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MEET THE 2026–2027 BFCC STUDENT SENATE

Blackfeet Community College would like to congratulate the newly elected members of the 2026–2027 BFCC Student Senate and thank all of the students who participated in this year's election. Your participation helps strengthen student voice and involvement in student government.

The 2026–2027 Student Senate was officially sworn in during the BFCC Board of Trustees meeting on September 30, marking the beginning of their term and their service to the BFCC student body.

The new Student Senate members are:

- ▶ President: Domaneek Crossguns
- ▶ Vice President: Dustein No Runner
- ▶ Secretary: Irene No Runner
- ▶ Treasurer: Cody Trombley
- ▶ Student Representative: Taos YellowOwl

As the new academic year gets underway, the Student Senate is already looking ahead to ways they can bring students together and create opportunities for campus involvement.

One of their first activities was helping decorate BFCC's Homecoming float. The Student Senate worked together to create a float that celebrated BFCC and cheered on local high school athletes. Their participation also helped promote the importance of continuing education and encouraged local students to consider higher education as they plan for their futures.

The Student Senate also has several activities planned for the coming months. In October, they will launch a new fundraiser called Birthday Grams. The fundraiser will give students an opportunity to celebrate their friends and classmates with a special birthday surprise while supporting Student Senate activities and initiatives. With midterms approaching, the Student Senate is also planning a Midterm Pick-Me-Up, giving students an opportunity to take a break, grab a treat, and recharge during a busy time in the semester. They are also working behind the scenes on Halloween activities for students.

The Student Senate shared a message for the BFCC student body as they begin their term:

"We hope your semester is off to a great start, and congratulations on making it through the first month of classes! We know the transition back into the semester can be a busy one, and we're proud of everything you've accomplished so far."

They also encouraged students to keep pushing through the semester, take care of themselves, and remember that they are already one month closer to the finish line.

BFCC looks forward to seeing what the 2026–2027 Student Senate accomplishes throughout the year and appreciates their commitment to supporting student activities, building community, and representing the student body.

Congratulations to our new Student Senate, and best wishes for a successful year!



CODY TROMBLEY, DOMANEЕК CROSSGUNS, TAOS YELLOWOWL (BACK), IRENE NO RUNNER, DUSTEIN NO RUNNER



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BLACK TIE & BLUE JEANS RAISES MORE THAN \$25,000 FOR BFCC STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

Blackfeet Community College's Black Tie & Blue Jeans Student Scholarship Fundraiser brought students, supporters, community members, and friends of the college together for an evening of dinner, music, auctions, raffles, and celebration. Held September 12 at East Glacier Park Lodge, the event had a great turnout and exceeded the \$20,000 fundraising goal, raising more than \$25,000 through the Black Tie & Blue Jeans event and Dream Vacation Raffle.

Guests enjoyed a plated dinner with a choice of prime rib or herb garlic chicken, followed by entertainment from the Clint Reimann Band. The evening also featured silent auctions and raffles with approximately 60 donated items, thanks to the generosity of businesses, organizations, individuals, and community supporters. One of the evening's highlights was the drawing for the BFCC Dream Vacation Raffle. Tiffany Sellars and Melisa Trombley were the winners of the drawing and will be traveling to Kauai, Hawaii, for their dream vacation.

The funds raised through the event will support student scholarships and services during the 2026–2027 academic year. This includes scholarships for non-STEM majors, emergency aid, paid internships, and career-supportive services for graduates.

The success of Black Tie & Blue Jeans was made possible through the generosity and support of everyone who purchased tickets, donated auction and raffle items, sponsored the event, volunteered, or contributed in other ways.

BFCC extends a heartfelt thank you to all

of our supporters for helping make this year's fundraiser a success. Because of the community's generosity, the impact of this fundraiser will reach even further to provide scholarships and support services that assist BFCC students in reaching their educational and career goals.

With Appreciation to Our Supporters
BFCC would also like to recognize the many businesses, organizations, individuals, and community members who donated to the Black Tie & Blue Jeans event. Your generosity helped make this fundraiser possible and directly supports BFCC students.

