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Tansi Cousins,

The niskak (geese) are returning! The sun is shining! Will we get another snowstorm? Probably! But that's okay because spring is here-ish.

Things are winding down on campus as the undergraduates get into finals season and the summer break, but we will still have regular COUSINS programming.

Please feel free to email me if you have any questions or concerns.

- Aurora

Red Dress Day: Voices in the Wind A Collaborative Memorial Installation

Bell Crafting Workshop: April 28, 12PM - 1:30PM | [Register here](#)

Installation: May 5

Turn boldly and face the wind.

Guided by the words of Elder Mary Lee "face the wind, it brings back memories"—this collaborative installation marks Red Dress Day through listening, presence, and

remembrance. Decorated brass bells will be hung within the red willow bluffs surrounding the Gordon Oakes Student Centre, their voices carried by the wind as a living memorial.

The bells are created through open community workshops, where all are welcome to gather, create, learn, and remember together. Each bell holds space for story, grief, honour, and resilience.

On May 5th, the community will come together to hang the bells. They will remain in the willows for one month, sounding with the wind, before being respectfully taken down and stored until next year.

You are invited to sit for a moment, listen, pay your respects, and reflect on the lives of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and Two-Spirit People. This installation honours those voices, heard and unheard, and asks us to remain present, accountable, and connected.

Tufting Workshop with Ellissa Brown

When: May 1, 9AM - 3PM

Lunch and supplies included, but students are asked to bring small sharp sewing scissors, if they have them. [Register now.](#)

Natural Dyeing Silk Scarf Workshop with Melanie Monique Rose

When: July 28, 12PM - 4PM

Lunch and supplies provided. [Register now.](#)

Professional Development

We want to hear what you want! Chance to win a \$50 gift card!

CGPS would like to coordinate a series of professional development workshops for Indigenous graduate students over the next few months. We would like your input on some topics of interest to you during these lunch and learn developmental sessions.

Please [complete this short survey](#) to help us plan with you in mind.

Falling Walls Lab Edmonton | Now accepting submissions

Falling Walls Lab Edmonton is an opportunity for students and early-career research professionals to pitch innovative research that has the potential for major impact. The winner will represent our region on the world stage at Falling Walls in Berlin.

Application Deadline: April 27, 2026

Event Date: May 27, 2026

Contact kenisha.blair@usask.ca for more information.

Summer Scholars Circle

The Trish Monture Centre Summer Scholars Circles is a space for Indigenous undergraduate student researchers and their allies to create a supportive learning network.

These workshops are also open to Indigenous graduate students. If you are interested in attending, please email aurora.wolfe@usask.ca to confirm registration.

For Visiting Cousins, we are looking for mentors to answer questions about grad school and research. [Register here.](#)

Opening Circle

When: May 14, 11AM - 12PM

Start the summer off in a good way with an opening circle and a visit to the Indigenous Law Centre's traditional garden.

Medicine for Learning

When: May 28, 11AM - 12PM

Build a medicine bag for your research experience; a hands-on discussion of how medicines can help you on your learning journey.

Honouring Lived & Learned Knowledges

When: June 10, 11AM - 12PM

Explore ways to honour and engage traditional, cultural, land-based, and/or lived knowledges in academic and research settings.

Visiting with COUSINS

When: June 24, 11AM - 12PM

Share stories, laughter, and advice with your COUSINS in the College of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies!

Tea with Aunties & Uncles

When: July 7, 11AM - 12PM

When your family asks, "So...what is it you're studying, again?", do you know what to say? Join guest 'Aunties and Uncles' to practice talking about your research in ways that connect beyond the lab and lecture theatre.

Closing Circle & Mini Medicine Walk

When: August 6, 11AM - 12PM

Reflect on your experience and set goals to continue your learning beyond your summer experience.

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