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STUDENT WINNERS GODZILLA, THE JOKER, AND SANDY CHEEKS FEATURING BABY PATRICK



STAFF WINNERS DR. PEPPER, SKULL QUEEN, & SELENA QUINTANILLA

TOP NEWS

- STUDENTS GATHERED FOR A SPOOKTACULAR HALLOWEEN EVENT FILLED WITH FESTIVE FUN AND FRIENDLY COMPETITION. THE CELEBRATION FEATURED A COSTUME CONTEST, A SCARY FOOD CONTEST, AND A PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST, WITH WINNERS PICTURED TO THE LEFT. ADDING TO THE EXCITEMENT, MENTAL WELLNESS SUPPORT SPECIALIST TONI RUNNINGFISHER HOSTED GAMES LIKE THE CLASSIC "MYSTERY BOX," WHERE PARTICIPANTS BRAVELY REACHED INTO HIDDEN CONTAINERS TO GUESS "GROSS" MYSTERY ITEMS BY TOUCH. THE EVENT WAS A CREATIVE AND ENGAGING WAY TO BRING THE COMMUNITY TOGETHER FOR THE HOLIDAY.
- STUDENT WINNERS ARE: 1ST PLACE XAVIER OLDCHIEF (THE JOKER), 2ND PLACE SHELDON BOY (GODZILLA), 3RD PLACE DOMANEK CROSSGUNS (SANDY CHEEKS)
- STAFF WINNERS ARE: 1ST PLACE GAYLENE DUCHARME (SKULL QUEEN), 2ND PLACE TREYACE YELLOWOWL (SELENA), 3RD PLACE DESIREE BROWN-LOPEZ (DR. PEPPER)
- THE VICE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE BROUGHT THE HALLOWEEN SPIRIT TO LIFE WITH A THRILLING DOOR-DECORATING CONTEST! SHARLEEN GILHAM WON EARNING THE TOP PRIZE AND PLENTY BRAGGING RIGHTS.

BE THE STAR OF BLACKFEET COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S EPISODE ON THE COLLEGE TOUR!

BLACKFEET COMMUNITY COLLEGE IS EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THAT WE WILL BE FEATURED IN A HALF-HOUR EPISODE OF SEASON 15 OF THE COLLEGE TOUR, STREAMING ON POPULAR PLATFORMS LIKE AMAZON PRIME, TUBI, ROKU, AND MORE! THIS IS AN INCREDIBLE OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE BFCC'S VIBRANT CAMPUS LIFE, EXCEPTIONAL ACADEMIC PROGRAMS, AND RICH STUDENT EXPERIENCES WITH A GLOBAL AUDIENCE.

WE'RE LOOKING FOR PASSIONATE STUDENTS TO HIGHLIGHT THEIR PERSONAL JOURNEYS, SHOWCASE OUR PROGRAMS, AND SHARE WHAT MAKES BFCC UNIQUE. IMAGINE TELLING YOUR STORY ON A PLATFORM THAT REACHES MILLIONS WHILE REPRESENTING THE HEART OF BFCC TO PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS AROUND THE WORLD.

AUDITIONS WILL BE HELD AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SPRING SEMESTER—DON'T MISS YOUR CHANCE TO BECOME THE FACE OF BFCC! STAY TUNED FOR DETAILS AND GET READY TO SHARE YOUR STORY WITH THE WORLD! TO SEE HOW YOU CAN BE FEATURED, CONTACT PAULA BREMNER PBREMNER@BFCC.EDU



KNOWLEDGE CARRIERS LODGE ELDER LUNCHES CONTINUE WITH FUN ACTIVITIES

THE KNOWLEDGE CARRIERS LODGE IS EXCITED TO CONTINUE OUR MONTHLY ELDER LUNCHES! IN OCTOBER, OUR ELDERLY HAD A DELIGHTFUL TIME DECORATING HALLOWEEN COOKIES, ADDING A FESTIVE TOUCH TO THE GATHERING. NOVEMBER BROUGHT OUT THE COMPETITIVE SPIRIT AS THEY ENJOYED A FUN GAME OF STICK GAME. THESE EVENTS FOSTER COMMUNITY AND OFFER A SPACE FOR ELDERLY TO CONNECT, SHARE STORIES, AND ENJOY ENGAGING ACTIVITIES. OUR ELDER LUNCHES WILL CONTINUE INTO THE SPRING SEMESTER, WITH A SCHEDULE COMING SOON. STAY TUNED FOR MORE DETAILS AND JOIN US FOR ANOTHER SEASON OF FELLOWSHIP AND FUN! FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT LAURA GERVAIS 406.338.5441 EXT 2235.