- ▶ Blackfeet Tribal Business Council
- ▶ NACDC
- ▶ Blackfeet Housing
- ▶ Sun Tours
- ▶ Stephanie Erdmann
- ▶ Shannon Salois
- ▶ Karen Conger
- ▶ Alex DeCarlo
- ▶ The Peak Restaurant
- ▶ Terrie Weasel Tail
- ▶ Knowledge Carriers Lodge
- ▶ Faught's Trading Post
- ▶ Alec Salway
- ▶ Trailhead Saloon
- ▶ Powell Cree-ayetions
- ▶ Shaylea Tatsey
- ▶ Glacier Sweet Sips
- ▶ Browning High School
- ▶ Mark Magee / Siyeh
- ▶ Bird Ranch
- ▶ SSW Beadwork
- ▶ Francis Onstad
- ▶ Glacier Electric Co-op
- ▶ Turtle Mountain Express
- ▶ Blackfeet Domestic Violence Program
- ▶ Misty Tatsey
- ▶ Jake Burns and Riawna Gallineaux
- ▶ Paula Bremner
- ▶ Dan & Yoletta Polk
- ▶ Holli Galbreath-Henkel

- ▶ Jesse Jay & Kyse Denny
- ▶ Ken Hubbell
- ▶ Melisa Trombley
- ▶ Brad Hall & Family
- ▶ Tiffany Sellars
- ▶ Black Tie & Blue Jeans Fundraising Committee
- ▶ BFCC Human Resources
- ▶ Dana Pemberton
- ▶ Tammy Hall-Reagan
- ▶ Wendy Bremner
- ▶ Serrano's Mexican Restaurant

Want to see more moments from this year's Black Tie & Blue Jeans fundraiser? Visit the BFCC Magpie at www.bfcc.edu/magpie to view more photos from the evening.



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BFCC EXTENSION PROGRAM BRINGS EQUINE HOOF CARE EDUCATION TO THE COMMUNITY

We successfully completed our final Introduction to Equine Hoof Care and Farriery Program, providing students from communities across the Blackfeet Nation with foundational knowledge and practical skills related to equine hoof health and care. The program was designed around a holistic approach that recognizes the feet of equines and other ungulates as a living and essential part of the Nii-tsi-ta-pi (Blackfeet) world of knowledge. The program emphasized the understanding that the relationships among the hoof, mind, body, environment, and overall well-being are reciprocal and interconnected. Factors that affect one aspect of an animal's health can directly or indirectly influence the health of the whole animal. The program was developed for non-professional horse owners and community members who may want to learn how to responsibly maintain their own horses' hooves or, at a minimum, develop the knowledge necessary to evaluate hoof health and better understand the work performed by professional hoof-care providers.

Participants learned that successful hoof care requires more than routine trimming. Maintaining healthy hooves in domestic and managed environments requires a multifaceted approach that includes appropriate trimming practices, nutrition, movement, and environmental and lifestyle conditions. Proper hoof care should encourage healthy hoof development and support the hoof's natural, functional form while reducing the risk of abnormalities, injuries, and hoof-related health problems.

This program strengthens the core values of Blackfeet Community College and the USDA Extension Program by providing culturally responsive agricultural education, practical skills, and community-based learning opportunities. The Equine Hoof Care and Farriery Program serves as a unique bridge between traditional Blackfeet knowledge, contemporary agricultural education, and hands-on community outreach, helping to enrich the knowledge, skills, and self-sufficiency of individuals and families across the Blackfeet Nation.

The BFCC Extension Program would like to extend our sincere appreciation and gratitude to everyone who contributed their time, knowledge, skills, and support to the Introduction to Equine Hoof Care and Farriery Program. A special thank you to Jamie and Tarek of RVETS; John of 5J Corrective Shoeing & Blacksmith Farriery; Karina of HOOFMEDIX; Lynn and Nugget of Two Powers Land Collective; the BFCC Maintenance staff; our USDA

Extension Intern students; and Joan for providing the delicious meals and hospitality throughout the program.

We especially want to recognize and thank all of the students who traveled from communities across the Blackfeet Nation and surrounding areas to participate in the classes. Your commitment, dedication, and willingness to learn made this program a success. This program would not have been possible without the participation and support of our instructors, partners, students, staff, and community members. Your collective efforts helped create a meaningful hands-on educational experience and strengthened the connection between agricultural education, community knowledge, and practical skills.

With sincere appreciation,
BFCC Extension Program



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BFCC NURSING STUDENTS BEGIN THEIR SENIOR YEAR

Blackfeet Community College's 2026–2027 Senior Nursing Cohort is beginning an important year in their journey toward becoming nurses. This year's cohort includes eight students from communities across the region, bringing together students from Heart Butte, East Glacier, Babb, Browning, Cut Bank, and Superior.

