

**REPORT TO NORTH ISLAND COLLEGE BOARD OF GOVERNORS
REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS
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ACCESS AND REGIONS

National Aboriginal Day Recognition

Submitted by Sarah Deagle

On National Aboriginal Day, June Johnson, NIC's Elder in Residence, made bannock which was served in the Gathering Place as a sign of recognition and support for the day. There was a good turnout from NIC staff and students as well as Timberline's staff.

BUSINESS AND APPLIED STUDIES

Where is Here: Small Cities, Deep Mapping and Sustainable Futures

Submitted by Sara Vipond

It was a creative, productive and busy summer for the NIC School of Fine Art and Design. Our department was a successful co-applicant for a Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Connections Grant.

Where is Here: Small Cities, Deep Mapping and Sustainable Futures is a Mapping Project and Symposium that seizes on the tremendous interest shown in cultural mapping practices by small cities and brings to bear multiple knowledge domains to move our collective understanding of this practice forward.

The project was a collaborative effort that brings together the work of several institutions: Vancouver Island University, North Island College, Thompson Rivers University, University of British Columbia (Okanagan) and Comox Valley Art Gallery.

The symposium took place in the Comox Valley, July 20 – 22, 2016.

This 3-day event brought together over 25 cultural mapping specialists from Canada and beyond to reflect on current practice, exchange knowledge and innovate within the field. Presenters included municipal development actors, academics and artists. The event had keynote speakers, panel discussions and art interventions.

NIC faculty member, Sara Vipond, gave a panel talk at the symposium, her talk was titled *Re-positioning a Sense of Place: Contemporary Artists Cultivate, Retaliate, Respond*.

<http://www.whereishereculturalmapping.com/symposium/>

NIC's Contribution

The School participated in the SSHRC Project on five levels:

1. **Artists-in-Residence Program:** This residency program was a collaborative partnership with NIC School of Fine Art & Design, Comox Valley Art Gallery, and the McLoughlin Gardens AIR residence. The three artists, Clive Powsey, Joanne Bristol and Barbara Meneley had access to NIC studios, MAC labs and production equipment while the Comox Valley Art Gallery featured their work in an exhibition titled, *MAP: MAKE / ART / PLACE*. Meneley and Bristol stayed at the McLoughlin Gardens, which provided the visiting artists with accommodation in a charming waterfront cabin near Merville, BC.
2. **Specifically Designed Studio Course:** This course titled: *Walking as Mapping* included, ECU, NIC students, Artist-in-Residence, Clive Powsey and four NIC Faculty members.
3. **Artist Talks by Artists-in-Residence:** Each artist gave a talk and the School would like to thank the NIC Foundation for their monetary contribution.

4. **Art Exhibition:** *Walking as Mapping: A Creative Laboratory* was held in the Shadbolt Studios, July 19 - 27.
5. **Talk, Walk and Make Event:** A post-symposium Art Talk & Activities were held at NIC and Mount Washington).

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Faculty Update

Submitted by Kathleen Haggith

The Faculty of Health and Human Services received funding from the Ministry of Advanced Education (MAVED) to support the one-time delivery of 20 additional FTEs in the Pre-Health Block followed by 10 seats in a Health Care Assistant program in partnership with the Nuu-Chah-Nulth Tribal Council.

This unique pilot offering will include a program elder-in-residence, cultural curriculum, and elder teachings and will be offered at the Port Alberni campus starting October 4, 2016.

Additional funds were also identified by MAVED to offer a pilot partnership Community Mental Health Worker program with the Nuu-Chah-Nulth Tribal Council for 10 students at Port Alberni campus starting in September 2017. Development of this program will start fall 2016.

In-community programming continues for both the Early Childhood Care and Education Certificate in Ahousaht and the Education Assistant/Community Support Worker Certificate at the Mount Waddington campus. In June, the Early Childhood Care and Education department also offered an ECCE course in a condensed format at the Mount Waddington campus to ensure enough certified Assistants in the region for the sustainability of two First Nations childcare centers. With great celebration, thirteen students started the course and twelve completed resulting in an additional dozen certified assistants in the Mount Waddington region. The department is also planning to offer a course with the Zeballos community starting October 20, 2016. Demand for this offering is strong with twenty interested community members.

Due to the additional one-time-only funds that were received from MAVED in spring 2016, the Health Care Assistant Department was able to increase the Comox Valley fall and winter cohort enrolments each by ten seats. The Health Care Assistant department continues to develop some online courses to increase access and choice for future students. A review of the curriculum was also recently completed regarding recommendations to weave Aboriginal ways of knowing and being into the curriculum and include Elders' teachings in the program.

Practical Nursing will start a feasibility study this fall to determine alternative delivery formats and the opportunity to offer a multi-campus annual intake (current alternating intakes annually between Port Alberni and Campbell River).

With great success, the Social Service Worker diploma is piloting an increased number of seats this fall to address community interest and demand. Curriculum revisions also continue in the Indigenous Education Assistant/Community Support program to reflect a more inclusive curriculum that embraces multiple ways of knowing and being into the content, assignments, and evaluative processes. It is anticipated that these revisions will go through the appropriate approval processes in the coming academic year.

Our Bachelor of Science in Nursing program implemented a selective entry admission process for the first time this fall. Further work is underway by the faculty this fall to explore and develop a first year health promotion component of our Aboriginal field school.

In closing, I want to acknowledge the commitment and work that all of faculty have contributed to ensure the aforementioned achievements have come to fruition. These celebrations would not be possible without their dedication to our communities and our students' success.