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SUPERHERO DAY AT BFCC: EMPOWERING YOUNG HEROES WITH FUN AND INSPIRATION

EACH YEAR, THE LIBERAL STUDIES DIVISION AT BLACKFEET COMMUNITY COLLEGE HOSTS A FUN-FILLED SUPERHEROES DAY. LOCAL ELEMENTARY STUDENTS VISIT THE CAMPUS FOR A DAY FILLED WITH STORYTELLING, EXCITEMENT, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, HELPING TO BUILD LASTING CONNECTIONS BETWEEN BFCC AND THE COMMUNITY.

THIS EVENT IS AN EXPERIENTIAL AND SERVICE LEARNING PROJECT FUNDED BY THE USDA EQUITY GRANT. IT WAS ORGANIZED BY JIM PETERSEN, THE DIVISION CHAIR FOR LIBERAL STUDIES, ALONG WITH STUDENTS IN HIS COURSE FILM AS LITERATURE: SUPERHEROES AND YOU! THE ELEMENTARY STUDENTS RECEIVED SUPERHERO CAPES AND MASKS, ALLOWING THEM TO EMBRACE THEIR SUPERHERO ALTER EGOS AND ILLUSTRATE THE IMPORTANCE OF POSITIVE NARRATIVES IN INSPIRING, MOTIVATING, AND ENGAGING YOUNG MINDS TO SUCCEED IN SCHOOL.

DURING THE EVENT, THE STUDENTS ENJOYED PIZZA, WATCHED A MOVIE, AND INTERACTED WITH COLLEGE STUDENTS, FACULTY, AND STAFF IN A LIVELY AND WELCOMING ATMOSPHERE. AT THE END OF THE DAY, EACH CHILD RECEIVED AN ACTION FIGURE TO TAKE HOME AS A KEEPSAKE.



EXPLORE THE LIBERAL ARTS AT BFCC: COURSES FOR EVERY INTEREST

AT BLACKFEET COMMUNITY COLLEGE, THE LIBERAL ARTS DEPARTMENT OFFERS A DIVERSE RANGE OF ENGAGING COURSES DESIGNED TO CHALLENGE AND INSPIRE STUDENTS. WHETHER YOU ARE INTERESTED IN CREATIVE ARTS, LITERATURE, HISTORY, OR POP CULTURE, OUR PROGRAMS PROVIDE A BROAD FOUNDATION FOR LEARNING AND PERSONAL GROWTH. HERE'S A LOOK AT THE COURSES WE OFFER:

- POPC 280: WOMEN DETECTIVES AND THE FEMALE GAZE
- PHOT 151: DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY
- PHOT 152: ADVANCED DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY
- MUS 102: ROCK BAND
- POPC 290: COMIC BOOK SUPERHEROES AND POPULAR CULTURE
- WRIT 101: COLLEGE WRITING
- WRIT 299: ADVANCED LITERATURE
- LIT 169: LITERATURE AS POPULAR CULTURE
- MUS 130: HISTORY OF ROCK & ROLL
- POPC 150: VIDEO GAMES IN POPULAR CULTURE
- MART 255: PHOTOSHOP ART & DESIGN
- LIT 202: THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMAGINATION

OUR COURSES ARE PERFECT FOR STUDENTS WHO WANT TO DEVELOP CRITICAL THINKING, CREATIVITY, AND COMMUNICATION SKILLS. WHETHER YOU'RE PASSIONATE ABOUT STORYTELLING THROUGH COMICS, EXPLORING THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMAGINATION, OR DIVING DEEP INTO THE HISTORY OF MUSIC AND POPULAR CULTURE, THERE'S SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE. FOR MORE INFORMATION, OR TO DISCUSS WHICH COURSES ARE RIGHT FOR YOU, CONTACT OUR LIBERAL STUDIES DIVISION CHAIR, JIM PETERSEN, AT JIM_PETERSON@BFCC.EDU OR 406.338.5441 EXT 2258 OR HIS ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT HOLLI HENKEL HOLLI.G@BFCC.EDU 406.338.5441 EXT 2286.



