

Orillia Campus Report – October, 2013

Programming

Aboriginal Speakers Series nearing completion with one more presentation by Dr. Darrel Manitowabi on November 7th. Brainstorming plans for developing Part II of the Aboriginal Speakers Series are now underway as some professors are already putting in requests for guest visits.

Elder-in-Residence Program has met with great response by doing more workshops in the classroom with others planned for the coming weeks. Professors are happy with the addition to their programs.

The Friends of the Indigenous Club is still waiting on official recognition from LUSU, in the meantime a website has been developed for them to converse and stay in contact with one another, as well as to receive announcements & updates. The student group recently co-sponsored a film night with the showing of the DVD “Club Native” about inter-racial marriage and maintaining status.

Aboriginal students are contacted weekly with the latest updates centered around bursaries/scholarships, deadlines, announcements and important news from Aboriginal Country on various topics.

The Enaatig Healing Center has been contacted on behalf of our students for sweat lodge purposes and an open round dance with a feast night is planned for later on.

Recruitment and Outreach

Current First Nations visited to date include Rama, Christian Island, Alderville, Hiawatha, Scugog, Moose Deer Point and the Wahta Mohawks. Current plans are underway to visit Saugeen, Cape Croker & Aboriginal organizations within the catchment area.

Aboriginal Post Secondary Information Program APSIP was met at the local high schools so as to meet and solidify our participation as “friends” and not full members of the program, thereby allowing us to partake in their 1 week tour of the catchment area next fall.

Conferences/Events

David Snake attended the Indigenous Issues in Post-Secondary Education/Transitions into the Workplace, conference.

Participation in Fall Preview Day at the Orillia campus.