

**Recruitment/Aboriginal Post-Secondary Information Program**

- April participated in Weeks 4, 5 and 6 (Toronto/GTA , Eastern Ontario, Southern Georgian Bay)
- Week 4 (Toronto/GTA) Oct. 10 & 11 – low turnout at U of T education fair. Approx. 25 students attended
- Week 5 (Eastern Ontario) Oct. 15-19 – great school visits this week. High student numbers at a majority of visits. Attended some new schools/locations this year
- Week 6 (S. Georgian Bay) Oct. 22-26 – April coordinated and planned this week with help from Georgian College. Tried some new things for the events and had much success. Guidance counsellors were excited/happy with the experience that the APSIP crew can provide. Good turnout of students as well.

**Aboriginal Cultural Teaching Series** - the turnout was less than last year; number of community members is down, but number of students has increased.

- H. Neil Monague: Teaching and Healing through song and Hand Drumming = 13 people
- Gertie Beaucage: Women's Traditional Roles in the Clan System = 16 people
- Steve Beupre: Residential Schools, Medicine Wheel and Life Cycle Wheel teachings = 13 people

**Miscellaneous**

- Elders in Residence Program - Gertie has seen two students. Hoping that with addition outreach and marketing to students, more will start to take advantage of the service.
- April participated in Preview Day, representing Aboriginal Initiatives/Support Services. Talked to quite a few prospective Aboriginal students.
- April participated in Orillia Town Hall with Gerry Munt – offering ideas for the Orillia Campus Plan and needs of Aboriginal students

**Aboriginal Liaison Advisor**

April Jones has accepted a position at Georgian College and will be leaving us as of November 15th. April has had a positive impact on Aboriginal Programming at the Orillia Campus and she will be missed by all of us and especially by the OSA Team. Frank Cappadocia, Associate Vice-Provost, is working closely with Yolanda Wanakamik, Acting Vice-Provost of Aboriginal Initiatives, to ensure the continued delivery of programs and supports to Orillia's aboriginal student community.

Orillia's Elder-in-Residence, Gertie Beaucage, will continue to have regular office hours and will be available to meet and discuss issues with anyone who needs her. Frank will be connecting with Gertie on a regular basis in order to continue to build on the work that April's started.