The senior cohort includes Misty Pace, Anna Sibbernsen, Alicia Cassidy, Francine Wild Gun, Andrea Red Crow, Domaneek Crossguns, Caroline McEvers, and Chelbey Lennemann. For the students, senior year brings a busy schedule filled with advanced coursework, clinical experiences, and preparation for the next step in their nursing careers. Domaneek Crossguns-Hall of Browning described the year in one word: "crazy." The students are balancing 16 credits while traveling to clinical sites in Helena, Kalispell, IHS, and Tribal Health Programs, along with completing their coursework and managing responsibilities outside of school.

This semester, students are taking Medical Surgical 2 and its clinical component, Pediatrics and its clinical component, Research and Ethics in Nursing, and Population Health Nursing. Their clinical experiences provide opportunities to put classroom learning into practice and develop the hands-on skills needed in nursing.

"For me, clinical experience has been amazing," Domaneek shared. "From seeing the book teaching turn into hands-on training we have learned so much."

While the senior year is demanding, the students are also looking forward to reaching an important milestone: graduation. For Domaneek, the approaching graduation is both exciting and bittersweet.

"I am looking forward to graduating and finally having the degree we worked so hard for," she said. "But it's almost bittersweet because then we won't all be together anymore."

The bond among the students has been an important part of their journey through the nursing program. Domaneek described her classmates as more than just classmates, noting that they have supported one another through the challenges of the program. "We encourage each other and cry together," she shared. "I am just so grateful to share this crazy journey with all of them."

As the 2026–2027 Senior Nursing Cohort continues through the academic year, they will continue building their knowledge and

clinical skills while working toward graduation and the next chapter of their nursing careers.

BFCC wishes our nursing students a successful senior year and looks forward to celebrating their accomplishments along the way!



WELCOMING OUR NEW MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT SPECIALIST

We would like to welcome Kiana McClure-Running Wolf as the temporary Mental Health Support Specialist.

Kiana holds a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work from the University of Montana and brings more than 10 years of experience in the mental health and addiction field. She looks forward to supporting BFCC students, staff, faculty, and the community. As Kiana begins her work at BFCC, she will continue the foundation of support and wellness established by Toni Running Fisher, who recently concluded her time serving as BFCC's Mental Health Support Services provider.

In a message to the BFCC community, Toni shared:

"I have been fortunate to do what I love and love what I do, and BFCC has been an important part of that journey."

Thank you to the students, staff and faculty of BFCC for sharing your lives with me. It has truly been a privilege and an honor to serve as BFCC's mental health support services provider during my time with the college. Wishing you the best of health, happiness, and success."

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Kiana shared her appreciation for the work Toni established and said she is honored to continue building on that foundation. “She created a strong environment of support, wellness, and encouragement, and I am honored to continue building upon her work.”

Moving forward, Kiana will continue sharing morning words of affirmation and information about monthly and weekly mental health and prevention activities, events, and opportunities. Kiana is located in the same office as the previous specialist, across from the Wellness Room. Students, staff, and faculty are welcome to stop by for support, resources, or simply to say hello. BFCC extends its sincere appreciation to Toni Running Fisher for her service and care for the college community and welcomes Kiana McClure-Running Wolf as she begins this new role.

For more information about BFCC’s mental health and peer support services, visit the BFCC [Mental Health and Peer Support page](#) on the BFCC website.

FINDING SUCCESS CLOSE TO HOME: HOLLI’S BFCC JOURNEY

For Holli Galbreath-Henkel, Blackfeet Community College has been both her workplace and her classroom. As an Administrative Assistant for the Liberal Studies Division, Holli was able to continue working while also returning to college and earning her Associate of Arts degree in May 2025.

Her experience has given her a unique perspective on tribal college education because she has experienced BFCC from both sides, as an employee and as a student.

Returning to college later in life was not always easy. Balancing work, school, and other responsibilities required dedication, but Holli found the support she needed at BFCC.

“The smaller classes helped me get to know my instructors, the tuition was affordable, and the campus felt welcoming and familiar,” Holli shared. “I was not just another number. People knew me, encouraged me, and wanted to see me graduate.”

