



GRADE 12 ABORIGINAL STUDENTS

Greater Victoria School District

Aboriginal Pride & Success Through Education

The Aboriginal Nations Education Division of the Greater Victoria School District hosts an annual Aboriginal Recognition Ceremony for all Aboriginal Grade 12 students who have completed the official requirements for graduation. We know that our students have worked long and hard to obtain a Grade 12 education, and we feel that they need to be honoured and acknowledged for their perseverance and dedication. We would like to take this opportunity to inform the students and their families about our ANED Recognition Ceremony, which celebrates the success of our students District-wide.

The 2019 recognition banquet ceremony is scheduled for:

Thursday, May 30, 2019
Songhees Wellness Centre, 1100 Admirals Rd.
Social starts at 5:00 - Dinner at 5:30pm
Ceremony 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Each Aboriginal graduate will receive a formal invitation informing them of the ceremony and that they will also receive two free guest tickets. If families request extra tickets, they are first put on a waitlist; extra tickets are \$25.00 each. Invitation acceptance **must** be verified through the school contact or the ANED Office in order to confirm attendance at the banquet. The dress code is **formal or semi-formal**.

ANED will also produce a booklet profiling the graduates. One of our District Counselors will meet with each Grade 12 student to obtain a photograph and a profile for our booklet. We hope that Grads will provide other students with some encouraging advice!

Fund Raisers

The Aboriginal Nations Recognition Grad Committee meets on a monthly basis to plan for the annual recognition banquet and ceremony. The committee invites any interested students, parents

- and community members to join our team to plan for 2019.
- ◆ Vancity, M'akola Group of Societies and various community agencies send contributions towards the banquet.
- ◆ The Liquor Distribution Branch contributes towards the banquet from Dry Grad Funding.



If you wish to join the Aboriginal Grad Planning Committee or have any other fund-raising ideas, please call (250) 475-4124.

All Aboriginal graduates will be contacted by one of our district contacts for follow-up prior to the Recognition Ceremony. The ANED school contacts are as follows:

Alt. Ed. S.J. Willis	Denie Leger, Aboriginal Education Assistant
Esquimalt	Rachel Trebilco, Aboriginal Teacher
Lambrick Park	Tina Pierik, Principal
Mt. Douglas	Tammy Reid or Paul Thomas
Oak Bay	Principal or Vice-Principal
Reynolds	Gary Crocker or Pam Russ
Spectrum	Emma Milliken or Paul Thomas
Victoria High	Joanne Mitchell or Frank Conibear

Scholarships:

- ❖ **HEMASAKA SCHOLARSHIP: \$500** [Two Available]
- ❖ **JUDY BOURNE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: M'akola Housing \$1600** [Two Available]
- ❖ **FIRST NATIONS INTO SCIENCE: Dr. Rose Lenser \$1000** [One Available]
- ❖ **VIOLET'S PRIDE: Aaron Aubin, Nicole Hajash & Darcy Aubin \$1000** [One Available]
- ❖ **ROBERT WARREN TRADES SCHOLARSHIP: Aboriginal Nations Education/GVSD61 \$1,000** [One Available]
- ❖ **FREDA SHAUGHNESSY SPORTS/ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP: Aboriginal Nations Education/GVSD61 \$1,000** [One Available]
- ❖ **COLD COMFORT CULINARY ARTS SCHOLARSHIP: Cold Comfort Ice Cream \$1,000** [Two Available]
- ❖ **LIFTING EACH OTHER UP CULINARY ARTS & TRADES SCHOLARSHIP: Karrie Hill & Chelsie Harrison \$750** [One Available]

These scholarships are presented at the ANED Recognition Ceremony, and recipients receive funds upon formal registration at a post-secondary institution. For copies of the application forms please visit our website at <http://aned.sd61.bc.ca/graduation.aspx> or contact your school counsellor.

The deadline for all Aboriginal scholarships is **Friday, May 10, 2019**

Post-Secondary Aboriginal Connections:

IF YOU ARE THINKING OF ATTENDING POST-SECONDARY, THERE ARE ABORIGINAL ADVISORS AVAILABLE AT EACH CAMPUS:

CAMOSUN COLLEGE:

First Nations Advisors

[250] 370-3692/370-3659

UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA:

Aboriginal Academic Advisor

[250] 721-8389

VICTORIA NATIVE FRIENDSHIP CENTRE:

CEER Program (Career, Employment & Education Resources)

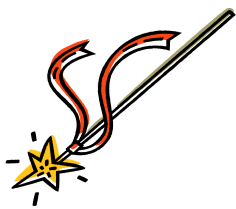
[250] 384-3211

U.B.C. Summer Sciences Program

The Summer Science Program is a one-week summer camp for First Nations students in grades 8-12. This Program promotes interest in the field of health and human service programs through firsthand experience at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC. Students who have completed grades 8-11 and are of First Nations, Inuit, or Métis Ancestry, are encouraged to apply.

For more information and to apply you can go to the UBC website:

<http://health.aboriginal.ubc.ca/education/ubc-summer-science-program/>



Grad Dresses & Tuxedos: The Magic Wand Project

Magic Wand is a program that helps make Graduation a “dream come true” by providing grad outfits for students who otherwise might not feel able to attend their graduation night due to the expense of buying a dress or renting a tuxedo. To book an appointment call Surerus at 250-658-0246 or email esurerus@telus.net