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Tansi!

I hope you are all enjoying the beautiful weather as you reach the final push for the semester. This next month is a busy one for us, with Indigenous Achievement Week taking place from March 10 - 14th. I hope you can find some time to attend some (or all!) of the incredible events happening on campus.

To celebrate you, our graduate students, CGPS has partnered with the Graduate Student Association to **unveil our Stitching Stories quilt** that we have been working on since November. This event will take place at the GSA Commons on Wednesday, March 12th, and we will be serving soup and bannock and admiring all the hard work that students, faculty, and staff have put into this project over the last six months. As always, feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns at aurora.wolfe@usask.ca.

Take care.

- Aurora

Indigenous Achievement Week

Cody Demeris "Take Your Life Back" Book Talk

Wednesday, March 11, 2025 | 2:30PM

Stitching Stories Quilt Unveiling

Wednesday, March 12, 2025 | 4:00PM

Indigenous Achievement in Pharmacy and Nutrition

Wednesday, March 12, 2025 | 2:30PM

ohpinamake award ceremony

Friday, March 14, 2025 | 4:00PM

Indigenous Storyteller in Residence Reading & Panel

Friday, March 14, 2025 | 1:00PM

Cheryl L'Hirondelle Artist Talk

Friday, March 14, 2025 | 12:30PM

mâmawihisicikewin Community Innovation Challenge

Join us for mâmawihisicikewin, a Cree word meaning "working together" - a two day Community Innovation Challenge that brings Indigenous knowledge and technology together to create solutions for our communities.

This challenge is a space for Indigenous students and allies to explore how technology can support community priorities like food sovereignty, water safety, housing, and family well-being. Working in teams, participants will blend traditional knowledge with emerging technology to build ideas that make a difference. For more information and to register, visit [Eventbrite](#).

mâmawihisicikewin Zoom Info Session

March 18, 12PM - 12:30PM

[Register here](#)

Mentorship

Do you want to make a positive impact on your community? Are you proud of the path you have taken to get where you are and want to share your story with youth?

Be a mentor.

Building Intercultural Resilience Mentorship Program (BIRM) is seeking post-secondary students from all backgrounds and all colleges to deliver mentorship programming for Indigenous high school students in Saskatoon. If you are passionate about inspiring, guiding, and collaborating with youth while building your knowledge and experience with Indigenous peoples and cultures, you may be eligible to be a mentor.

From September to April, mentors make weekly visits at BIRM high schools to develop relationships with and support post-secondary pathways for Indigenous youth. The program is very rewarding for volunteers as it provides an opportunity to create impactful change, develop valuable professional skills (leadership, public speaking, collaboration) and deepens their understanding of Indigenous cultures and identities.

If you would like to be part of the program, please consider the following requirements:

- Mentors must be available for 2 hours every week during the school year (following the USask calendar) and this is not a drop-in program. That means making time outside of your sessions for studying, homework, appointments, and other activities. Sessions are scheduled around student class schedules, and we will never ask you to miss class to attend.
- Successful applicants will have some experience learning about the historical and cultural landscape of Indigenous peoples in Canada.
- Successful applicants will have some experience working with youth, or at least a strong interest in working with youth.
- Mentor selections are made to create as diverse a grouping as possible. This includes ethnicity, spirituality, gender, age, college, and interests/skills!
- This is an unpaid volunteer position. (Students who attend the University of Saskatchewan may be eligible for a co-curricular record entry.)

The application process and all requirements can be found here: indigenous.usask.ca/engagement/birm

Call for Indigenous Artists

Local emerging or established Indigenous (First Nation, Métis, and Inuit) artists are encouraged to submit proposals to design orange t-shirts acknowledging Orange Shirt Day and the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on Sept. 30 and/or to make separate custom art pieces available for sale through Shop USask.

The deadline to declare interest is April 14, 2025. [More information.](#)

Learning Opportunities

Graduate Workshops, March 10 - 14

[Virtual Write-In](#) | March 10, 2025

Finding it difficult to concentrate on your writing? Join one or more of our weekly options for 90-minute virtual write-ins to make progress on your work! Sessions are open to both graduate and undergraduate students and are structured using the Pomodoro technique to help you focus your attention. [Learn more.](#)

[Virtual Write-In](#) | March 13, 2025

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[Crafting Poster Presentations](#) | March 13, 2025

Come to this workshop to learn some practical tips for creating an engaging tool for communicating your research. [Learn more.](#)

Professional Development

[Beyond the Job Board: Where to Find the Hidden Job Market](#) | Friday, March 14, 2025

Explore Beyond the Professoriate for invaluable insights and opportunities. In this workshop, you'll learn how to take advantage of the hidden job market and be the first to learn about new opportunities. The workshop is designed for graduate students and all postdocs from all academic disciplines who are wondering:

- What is the hidden job market and what is the most effective way to access it?
- How should I approach my job search to ensure I'm aware of all the opportunities open to me?
- What kind of information can I gather through informational interviews and networking?
- How do I create a long-term networking strategy for subsequent phases of my job search?

For more information, visit the event in the [CGPS Calendar](#).

[LevelUP Interview Skills Workshop](#) | Wednesday, March 19, 2025 & Wednesday, March 26, 2025

This LevelUP PD workshop series will equip you with the strategies you need to ace your next job interview. All participants will have an opportunity to be mock interviewed by our Saskatoon business partners in industry, government, NGO, and academia. You don't want to miss out on this excellent opportunity to expand your network.

For more information, visit the event in the [CGPS Calendar](#).

Culture

Women's Full Moon Ceremony | Friday, March 14, 2025

Indigenous Law Centre, 7:00PM

Open to women and female-identifying 2SLGBTQ+ Indigenous students. Questions? Contact rachel.fiddler@usask.ca.

Indigenous Achievement Week | Congratulations Edward Mirasty!

The College of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies is proud of recognize **Edward Mirasty** with a 2025 Indigenous Achievement Award.


Edward Mirasty, a Cree member of the Lac La Ronge Indian Band, has over 32 years of education. A 1994 ITEP graduate, he earned his Master's in 2006 and is pursuing a Ph.D, with his dissertation on the experiences of Indigenous senior faculty during and after the TRC's Calls to Action slated for defence in April. He served as Director of Education at the PA Grand Council for 17 years, has co-authored 11 books, and received the 2011 Sask. Aboriginal Literacy Award.


For more information about IAW events, visit: spotlight.usask.ca/indigenous-achievement-week




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