TRADES AND TECHNICAL PROGRAMS

Submitted by Cheryl O'Connell

Provincial and Regional

- Harmonization conversations continue with a focus on Carpentry and Electrical programs
- MLA Don McRae to visit NIC September 20 – Vigar Road Campus
- National Council of Deans of Technology and Council of Deans of Trades and Apprenticeship Canada will hold their general meeting October 19-21 in St. John's, Newfoundland

Highlights

- The school is celebrating the start to a new year with seats sold out in many of our programs.
- Registrations are underway for our first cohort of the Prep Cook Program to be held in Port Alberni in the Fall of 2016.
- Conversations continue with faculty to finalize plans for the Trades and Technical program areas in the Campbell River Consolidation Project.
- The last cohort of the old stream of Heavy Duty Mechanics apprenticeship is slated for 2016FA. This marks the end of the grandfathering period for students studying under this old curriculum. All future intakes will use the new curriculum and certify students as Heavy Duty Equipment Technicians.

MLA Don McRae to visit Vigar Road facility

On September 20, 2016, MLA Don McRae will visit the Heavy Mechanical and Aircraft Structures program at our Vigar Road facility to talk to students, faculty and industry about how the new trades equipment benefits student learning and their future careers.

Annual Trades Fall Gathering

Faculty attended the annual Trades and Technical faculty meeting on August 31, 2016. The afternoon event had a full agenda and included topics such as Supporting Students, NIC Policies, and Harmonization. Guest speakers included Erin McConomy (English Support Services for Students), Margaret Hearnden (Academic Integrity), Alex Kahn (Faculty Profiles), and Doug Podetz (ITA updates). It was a great way to kick off the year and gave the faculty a chance to connect before getting underway with the school year.

Annual Welcome Back (CR) event

President John Bowman welcomed staff and faculty back for the 2016-2017 school year at the Campbell River Campus on August 31, 2016. This annual event showcased brief updates on initiatives from the Senior Leadership and Senior Education Teams, as well as providing a welcoming message to all new and returning staff and faculty. The rain broke just long enough to take the group photo and then everyone was treated to a BBQ lunch.

Summer ACE-It Students

We have two cohorts of ACE-It students this year, one in Welding and one in Carpentry. Students are able to finish their last year of high school while taking part in an NIC program. Both programs achieved success with students and wrapped up their classes at the end of August.

Rob Laird, Carpentry instructor, was happy to share that all the Carpentry ACE-It students were placed as carpentry apprentices with local construction companies at the conclusion of their program in August.

Cafeteria Beautification and Menu Changes

The Campbell River Campus cafeteria received a facelift this summer. Updates included a “new-to-us” plasma television (with thanks to Kevin Walters, IT), as well as some new lounge furniture and patio umbrellas in the eating area. The Bistro space has also been opened at lunch to provide students with a

quiet area to eat their lunch. The menu has been changed for the 2016-2017 school year but still includes some campus favourites.

2016 Fall Registrations

Fall registrations are generally looking strong in the Faculty of Trades and Technology, with most programs running with maximum numbers. Carpentry has opened a new class for level 2 apprenticeship in response to waitlists. Automotive, Electrical and Plumbing are showing increased numbers for Fall intakes as well. We continue to work with Marketing on focused recruitment to our Welding programs in PA and CR.

Welcome to our new Faculty

Chef Xavier Bauby (CR)

Chef Xavier Bauby has been confirmed as our incoming Culinary instructor for the Campbell River Campus.

Chef Bauby brings over 15 years of instructional experience having worked with the Pacific Institute of Culinary Arts, Vancouver Island University, Camosun College, and more recently as Chef Instructor at Le Cordon Blue Ottawa. In addition he has over 20 years of industry experience holding various positions including Chef de Cuisine and Food Services Director in the Tourism and Hospitality sector.

Chef is looking forward to returning to British Columbia and is keen to prepare for programming in Campbell River commencing September 2016.

Chef Alan Irving (PA)

Chef Alan Irving has joined our Port Alberni team as our new Culinary Instructor.

Chef Irving will be leading the instruction for the new Prep Cook Certificate program (September/16 to January/17) in addition to Professional Cook Level 1 (January – August, 2017).

Chef Irving brings over 18 years of instructional experience, having delivered a very innovative Professional Cook Level 1 program with Gulf Islands Secondary School in collaboration with Camosun College. In addition he has over 10 years of industry experience as an entrepreneur, business owner, and has held Executive Chef appointments in Vancouver, Alberta and France!

Chef Irving is very familiar with Port Alberni as this has been his family's chosen summer vacation destination for several years and he is very pleased to be joining North Island College.

OFFICE OF GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT

Comox Valley International Welcome

Submitted by Cathy Mutis

On Sunday, September 11, the 6th annual Comox Valley International Welcome took place at the Native Sons Hall. This event is targeted to newcomers to the valley, particularly new immigrants, as well as international students at the college and in the school district, and their host families. The event is jointly planned and carried out by NIC, SD71, and the Immigrant Welcome Centre. It was well attended and feedback was that everyone had fun and enjoyed the festivities.



Office of Global Engagement Open House

Submitted by Cathy Mutis

The Office of Global Engagement (OGE) is pleased to invite the college community to its new office space in Puntledge Hall on Tuesday, September 27, 11:00am to 1:00pm. Light refreshments will be provided. OGE is committed to leading internationalization initiatives which engage all staff, faculty and students, and to providing excellence in services for international students. We are encouraging the college community to drop in and learn more about who we are and what we do.

FINANCE AND FACILITIES

NIC's Ironman

Facilities-own Jack Campbell participated in the Subaru Ironman event in Whistler on the weekend of July 23rd. It was Jack's first attempt at this triple-sport event, combining swimming, cycling and running, and it was his wife's 4th. Jack finished with a time of 16 hours and 1 minute.

Here's Jack proudly representing NIC in front of the Olympic Rings.