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WICKEDLY GOOD NURSING SKILLS: A HALLOWEEN SIMULATION ADVENTURE AT BFCC

THE BLACKFEET COMMUNITY COLLEGE NURSING DEPARTMENT RECENTLY HELD A UNIQUE HALLOWEEN-THEMED SIMULATION (SIM) FOR STUDENTS, COMBINING BOTH LEARNING AND FUN IN A CREATIVE ESCAPE ROOM-STYLE SCENARIO. THE EVENT WAS DESIGNED TO ENHANCE CRITICAL THINKING, PROBLEM-SOLVING, AND THERAPEUTIC COMMUNICATION SKILLS WHILE DELIVERING NURSING CARE IN REAL-WORLD SCENARIOS. THE SIMULATION FEATURED CHARACTERS FROM THE WIZARD OF OZ. EACH WITH A MEDICAL SITUATION THAT REQUIRED THE STUDENTS TO APPLY THEIR NURSING KNOWLEDGE IN REAL-TIME.

- MR. CROW (SCARECROW), PLAYED BY MISSY GORDON, WAS A DEMENTIA PATIENT NEEDING ASSISTANCE WITH ACTIVITIES OF DAILY LIVING (ADLs) AND MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION VIA FEEDING TUBE. STUDENTS WERE TASKED WITH ENSURING HIS COMFORT AND MANAGING HIS CARE DESPITE HIS COGNITIVE CHALLENGES.
- DOROTHY, PLAYED BY SISSY GILHAM, SUFFERED A TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY (TBI) WHILE SAVING HER DOG, TOTO, FROM A TORNADO. THE STUDENTS PROVIDED FIRST AID BY DRESSING HER HEAD WOUND, CONDUCTING A NEUROLOGICAL EXAM, PLACING AN IV, AND CALCULATING THE PROPER DOSAGE FOR AN ANTIBIOTIC.
- THEODORA (WICKED WITCH OF THE WEST), PORTRAYED BY RAYOLA GRANT, SUFFERED SEVERE BURNS AFTER BEING DOUSED WITH WATER (TO WHICH SHE IS ALLERGIC). STUDENTS ASSESSED HER AIRWAY, CALCULATED THE BURN AREA USING THE "RULE OF NINES," AND ADMINISTERED PAIN RELIEF, BREATHING TREATMENTS, AND EPINEPHRINE.

THE SIMULATION WAS ATTENDED BY BOTH JUNIOR AND SENIOR NURSING STUDENTS FROM BLACKFEET COMMUNITY COLLEGE, INCLUDING:
 JUNIOR CLASS: OCTAVIA WILLIAMSON, CAROLINE MCEVERS, DANI HAMANN, TIPHANY OLSON, FRAN WILD GUN, AND ANDREA RED CROW
 SENIOR CLASS: GEORGINIA EFIGENIO, DANI BOGGS, AND ALEKSANDRA CASAP.

SPECIAL GUEST AUNTIE EM, PLAYED BY ERIN O'BRIEN, ROUNDED OUT THE EXPERIENCE.

THE EVENT WAS A GREAT SUCCESS, WITH STUDENTS ENGAGING IN ACTIVE LEARNING WHILE FACING UNPREDICTABLE CHALLENGES LIKE THE LOOMING TORNADO AND UNCOOPERATIVE PATIENTS. FOLLOWING THE SIMULATION, DEBRIEFINGS WERE HELD TO ASSESS STUDENT PERFORMANCE, FOCUSING ON WHAT WENT WELL AND AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT. THESE DEBRIEFINGS ENSURE THAT NURSING STUDENTS ARE ALWAYS HONING THEIR SKILLS AND LEARNING FROM EACH EXPERIENCE.

IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR NURSING PROGRAM AND BECOMING PART OF A DYNAMIC AND HANDS-ON LEARNING EXPERIENCE LIKE THIS ONE, PLEASE CONTACT:

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STUDENT SUCCESS HOSTS BEADING EXTRAVAGANZA AND PLANS MORE EXCITING ACTIVITIES

THE STUDENT SUCCESS DEPARTMENT RECENTLY HELD A FUN AND CREATIVE BEADING EXTRAVAGANZA, INVITING STUDENTS TO EXPLORE THEIR ARTISTIC SIDE WHILE CRAFTING PERSONALIZED PROJECTS. DURING THE EVENT, STUDENTS WERE PROVIDED WITH ALL THE NECESSARY BEADING SUPPLIES TO BEGIN THEIR OWN UNIQUE CREATIONS, INCLUDING LANYARDS AND EARRINGS. THE HANDS-ON ACTIVITY ALLOWED STUDENTS NOT ONLY TO LEARN NEW SKILLS BUT ALSO TO CONNECT WITH OTHERS IN A RELAXED AND WELCOMING ENVIRONMENT. IT WAS A FANTASTIC OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS TO EXPRESS THEIR CREATIVITY WHILE FOSTERING A SENSE OF COMMUNITY.

THIS EVENT IS JUST ONE EXAMPLE OF THE MANY ACTIVITIES THE STUDENT SUCCESS DEPARTMENT WILL BE HOSTING THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. THESE ACTIVITIES ARE DESIGNED TO ENGAGE STUDENTS IN FUN, EDUCATIONAL, AND INTERACTIVE WAYS, PROVIDING THEM WITH THE CHANCE TO TAKE A BREAK FROM THEIR STUDIES WHILE BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS AND LEARNING NEW THINGS. STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR UPCOMING EVENTS AND TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF THESE OPPORTUNITIES.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES, OR IF YOU HAVE AN IDEA FOR A FUTURE EVENT, PLEASE CONTACT ELAINE LITTLEPLUME AT ELAINE.LP@BFCC.EDU OR 406.338.5441 EXT 2262. THE STUDENT SUCCESS DEPARTMENT LOOKS FORWARD TO CONTINUING TO PROVIDE EXCITING AND ENRICHING ACTIVITIES THAT HELP STUDENTS THRIVE BOTH ACADEMICALLY AND SOCIALLY! DON'T MISS OUT ON THE FUN—BE SURE TO JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT EVENT!



STUDENTS TIFFANY SELLARS AND MELISA TROMBLEY WORKING ON THEIR PROJECTS



SANDI RUNNINGCRANE PICTURED BEADING A LANYARD

SPRING 2025 COURSE HIGHLIGHTS:

THE POWER OF MY VOICE:

PERSONAL NARRATIVES IN A TRIBAL CONTEXT

COURSE NUMBER: LS 199 02

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OVERVIEW:

STUDENTS WILL EXPLORE THE ART OF STORYTELLING BY WRITING PERSONAL NARRATIVES ROOTED IN THEIR EXPERIENCES AS MEMBERS OF THE BLACKFEET NATION. THROUGH JOURNALING AND ESSAYS, THEY'LL REFLECT ON THEMES LIKE PLACE, FAMILY, IDENTITY, AND THE CONNECTION BETWEEN NATURE AND CULTURE. THE COURSE EMPHASIZES THE SIGNIFICANCE OF BLACKFEET HERITAGE, LANGUAGE, AND HISTORY IN SHAPING PERSONAL STORIES, FOSTERING PRIDE AND RESILIENCE. STUDENTS WILL DEVELOP THEIR UNIQUE VOICES THROUGH MEANINGFUL WRITING EXERCISES IN A SUPPORTIVE, CULTURALLY RELEVANT ENVIRONMENT.

IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR WRITING COURSE AND EXPLORING THE ART OF STORYTELLING THROUGH PERSONAL NARRATIVES ROOTED IN BLACKFEET CULTURE AND EXPERIENCES, PLEASE CONTACT:

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SPECIAL TOPIC: MASSAGE THERAPY

COURSE NUMBER: SCI 290 01

IN PERSON: T/TH 11:30-12:50

SOUTHWINDS LODGE ROOM 103

OVERVIEW:

THE 15-WEEK, 45-HOUR CHAIR MASSAGE COURSE OFFERS AN IN-DEPTH EXPLORATION OF THE TRANSFORMATIVE POWER OF HUMAN TOUCH, TEACHING STUDENTS HOW TO HARNESS THIS NATURAL HEALING TOOL IN A PROFESSIONAL SETTING. THROUGHOUT THE COURSE, STUDENTS WILL LEARN ESSENTIAL CHAIR MASSAGE TECHNIQUES, FOCUSING ON RELIEVING TENSION, REDUCING STRESS, AND PROMOTING RELAXATION. BY STUDYING BOTH ANATOMY AND THE PRINCIPLES OF ENERGY FLOW, STUDENTS WILL GAIN AN APPRECIATION FOR THE PROFOUND IMPACT THAT SKILLED TOUCH CAN HAVE ON PHYSICAL AND EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING. THE CURRICULUM EMPHASIZES NOT JUST THE TECHNICAL SKILLS OF MASSAGE, BUT THE ART OF CONNECTING WITH CLIENTS THROUGH COMPASSIONATE, INTUITIVE TOUCH. WITH HANDS-ON PRACTICE, STUDENTS WILL DEVELOP A DEEP UNDERSTANDING OF HOW TOUCH CAN FOSTER TRUST, COMFORT, AND HEALING, PREPARING THEM TO PROVIDE A THERAPEUTIC EXPERIENCE THAT RESTORES BALANCE AND BRINGS PEACE TO THE BODY AND MIND.

IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR MASSAGE THERAPY COURSE AND EMBARKING ON A REWARDING, HANDS-ON LEARNING JOURNEY, PLEASE CONTACT:

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STAFF SPOTLIGHT NOVEMBER 2024

THIS MONTH, WE ARE THRILLED TO SPOTLIGHT CHEYENNE GILHAM, WHO HER COLLEAGUES NOMINATED FOR HER EXCEPTIONAL DEVOTION, PROFESSIONALISM, AND POSITIVE ATTITUDE. CHEYENNE CONSISTENTLY GOES ABOVE AND BEYOND IN HER ROLE, DEMONSTRATING A REMARKABLE WILLINGNESS TO HELP OTHERS AND CONTRIBUTING GREATLY TO THE SUCCESS OF OUR INSTITUTION.

CHEYENNE SERVES AS A JUNIOR ACCOUNTANT IN THE BUSINESS OFFICE, WHERE SHE HAS BEEN A VALUABLE TEAM MEMBER SINCE 2021. HER PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE MANAGING TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS AND RECONCILIATIONS, AREAS WHERE HER PASSION FOR NUMBERS TRULY SHINES. SHE WILL BE RECEIVING HER ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN ACCOUNTING, WHICH ALIGNS PERFECTLY WITH HER ROLE AND PROFESSIONAL ASPIRATIONS. OUTSIDE OF WORK, CHEYENNE ENJOYS FOUR-WHEELING, PHOTOGRAPHY, AND HIKING, SHOWCASING HER ADVENTUROUS SPIRIT AND CREATIVITY. A FUN FACT ABOUT CHEYENNE IS THAT SHE LOVES PLAYING THE PIANO DURING HER DOWNTIME, BLENDING ART AND RELAXATION INTO HER BUSY LIFE.

WHEN ASKED ABOUT HER FAVORITE PART OF THE JOB, CHEYENNE SHARED THAT SHE GENUINELY ENJOYS WORKING WITH NUMBERS AND RECONCILING ACCOUNTS. HER MANTRA, "DON'T LIVE TO WORK; WORK TO LIVE," REFLECTS HER BALANCED AND THOUGHTFUL APPROACH TO BOTH HER CAREER AND PERSONAL LIFE.

THANK YOU, CHEYENNE GILHAM, FOR YOUR STEADFAST COMMITMENT AND INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO BLACKFEET COMMUNITY COLLEGE. WE DEEPLY APPRECIATE ALL THAT YOU DO AND ARE HONORED TO HAVE YOU ON OUR TEAM!



