

Orillia Campus Report for the O-AGC

May 4, 2012

Elders' Traditional Teaching Series

The series was a huge success! The feast was delicious and it was wonderful to have the Elders talk about the importance of food in culture and spiritual aspects. The feedback forms were well received. They enjoyed the opportunity to participate and they hope the series will continue in the fall. Approximately 40 people attended each session.

Lakehead University/Georgian College: *Pathways to Education Day!*

This event was designed to showcase the different pathways of education. Partnered with Georgian College, the presentations outlined the benefits of a post-secondary education and the different opportunities that are available to our local First Nations and Métis high school students. Thirty-two students from grades 9-12 participated in the event.

Students were asked to fill out feedback forms. All of the students enjoyed the activities, but wished they were more hands on. Feedback from the professors involved in leading the activities was also positive. Dr. Thamara Laredo, Dr. Victoria Te Brugge, Dr. Alice den Otter and Dr. Chris Murray were involved in the event. The professors were pleased with how the activities worked out.

Administrators at both institutions were very excited about the partnership and the success of the event. April Jones forged a great working relationship with Dawn Bolduc, Community Liaison Officer from Georgian College. Dawn is also involved with the Aboriginal Post-Secondary Information program planning.

Recruitment

Career Fairs

April 13, 2012: Kahnawake Career Fair – 400 primary, secondary and mature students in attendance

- Great turnout! Many interested students

April 17, 2012: Beausoleil Career Fair – 60 primary, secondary and mature students in attendance

- It was April's first time to the island. It was good for April to meet the Education Manager and others.

Aboriginal Post-Secondary Information Program

April will meet with the two school boards – Simcoe County District School Board and Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board. This is to promote the new recruitment strategy. Instead of having just an hour or a period with students, April and Dawn are planning central locations where students will spend a good part of the day with the recruitment officers. This will allow for a more detailed explanation of what the different institutions have to offer. Please see the table below for more details. There will be an opportunity to host a day at the Orillia campus for the local Orillia high school students. Date to be announced.

Time	Activity
9:00 to 9:15	APSIP Introductions
9:15to 9:45	Keynote Speaker
9:45 to 10	Break
10:00 to 12:00	Breakout Rooms: Colleges and Universities will be divided into 4 different rooms where they will have half an hour to showcase highlight info about their school. Approx. 5 schools/room
12:00 to 12:30	Lunch
12:30 TO 1:00	Students visit booths – fair style set-up