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DUSTON LOUIS, JOSIAH LAHR, KANE GILHAM, ASHLYNN MARASCO, KAREN CONGER, ALI SMITH, FELIX NEZ, ROBERTA WAGNER, BRAD HALL, LEISSA STILLSMOKING, CHELSEE PREE

TOP NEWS

- OUR USDA LAND GRANT PROGRAM, LED BY FELIX NEZ AND HIS ASSISTANT CHELSEE PREE, PROUDLY SECURED 2ND PLACE IN THE NAID PARADE FOR BEST PROGRAM FLOAT! SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR DEDICATED USDA INTERNS—DUSTON LOUIS, LEISSA STILLSMOKING, JOSIAH LAHR, AND KANE GILHAM—FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS. THE PROGRAM ALSO GAVE AWAY A TRAILER BED OF HAY FOLLOWING THE PARADE. FOR MORE INFORMATION ON CERTIFIED WEED-FREE HAY, SOIL AMENDMENTS, AND FORAGE ANALYSIS SERVICES, CONTACT FELIX NEZ AT 406.338.5441 EXT: 2764, FELIX.N@BFCC.EDU, OR CHELSEE PREE AT EXT: 2768, 23CHELSEE.P@BFCC.EDU
- BLACKFEET COMMUNITY COLLEGE IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THAT WE HAVE RECEIVED A GRANT FROM THE AMERICAN INDIAN COLLEGE FUND'S TWO-SPIRIT AND LGBTQ+ AWARENESS PROGRAM TO SUPPORT OUR INITIATIVES FOR CREATING A MORE INCLUSIVE CAMPUS ENVIRONMENT. IN ADDITION, DURING OUR RECENT LGBTQ+ PRIDE DANCE HOSTED BY STUDENT SENATE, THE LITTLEPLUME FAMILY GENEROUSLY ANNOUNCED THEY WILL BE SPONSORING A \$300-\$500 SCHOLARSHIP IN HONOR OF THEIR LATE FAMILY MEMBER AND FORMER BFCC STUDENT, SAMONE LITTLEPLUME. THIS SCHOLARSHIP AIMS TO SUPPORT AND UPLIFT TWO-SPIRIT AND LGBTQ+ STUDENTS IN OUR COMMUNITY.



ELAINE LITTLEPLUME AND DAUGHTER JAYCE WIPPERT

BFCC HITS THE BIG SCREEN: YOUR FUTURE STARTS HERE!

BLACKFEET COMMUNITY COLLEGE IS THRILLED TO ANNOUNCE THAT WE WILL BE FEATURED IN A HALF-HOUR EPISODE OF SEASON 15 OF 'THE COLLEGE TOUR,' A PRESTIGIOUS TV SERIES STREAMING ON AMAZON PRIME, TUBI, ROKU, AND MORE. THIS EPISODE WILL SHOWCASE OUR VIBRANT CAMPUS LIFE, OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC PROGRAMS, AND DIVERSE STUDENT EXPERIENCES TO A GLOBAL AUDIENCE. ADDITIONALLY, WE ARE PARTNERING WITH KRTV TO BROADCAST COMMERCIALS ON VARIOUS STREAMING CHANNELS. THIS EXCITING EXPOSURE HIGHLIGHTS BFCC'S GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITIES, INVITING PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS TO JOIN US ON OUR JOURNEY TO BIGGER AND BETTER THINGS. WILL YOU BE THE NEW FACE OF BFCC? APPLY THIS FALL AND BE PART OF OUR VIBRANT COMMUNITY! STAY TUNED FOR MORE UPDATES AS WE SHARE OUR UNIQUE BFCC STORY WITH THE WORLD!

The
College
Tour ▶

ROCK OUT WITH THE ART CLUB!

