

LUNSA Update: March 2013

1. LUNSA, through the support of Lakehead University Aboriginal Initiatives, hosted a successful 25th Anniversary Powwow on March 15th, 16th and 17th. The weeks leading up to these dates were largely dedicated to the arrangements that made this possible. This event would not have been possible without the participation of the twenty-two drum groups, a total of one-hundred and seventy one dancers, hunters, cooks, community volunteers of all ages, our spiritual advisor Calvin Ottertail and the wonderful duo, Master of Ceremonies Nathaniel Moses and arena director Todd Genno. We would especially like to thank our sponsors Aboriginal Initiatives, LUSU, Lakehead University Alumni Association, Aboriginal Awareness Centre, Negahneewin College, Oshki Anishnawbeg Student Association, Northern Ontario School of Medicine, Seven Generations, Wasaya Airways, Nishnawbe-Aski Nation, ABC Embroidery, Safeway Court St. and Arthur St. locations, and the City of Thunder Bay.
2. Held the year end LUNSA volleyball 9th Volleyball Night on March 23rd at 6:00 pm - 11:00 pm in the Bora Laskin Gymnasium. On average, up to fifty participants attended, and water and fruit was served.
3. LUNSA is now working on a detailed final report on the Powwow, final report on LUNSA generally and a Powwow appreciation advertisement.
4. We are looking forward to the Ryan McMahon Red Man Laughing Comedy Tour event on Saturday April 13 8pm-10pm presented by ACSS, AAC, NAGE, and LUNSA. We will have an opportunity prior to the event at a 6:00 pm dinner in the faculty lounge to thank all involved in the Powwow planning and implementation of the event.
5. Some LUNSA executive will be facilitating a presentation on the various support services available to Aboriginal students and what student life is like at Lakehead University for prospective students attending Aboriginal Preview Day on April 25, 2013.
6. LUNSA will be donating some copies of collected Powwow photographs to the Lakehead University Patterson library archives, as a category for the powwow has yet to be created.