DIRECTOR SPOTLIGHT NOVEMBER 2024

WE ARE PROUD TO SPOTLIGHT AARON LAFROMBOISE, DIRECTOR OF LIBRARY SERVICES AT BLACKFEET COMMUNITY COLLEGE, FOR HER REMARKABLE LEADERSHIP AND DEDICATION TO STUDENTS AND THE COMMUNITY. AARON HAS BEEN WITH THE COLLEGE FOR 15 YEARS, THE LAST 8 OF WHICH HAVE BEEN SPENT AS DIRECTOR OF LIBRARY SERVICES. SHE BEGAN HER JOURNEY AS A LIBRARY TECHNICIAN AND, AFTER ENCOURAGEMENT FROM THE DEAN OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS, EARNED BOTH A BACHELOR'S AND A MASTER'S DEGREE TO STEP INTO HER CURRENT ROLE.

UNDER HER LEADERSHIP, THE LIBRARY HAS GROWN SIGNIFICANTLY, WITH TRAFFIC INCREASING BY 200%, AND NOW SERVES BETWEEN 500 AND 700 PATRONS ANNUALLY. AARON'S WORK EARNED THE LIBRARY THE 2018 LIBRARY EXCELLENCE AWARD FROM THE ASSOCIATION OF TRIBAL ARCHIVES, LIBRARIES, AND MUSEUMS. SHE OVERSEES ALL ASPECTS OF THE LIBRARY, FROM GRANT WRITING TO PLANNING ACTIVITIES, AND FOSTERS VALUABLE PARTNERSHIPS WITH LOCAL AND NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.

AARON'S PASSION FOR HELPING PEOPLE EXTENDS BEYOND THE LIBRARY. SHE ENJOYS CRAFTING, PARTICULARLY BEADING AND QUILTING, AND IS CURRENTLY LEARNING CARPENTRY. BEFORE JOINING THE COLLEGE, SHE WORKED AS A VETERINARY TECHNICIAN, DISCOVERING HER LOVE FOR WORKING WITH LARGE ANIMALS.

AARON'S COMMITMENT TO BOTH THE COLLEGE AND THE COMMUNITY SHINES THROUGH IN ALL SHE DOES. WHEN ASKED ABOUT HER FAVORITE PART OF THE JOB, AARON SAID IT'S THE RELATIONSHIPS SHE BUILDS WITH THE PEOPLE SHE WORKS WITH THAT MAKE HER ROLE TRULY FULFILLING. AS SHE PUTS IT, "DON'T LOOK BACK; YOU ARE NOT GOING THAT WAY."

WE TRULY APPRECIATE AARON FOR HER CONSTANT DEDICATION AND THE EXCEPTIONAL VALUE SHE BRINGS TO BLACKFEET COMMUNITY COLLEGE!



FACULTY SPOTLIGHT NOVEMBER 2024

BLACKFEET COMMUNITY COLLEGE IS PROUD TO SPOTLIGHT GORDON BENNETT, A COMMITTED LIBERAL ARTS INSTRUCTOR WHO HAS BEEN INSPIRING STUDENTS FOR THE PAST SEVEN YEARS. KNOWN FOR HIS PASSION FOR EDUCATION AND CREATIVITY, GORDON TEACHES WRITING AND PUBLIC SPEAKING AND LEADS THE ART CLUB, WHICH HAS BECOME A VIBRANT SPACE FOR STUDENTS TO EXPLORE THEIR TALENTS. UNDER HIS GUIDANCE, THE CLUB HAS COMPLETED PROJECTS LIKE DESIGNING A MURAL FOR THE MEDICINE SPRING LIBRARY AND CREATING A ROCK BAND. GORDON TAKES PRIDE IN HELPING STUDENTS BECOME "FINISHERS," COMPLETING THEIR SEMESTERS AND RETURNING FOR MORE.

GORDON CAME TO BFCC FOR THE MOUNTAINS AND STAYED FOR THE PEOPLE, APPRECIATING THE UNIQUE SENSE OF COMMUNITY HERE. OUTSIDE OF WORK, HE ENJOYS PLAYING MUSIC, GARDENING, AND SPENDING TIME IN NATURE. A SURPRISING TALENT IS HIS LIFELONG INTEREST IN ASTROLOGY. HAVING WITNESSED INCREDIBLE CULTURAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL SHIFTS SINCE THE 70S, GORDON SHARES, "I'VE SEEN IT ALL," AND HIS FAVORITE QUOTE BY CHÖGYAM TRUNGPA—"THE BAD NEWS IS YOU'RE FALLING THROUGH THE AIR, NOTHING TO HANG ON TO, NO PARACHUTE. THE GOOD NEWS IS, THERE'S NO GROUND"—REFLECTS HIS BELIEF IN EMBRACING THE UNKNOWN.