Holli believes one of the strengths of tribal colleges is their understanding of the students and communities they serve. Students may be balancing their education with jobs, children, family responsibilities, transportation challenges, and many other responsibilities.

“Tribal colleges recognize those realities and try to help students

work through them,” she said.

For Holli, the connection to culture is another important part of the tribal college experience. Students have the opportunity to learn in an environment where Blackfeet history, language, traditions, and ways of knowing are respected.

“They do not have to leave their identity behind to receive an education,” Holli said. “They can be proud of who they are and where they come from.”

Today, Holli continues her work as the Administrative Assistant for the Liberal Studies Division, helping faculty and students and supporting programs that benefit the college and community. Having experienced the college as both an employee and a student, she understands firsthand the importance of creating an environment where students feel supported.

Her own experience has also shaped how she defines student success. Success, she says, is not measured only by grades or graduation numbers. It can mean gaining confidence, completing a class a student once thought they could not pass, earning a degree, finding meaningful work, helping family, or using what they learned to serve their community.

“I know that tribal colleges change lives because Blackfeet Community College helped change mine.”

Holli’s story is a reminder that it is never too late to continue your education, and that success can look different for every student.

BFCC ROCK BAND GETS READY TO ROCK!

After six weeks of practice, the BFCC Rock Band is getting ready to take the stage! Join us for a Halloween Concert on Thursday, October 29, at 3 p.m. in the BPL Commons.

Come out for an afternoon of tricks, treats, and spooky music as our student musicians show off what they’ve been working on. Everyone is welcome!



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EMERGENCY AID FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR BFCC STUDENTS

SUPPORT FOR UNEXPECTED FINANCIAL HARDSHIPS

In partnership with Achieving the Dream (ATD) Project Success, we are offering Emergency Aid funding to help eligible students experiencing unexpected financial hardships.

Unexpected expenses can create barriers to staying enrolled and completing a college program. The Emergency Aid Program is designed to help students address immediate financial needs so they can remain focused on their education, work toward graduation, prepare to transfer, or launch their careers. Whether an unexpected expense involves housing, food, transportation, child care, medical needs, or other eligible costs, this funding may provide important support during a difficult time.

Students experiencing financial hardship are encouraged to apply early. Funding is limited, and applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until available funds are exhausted.

2026-2027 ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible for Emergency Aid, students must:

- ▶ Be enrolled in at least 6 credits for the current term at BFCC.
- ▶ Have a FAFSA on file before applying. FAFSA information is used to determine financial need eligibility.
- ▶ Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 1.99 or higher, unless they are a first-time, first-year student.
- ▶ Upload a current, valid invoice or appropriate billing statement related to the request. Old invoices and handwritten bills will not be accepted.
- ▶ Be pursuing a degree or certificate. Non-degree and dual-enrolled students are not eligible.
- ▶ Submit a complete application with all required documentation. **Incomplete applications will not be considered.**

WHAT CAN EMERGENCY AID COVER?

Eligible expenses include:

- ▶ Housing or rent
- ▶ Food or meals
- ▶ Child care
- ▶ Medical or dental expenses
- ▶ Books
- ▶ Lab fees
- ▶ Legal fees

- ▶ Tuition and fees
- ▶ Personal vehicle repairs through an ASC-certified provider
- ▶ Public transportation
- ▶ Utilities, including electricity and water

EMERGENCY AID CANNOT BE USED FOR:

- ▶ Entertainment expenses
- ▶ Alcohol
- ▶ Tobacco products

HOW TO APPLY

Students can apply using the current Emergency Aid application: [Apply for Emergency Aid](#) or scan the QR Code



Students should complete the application and upload all required documentation, including a current invoice or billing statement.

APPLICATIONS OPEN UNTIL FUNDS ARE EXHAUSTED

Emergency Aid applications are reviewed on a rolling basis in the order they are received, subject to approval and available funding. Students experiencing a financial hardship are encouraged to apply as soon as possible.

Approved awards are determined on a case-by-case basis and will not exceed \$500 per application. Each approved student may receive one payment, and not all applicants will receive the maximum amount.

Payments are made as a one-time payment directly to the third-party vendor listed on the student's invoice or bill, such as a landlord or utility provider. Funds are not paid directly to students.

All funding is subject to availability, and the committee's decisions are final.

Emergency Aid is available without regard to race, color, creed, religion, sexual orientation, age, gender, disability, or national origin.