JOIN BLACKFEET COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S ART CLUB AND UNLEASH YOUR CREATIVITY! OUR NEWLY FORMED BAND, WHICH RECENTLY PERFORMED AT THE LGBTQ PRIDE DANCE, IS ACTIVELY SEEKING NEW MEMBERS. WE MEET TUESDAY AFTERNOONS WITH FLEXIBLE SCHEDULING, AND THE PRACTICE ROOM IS OPEN DAILY. ALL SKILL LEVELS ARE WELCOME—SINGERS, GUITARISTS, PIANISTS, AND OTHER MUSICIANS. OUR FIRST CONCERT IS TENTATIVELY SET FOR OCTOBER 31, 2024. LAST SEMESTER FEATURED INCREDIBLE PERFORMANCES FROM KIERA BIG HORN (VOCALS), WESTIN "KODA" MOUNTAIN CHIEF (GUITAR), SANDRA AUGARE (DRUMS), KIRSTEN POTTS (VOCALS), EMERALD GRANT (DRUMS), AZREAL BULLSHOE-REINA (SAX), AUGUSTUS BULLSHOE-REINA (TRUMPET), SAMUAL SPOTTED EAGLE (BASS), AND SKITTLES (VOCALS & TRUMPET). DON'T MISS OUT—JOIN US AND BE A PART OF SOMETHING SPECIAL! FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ART CLUB PLEASE CONTACT GORDON BENNETT AT 406.338.5441 EXT: 2255, GORDON.B@BFCC.EDU.



SANDRA AUGARE ON DRUMS AND WESTIN "KODA" MOUNTAINCHIEF ON GUITAR

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EMPOWERING FUTURE NURSES AT BLACKFEET COMMUNITY COLLEGE

BLACKFEET COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S BSN NURSING PROGRAM, LAUNCHED IN 2021, OFFERS A FLEXIBLE BLEND OF ONLINE COURSEWORK WITH IN-PERSON LABS AND CLINICALS. IDEAL FOR BUSY STUDENTS, OUR EXPERT FACULTY, INCLUDING PHD AND MASTER'S DEGREE PROFESSIONALS FROM ACROSS THE COUNTRY AND ON-CAMPUS, PROVIDE COMPREHENSIVE SUPPORT. WITH EVENING AND WEEKEND AVAILABILITY, STUDENTS GET THE HELP THEY NEED TO SUCCEED.

OUR ADVANCED SIMULATION LAB, LED BY CLINICAL COORDINATOR MELISSA GORDON AND SUPPORTED BY RAYOLA GRANT, PROVIDES HANDS-ON TRAINING WITH CUTTING-EDGE MANNEQUINS. MENTOR SHARLENE GILHAM, A SEASONED ASN GRADUATE AND COVID NURSE, OFFERS UNIQUE STUDY SESSIONS AND PRACTICAL ADVICE.

OUR RIGOROUS PROGRAM BOASTS A 100% PASS RATE ON THE LICENSURE EXAM FOR TWO CONSECUTIVE YEARS, WITH DIVERSE CLINICAL EXPERIENCES ACROSS THE STATE. JOIN US AT BFCC TO ADVANCE YOUR NURSING CAREER WITH TOP-NOTCH EDUCATION AND REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCE.

NATIVE PLANT GATHERING: BRIDGING TRADITION AND ECOLOGY

BFCC HOSTED A SUCCESSFUL NATIVE PLANT GATHERING, FUNDED BY THE SEVENTH GENERATION FUND AND THE KENDEDA FUND, TO ENHANCE THE LIVES OF ELDERS ON THE BLACKFEET NATION. HELD AT UPPER TWO MEDICINE, THE EVENT BROUGHT TOGETHER AROUND 50 PARTICIPANTS, INCLUDING ESTEEMED ELDERS, BFCC STUDENTS, AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS. THE GOAL OF THIS GATHERING WAS TO OBTAIN ELDER GUIDANCE ON WHICH NATIVE PLANTS SHOULD BE SEEDED, PLANTED, TRANSPLANTED, OR USED TO PROMOTE THE ECOLOGICAL HEALTH OF GLACIER NATIONAL PARK AND THE BLACKFEET NATION. ATTENDEES SHARED VALUABLE INSIGHTS ON NATIVE PLANTS AND TRADITIONAL ECOLOGICAL KNOWLEDGE (TEK), FOSTERING INTERGENERATIONAL LEARNING AND COMMUNITY WELLBEING.

