialism.

We encourage you to read and reflect on this plan and welcome your feedback!

You can download a PDF copy [here](#) or drop by the OI for a hard copy.



Heather Simpson and Jason La Rochelle holding *Living Indigenization Plan*.



LIVING INDIGENIZATION

The visual design of *Living Indigenization* symbolizes JIBC's concept of Indigenization.

Living Indigenization means we respect and value Indigenous worldviews and ways of thinking, being, relating and doing in daily operations throughout JIBC.

WHAT IS THE OFFICE OF INDIGENIZATION?

The Office of Indigenization works across the Institution to support JIBC's commitment to Indigenous education and implementation of its five-year Indigenization Strategy. Our work includes facilitating Indigenous student spaces and the Indigenization of physical campus spaces at JIBC, enhancing cultural connections and knowledge sharing through our Elders-In-Residence Program, and collaborating with internal and external teams and communities to embed Indigeneity within every aspect of JIBC; from governance to student services, from policies to programming and everything in between. By including Indigenous ways of thinking, being, relating and doing into the fabric of JIBC, everyone in the circle benefits.



DID YOU KNOW?

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.



ABORIGINAL GATHERING PLACE

The Aboriginal Gathering Place (AGP) serves as an inclusive Indigenous space to support Indigenous student activity. Students are invited to drop by the AGP for cultural exchange and community engagement. The AGP is also a great place to study, socialize, and connect with cultural and spiritual resources. The Aboriginal Gathering Place is in room AD 135, in the Office of Indigenization which is near the gymnasium in the New Westminster campus. If you are an Indigenous student that would like to access the AGP, drop by or email Nicole Mate, OI Program Planner, at nmate@jibc.ca.

ELDERS-IN-RESIDENCE

The Elders-In-Residence Program supports and encourages Indigenous students and provides a cultural connection for them on their journey. Elders encourage and promote understanding and respect for Indigenous knowledges, perspectives, culture, and values. Elders are available to students for one on one dialogue and in group settings. Information on remote Elder-led workshops will be shared with students soon! If you have a request for a specific topic of learning, please email Heather Simpson, Coordinator for the OI, at hsimpson@jibc.ca.



FUNDING FOR INDIGENOUS STUDENTS

The OI works with JIBC's Financial Aid Office to communicate funding options and support application processes for student financial aid.

Indigenous Emergency Assistance Fund: This fund is set up for Indigenous post-secondary learners who are in difficult and emergency situations. The fund provides a modest amount to assist status and non-status students with emergency expenses related to housing, utilities, groceries, medical/dental needs, etc. You can apply at any time in the calendar year. If you have any questions, please email financialaid@jibc.ca or call (604) 528-5762 or 1(877) 275-4332 (toll-free North America).



MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORTS AT JIBC

Support is available to all JIBC students by contacting the Senior Manager of Learning Support and Disability Resources, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Monday to Friday, by phone at 604.528.5884 or 1.877.275.4331, or by email at studentresources@jibc.ca.

The BC Crisis Line is also available 24/7 at 800.784.2433.



PINK SHIRT DAY 2022

On Wednesday February 23, 2022 the OI hosted a JIBC Online event: **Two Spirit: Cultural Reclamation and Creating Positive Spaces** with Resident Elder Caroline Buckshot, from the Algonquin First Nation and Keynote Speaker Andrew Caldwell, an Algonquin First Nation Two-Spirit person, scholar, educator, and current policy analyst for the Canadian federal government.

Check out our [events](#) page for current and past learning series.



MOOSE HIDE CAMPAIGN DAY 2022 – MAY 12, 2022

Post-secondary institutions across Canada are embracing the Moose Hide Campaign to create safer spaces, both on and off campus, and as a way to support Truth and Reconciliation and inclusion.

The Office of Indigenization and JIBC will observed Moose Hide Campaign Day this year by hosting information kiosks in the month of May to spread awareness about the Moose Hide Campaign and to inspire personal commitments to help end gender-based and domestic violence against women and children.

How can you engage with the Moosehide Campaign?

- Wear and share the Moose Hide pin.
- Register and attend the official Moose Hide Campaign event on May 12, 2022
- Post your online pledge to help end violence on moosehidecampaign.ca
- Make a post on social media to spread awareness and use hashtags #MooseHideCampaign #MooseHidePledge #Endviolencetowardswomenandchildren





Pick up your Moose Hide Pin from the OI the front desk, or library if on the New Westminster campus. To learn more about ways you can get involved jibc.ca/moose-hide-campaign

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