

Orillia Campus Report – September 2013

Staffing

- In May, David Snake joined the Student Affairs team as the Aboriginal Liaison Advisor (12-month contract). The Aboriginal Liaison office is currently located within the Student Services area on the first floor of residence.

Student enrollment & recruitment

- As of September 12, 2013 there are 73 self-declared students at the Orillia campus.
- The Aboriginal Liaison Advisor is working closely with the Orillia campus recruitment staff with respect to the upcoming recruitment efforts. The Aboriginal Liaison Advisor has a goal to recruit 10 new aboriginal students to the Orillia campus and will participate in the Fall Preview Day scheduled for October 26.

Programming and student support:

- Neil Monague will serve this year as the Orillia Campus' Elder in Residence. The Elder will be on campus on Thursdays throughout the fall and winter term to meet with students and to assist with programming for students.
- A list was made of all the local native organizations and certain organizations were selected as to which ones to make partnership with on behalf of the students just in case outside referrals were necessary.
- First Student Meet & Greets w/ the Elder-in-Residence & Aboriginal Liaison Advisor planned for second week of classes.
- The Aboriginal Advisor is working with LUSU representatives to help establish a "Friends of the Indigenous Club" at the Orillia campus.

Community outreach & networking:

- Ogemawahj Tribal Council was contacted to retrieve the current Education Managers at each of the six affiliated First Nations, initial introductions were made. Preliminary discussions underway with the OTC about the potential to partnership w/ Lakehead-Orillia to hold an Aboriginal Fast Pass in the spring to cover a tour, registering, programs & clubs, financial aid, academic scheduling, the Do's & Don'ts and the Gateway Program
- Lakehead University-Orillia campus had a presence at the annual Rama Powwow held in August.
- The Aboriginal Liaison Advisor attended the annual Couchiching Conference on Public Affairs and made connections with community members in efforts to secure guest speakers to assist with programming initiatives.