OUR PARTNERS INCLUDED THE BFCC USDA LAND GRANT PROGRAM, BFCC USDA EQUITY PROGRAM, BLACKFEET CHR PROGRAM, BLACKFEET DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAM, FAST BLACKFEET, MEDICINE SPRING LIBRARY, WILLOW CREEK SINGERS, AND BFCC KNOWLEDGE CARRIERS LODGE. THE ELDER PANEL FEATURED TONI GRAY, MARISSA BREMNER, LEA WHITFORD, PETER FULLER, BRENDA METHA, AND FRANCES KITSON, WHO PROVIDED INVALUABLE GUIDANCE ON NATIVE PLANT SPECIES TO PROMOTE ECOLOGICAL HEALTH AND CULTURAL PROTOCOLS. PRESENTERS DARNELL AND SMOKEY RIDES AT THE DOOR ENRICHED THE EVENT WITH THEIR KNOWLEDGE, WHILE THE BLACKFEET DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAM PROVIDED THOUGHTFUL GIFTS TO PRESENTERS AND ELDERS.

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR CATERERS WILFORD, PATRICIA (JBIRD), AND MARY DEROCHE FOR THE DELICIOUS FOOD, AND TO THE MAINTENANCE CREW AND GLOBAL VOLUNTEERS FOR THEIR ASSISTANCE IN SETUP AND PARTICIPATION. WE ALSO HAD AROUND 40 CONTINUING EDUCATION UNITS (CEUS) COMPLETED, REFLECTING THE EVENT'S EDUCATIONAL IMPACT. THIS GATHERING WAS A TESTAMENT TO OUR COMMUNITY'S COMMITMENT TO PRESERVING TEK AND ENHANCING THE USE OF NATIVE PLANTS FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS.





LIBERAL STUDIES HAS EXCITING CHANGES

Fall 2024

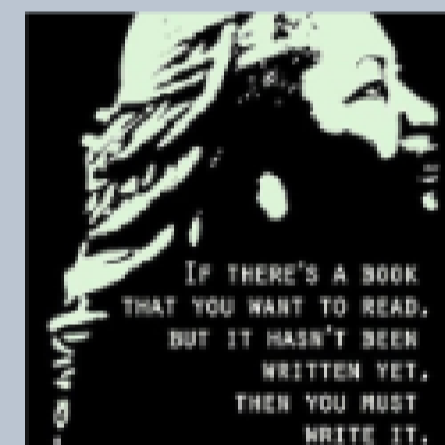
Four new concentration / transfer tracks

POP CULTURE

SUPERHERO FILMS, COMIC BOOK STUDIES, HISTORY OF ROCK & ROLL, VIDEO GAME STUDIES, AND STREET ART.

A.A. degree is useful for creative thinkers, musicians, artists, and educators.

PREPARES TRANSFER INTO BA PROGRAMS AND CAREERS IN POPULAR CULTURE, AMERICAN STUDIES, ART HISTORY, LIBERAL STUDIES, FILM STUDIES, AND MUSEUM STUDIES.



LITERATURE

STORYTELLING, NATIVE AMERICAN LIT, ECOLITERATURE, BIPOC LIT, GLOBAL VOICES, CREATIVE WRITING, & PUBLISHING

A.A. degree is useful for jobs in marketing/PR, communication, website content writing, editing, newspaper writing, and as a social media specialist.

PREPARES TRANSFER INTO (3RD YEAR/JUNIOR-STANDING) LITERATURE, JOURNALISM, & CREATIVE WRITING BA/BFA PROGRAMS & CAREERS.

