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Tansi, Cousins!

I hope that spring has brought you a burst of energy, I know that I am feeling much happier seeing the leaves start to bud out on the bushes. Things are a little quieter this month at CGPS as we reflect on the this past year and begin the plan for the next! I will be announcing some exciting programming in the coming months.

Just a note that I will be on holidays from May 7th to 26th. If you have any questions/issues that need to be resolved before the 26th, please reach out to lori.lisitza@usask.ca and she'll be able to help you out.

- Aurora

Volunteers Needed

Join us for Visiting COUSINS with the Summer Scholars Program!

Come hang out with undergrad students participating in the Summer Scholars Program! Help us connect them with Indigenous graduate researchers to talk about grad studies, research, and everything in between.

When: July 3, 2025, 1:00PM - 2:00PM

Where: Indigenous Law Centre

What do YOU want next year to look like?

In our last newsletter, we announced the creation of the Indigenous Leadership Circle. If you were unable to sign up but are still interested, keep your eyes peeled for our second session this summer. If you don't have the time to commit to the sessions, but have an amazing idea about programming or supports that you would like offered, you can email me at aurora.wolfe@usask.ca. No idea is too big or small!

Save the Date: 8th Annual māmowī āsohtētān Internal Truth and Reconciliation Forum

Sponsored by the Office of the Vice-Provost Indigenous Engagement and facilitated by the [Mistatimōk Committee](#), this annual event is a response to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action and provides an opportunity to gather and to constructively and respectfully dialogue and plan for the university environment we need and want.

This year's event will take place on Thursday, May 29, 2025. [Learn more.](#)

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We Must Protect Our Relatives: Reflections about Mother Earth and the State of all her Relations

Join us online as we discuss conservation and how the protection of migratory bird, sacred plants, and buffalo repatriation requires coordinated efforts and policies between Canada, United States, and Mexico. Our panelists include members of the [Indigenous Kinship Circle](#), a community of practice for Indigenous people and allies, focusing on grassland conservation on Turtle Island.

May 14, 2025, 11:00AM - 12:30PM (CST)

Presenters:

- Cheyenne Ironman from Sioux Valley Dakota Nation, Indigenous Kinship Circle Coordinator
- [Christian Artuso](#) from Canadian Wildlife Service, Environment and Climate Change Canada
- [Hector Ortiz Cano](#), Conversation Scientist from the [Chicago Botanic Garden](#)

This presentation will highlight how Mother Earth can heal through a reciprocal kinship between plants, animals, and humans.

All are welcome! Please visit [our website](#) to register. If you have any questions, please email us at askiy_workshops@usask.ca.

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