

**Department of Aboriginal Education
Report
March 2013**

Ogimaawin-Aboriginal Governance Council (O-AGC)
Monday April 15, 2013.

Elder Agnes Hardy 1933-2013

The Department of Aboriginal Education attended the memorial for our Elder, Agnes Hardy of Biinjitwaabik Zaaging Anishinaabek (Rocky Bay First Nation), on March 14h.



Agnes was associated with the Native Language Instructors' Program (NLIP) for many years. She received her Native Language Teaching Certificate in 1994 and a Native as a Second Language Diploma in 1998.

Agnes was an Elder for NLIP for several years and also taught Introductory Ojibwe at Lakehead. Her years of volunteering with NLIP, as well as her many contributions to the program, were appreciated and valued. Agnes had a genuine passion for Anishinaabemowin, her ancestral language that she transmitted to others who cared about it, too.

Agnes often provided elder support on the Aboriginal Advisory committee for the Honours Bachelor of Education (Aboriginal) P/J program. She will be greatly missed.

Updates:

- The Department has been very busy recruiting and spreading information about programs through face to face conversations, promotional materials which included in a large mail out to southern Ontario. Many activities local and regional with recent highlights Matawa Education Conference, Dennis Franklin Cromarty High School NAN conference and invitation to a gathering of organizations with an Aboriginal Youth focus; hosted by Hon. Lt. Governor Onley at his office in Queens Park.
- Coming up March 26 – recruitment activities at the North Western Youth Conference, the form is called Feathers of Hope the conference will be taking place the Best Western Nor'Western Hotel & Conference Centre.

Native Language Instructors' Program Update

- NLIP is well prepared for the upcoming 2013 Summer School. All physical space that is needed has been reserved. Instructor's for the NLIP courses are being finalized.

- Aboriginal Education department advertisement was sent to Wawatay and was included in two issues of the newspaper in February and March.
- NLIP continues to respond to any inquiries for the upcoming 2013 Summer School. This includes helping to register courses online for returning students and sending information to the potential new students. There have been numerous inquiries to date.
- The department is currently updating the NLIP faculty/Staff and NLIP Student handbooks. Risk Management Plan for the Odaminowin Day Camp for the upcoming summer is being reviewed.
- NLIP has finalized the contract with the Conference Services for the NLIP 2013 Summer School Residences.
- Applications were submitted for NLIP support staff subsidies to SWP and SJS. SWP has advised the department that the application was accepted.
- Job Advertisements for the NLIP support staff has been completed and are posted throughout the campus including the job bank.
- February and early March was a very busy time for the Aboriginal Education department for the recruitment activities. Booth displays and promoting Aboriginal Education programs at the First Nation's Tribal council's Education Conferences; Matawa, Windigo and NAN's education gatherings, as well as Aboriginal Education department's involvement for Preview Day on campus. NLIP Administrative Assistant travelled to Sandy Lake with NNEC for education consultation and meeting NLIP students and teachers.
- NLIP graduates for the upcoming May convocation are reminded to complete and submit the required assignments for the ED 1599 course, the final course that is needed for the Year 4 students to complete if they wish to graduate. The potential NLIP grads are also reminded to register for 2013 May convocation.
- Upcoming recruitment activities: Anishinaabemowin Teg Native Language Conference in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan – March 26-31. Wunnumin and Kingfisher Lake Education Consultation with NNEC – April 2-3.