WOMEN'S & GENDER STUDIES

WOMEN DETECTIVES; CONTEMPORARY INDIGENOUS VOICES, FEMINISM, GENDER, AND CULTURE; WOMEN & LITERATURE; PIKANI LANGUAGE

A.A. degree is useful for careers in Indigenous Rights, Women's Rights, Domestic Violence Organizations, DEI programs, and LGBTQIA+ organizations.

PREPARES TRANSFER INTO (3RD YEAR/JUNIOR-STANDING) AT UM'S WOMEN'S, GENDER, & SEXUALITY STUDIES BA PROGRAM; INCLUDES PAID UM INTERNSHIP WITH TWILA OLD COYOTE.



VISUAL STUDIES

FILM STUDIES, FILM MAKING, PHOTOSHOP, STREET ART, PHOTOGRAPHY, VIDEO GAMES IN CULTURE.

A.A. degree is useful for jobs in graphic design, media/PR, wedding/family photography, community art education, and as a muralist / window artist for businesses.

PREPARES TRANSFER INTO BA/BFA PROGRAMS AND CAREERS IN FILM STUDIES, ART, GRAPHIC DESIGN, PHOTOGRAPHY, AND MEDIA ARTS.

LIBERAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT: IVA CROFF, JIM PETERSEN, GORDON BENNETT, WARREN JUNEAU, HOLLI GALBREATH-HENKEL, SABINE BRIGETTE, CECE WELLS-OSBOURNE

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RESEARCH ROOTED IN OUR ANCESTORS: EXPLORING BLACKFEET HISTORY

OUR MATH & SCIENCE PROGRAM, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE NATIVE AMERICAN RESEARCH CENTERS FOR HEALTH (NARCH), RECENTLY ORGANIZED A SERIES OF COMMUNITY FIELD TRIPS TO EXPLORE HISTORICAL SITES SIGNIFICANT TO THE BLACKFEET. PARTICIPANTS VISITED FORT BENTON, FORT SHAW, AND BLACKTAIL CAVE TO DELVE INTO THE RICH HISTORY OF THESE LOCATIONS. THE PROGRAM CONTINUES TO LEAD INTERACTIVE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES. STAY UPDATED THROUGH OUR SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.BFCC.EDU. FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT BETTY HENDERSON-MATTHEWS, THE MATH & SCIENCE DIVISION CHAIR, AT 406.338.5441 EXT 3800 OR B_MATHEWS@BFCC.EDU.



BFCC EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER - CLOSING AUGUST 2ND
- HUMAN SERVICES INSTRUCTOR - CLOSING AUGUST 2ND
- INDUSTRY TRADES INSTRUCTOR - CLOSING AUGUST 2ND
- MATH/ SCIENCE INSTRUCTOR - CLOSING AUGUST 2ND
- INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT SPECIALIST - OPEN UNTIL FILLED
- INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SYSTEM ADMINISTRATOR - OPEN UNTIL FILLED

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES VISIT OUR WEBSITE WWW.BFCC.EDU OR SCAN THE QR CODE WITH YOUR PHONE CAMERA HERE!
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IMPORTANT DATES!

- **AUGUST 20-22:**
 - NEW STUDENT ASSESSMENTS
 - NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION
- **AUGUST 21:** ELDER & FAMILY ORIENTATION
- **AUGUST 26-30:**
 - FALL 2024 REGISTRATION
 - NURSING BOOT CAMP
- **SEPTEMBER 2:** LABOR DAY (BFCC CLOSED)
- **SEPTEMBER 3:** FIRST DAY OF CLASS
- **SEPTEMBER 18:**
 - SPRING 2025 GRADUATION APPLICATIONS DUE
 - LAST DAY TO ADD A CLASS FOR CANCELLED CLASSES
- **SEPTEMBER 23:** LAST DAY TO DROP A CLASS WITHOUT A GRADE
- **SEPTEMBER 27:** NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE DAY (BFCC CLOSED)



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