GORDON'S PASSION FOR FOSTERING STUDENT GROWTH AND CREATING IMPACTFUL EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES TRULY ENRICHES THE BFCC COMMUNITY. WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR HIS CONTINUOUS DEDICATION AND THE INSPIRATION HE BRINGS TO OUR CAMPUS!



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SPRING 2025 REGISTRATION IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

BLACKFEET COMMUNITY COLLEGE IS EXCITED TO WELCOME NEW AND RETURNING STUDENTS FOR THE SPRING 2025 SEMESTER! MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE KEY DATES:

- NEW STUDENT ASSESSMENTS: JANUARY 7TH-9TH
- ENSURE YOU'RE SET UP FOR SUCCESS BY COMPLETING YOUR PLACEMENT ASSESSMENTS.
- NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION: JANUARY 7TH-9TH
- GET FAMILIAR WITH CAMPUS RESOURCES, MEET YOUR PEERS, AND PREPARE FOR THE SEMESTER AHEAD.
- ELDER & FAMILY ORIENTATION: JANUARY 8TH
- A SPECIAL SESSION DESIGNED TO CONNECT ELDERS AND FAMILIES WITH BFCC'S PROGRAMS AND SUPPORT SERVICES.
- SPRING 2025 REGISTRATION: JANUARY 14TH-17TH
- SECURE YOUR COURSES AND SET YOUR ACADEMIC GOALS IN MOTION.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ON CAMPUS! FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT OUR WEBSITE OR CONTACT STUDENT SERVICES AT 406-338-5441.



NURSING INSTRUCTOR MELISSA GORDON GUIDES STUDENTS IN IV INSERTION



JOIN INDUSTRY TRADES LIKE STUDENT ADAM SPOTTED EAGLE

IMPORTANT DATES!

- **DECEMBER 2ND:** LAST DAY FOR TOTAL STUDENT WITHDRAW
- **DECEMBER 3RD:** OPEN HOUSE - STUDENT COMMONS - 2:00PM - 4:00PM
- **DECEMBER 9TH-12TH:** FINALS
- **DECEMBER 14TH:** PIIKANI CLUB BAZAAR - STUDENT COMMONS - 9:00AM-4:00PM
- **DECEMBER 16TH:** ELDERS LUNCH - GLACIER PEAKS PLATINUM ROOM - 11:30AM-2:00PM
- **DECEMBER 18TH:**
 - FINALS DUE
 - AIBL BAZAAR - STUDENT COMMONS - 12:00PM - 8:00PM
 - PARADE OF LIGHTS - ADULT DETENTION CENTER TO BFCC - 6:00PM
- **DECEMBER 20TH:** CLOSED DOOR CAMPUS
- **DECEMBER 23RD-JANUARY 3RD:** CHRISTMAS BREAK (BFCC CLOSED)
- **JANUARY 7TH-9TH:**
 - NEW STUDENT ASSESSMENTS
 - NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION
- **JANUARY 8TH:** ELDER & FAMILY ORIENTATION
- **JANUARY 14TH-17TH:** SPRING 2025 REGISTRATION
- **JANUARY 20TH:** MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY (BFCC CLOSED)
- **JANUARY 21ST:** FIRST DAY OF CLASS
- **JANUARY 23RD:** BEAR RIVER COMMEMORATION (BFCC CLOSED)

ONGOING ACTIVITIES

- **TUESDAYS:** SOUP TUESDAY - KNOWLEDGE CARRIERS ROOM
- **WEDNESDAYS:** CRAFT WEDNESDAYS - KNOWLEDGE CARRIERS ROOM - 2:00PM - 4:00PM
- **FRIDAYS:** CRAFT FRIDAYS - MEDICINE SPRING LIBRARY - ALL DAY
- **EVERYDAY:** WORKOUT ROOM OPEN - HELP AVAILABLE - 7:45AM-4:00PM - DECEMBER 4TH-6TH & 9TH-13TH



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