For questions or assistance with the application process, contact Melisa Trombley, Acting Financial Aid Director, at 23melisa@bfcc.edu or 406-338-5441, Ext. 2246.

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OCTOBER AT MEDICINE SPRING LIBRARY

A MONTH OF LEARNING, CREATIVITY AND COMMUNITY

Medicine Spring Library at Blackfeet Community College has a full schedule of activities planned for October, offering opportunities for students, staff, families, and community members to learn, create, connect, and spend time together. From technology and research to crafts, puzzles, books, and community activities, there will be something for a variety of interests throughout the month.

OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS

Sketchtober | October 1–31

Throughout October, the library will host Sketchtober, a passive online activity encouraging participants to draw and create throughout the month.

Database Tour | October 5 | 12–1:30 p.m.

Learn more about the library's databases and how they can be used to find information and resources for research and learning. This will be offered as a hybrid event.

Glacier National Park: Astronomy | October 6 | 7–8:30 p.m.

Glacier National Park will join the library for an evening program focused on astronomy and the night sky.

Beaded Thursday | October 8 | 4:30–6:30 p.m.

Bring your beading or another craft project and spend time creating with others. Participants can work on personal projects, share techniques, and enjoy time together.

Tech Tuesday: Getting to Know Your Computer/Laptop | October 13 | 4:30–6 p.m.

This month's Tech Tuesday will focus on becoming more comfortable with your computer or laptop. Participants can learn about basic functions and ask questions in a hands-on setting.

Speed Puzzle Tournament | October 17 | 10 a.m.–3 p.m.

Put your puzzle-solving skills to the test during the library's Speed Puzzle Tournament. Gather your team and see how quickly you can put the pieces together.

Extended Library Hours | October 19–29

The library will offer extended hours Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m.–8 p.m. and Fridays from 8 a.m.–4 p.m. This provides students with additional time to study, work on projects, and use library resources.

Frybread Drive-In Activity | October 22 | 4–8 p.m.

Join the library for an evening community activity featuring frybread and an opportunity to gather together.

Maker Friday: Button Making | October 23 | 10 a.m.–3 p.m.

Get creative during Maker Friday and make your own buttons. Maker Fridays provide opportunities to work on a specific project or bring your own project to work on.

Book Club: Hole in the Sky | October 29 | 4:30–6 p.m.

The October Book Club selection is *Hole in the Sky* by Daniel H. Wilson. Everyone is welcome to participate in the discussion, even if you haven't finished the book. Copies of the monthly book club selections are available through the library.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Medicine Spring Library activities are open to BFCC students, staff, community members, youth, and elders. Whether you're interested in technology, crafts, books, science, puzzles, or simply spending time with others, the library offers opportunities throughout the month to get involved. If you are planning to bring a large group to an activity, the library asks that you give them a heads-up so they can make sure

there are enough supplies for everyone.

Watch for event flyers and announcements throughout the month for additional information about each activity.

GLACIER NATIONAL PARK BRINGS WILDLIFE LEARNING TO THE LIBRARY

Medicine Spring Library welcomed Glacier National Park on September 29 for a fun, hands-on program about mammals found throughout the park. Children and families enjoyed demonstrations and activities while learning more about local wildlife and the natural world.

Thank you to Glacier National Park for sharing your knowledge with our community!



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BFCC WELCOMES NEW STUDENT, STAFF AND FACULTY SENATE LEADERSHIP

Blackfeet Community College welcomed new leadership for its Student Senate, Staff Senate, and Faculty Senate during the September 30 Board of Trustees meeting, where members of each senate were officially sworn in for the 2026–2027 academic year.

The new Staff Senate leadership includes Treyace Yellowowl, President; Yoletta Polk, Vice President; and Marla Ollinger, Secretary.



The Faculty Senate leadership includes Jim Petersen, President; Cody Henderson, Vice President; and Angel Littleplume, Secretary.



The new Student Senate (pg 1), was also sworn in during the meeting, includes Domaneek Crossguns, President; Dustein No Runner, Vice President; Irene No Runner, Secretary; Cody Trombley, Treasurer; and Taos YellowOwl, Student Representative.

Together, these senates provide opportunities for students, faculty, and staff to have a voice in the college community and contribute to the continued growth of Blackfeet Community College.

BFCC congratulates the newly sworn-in senate members and looks forward to their leadership and service throughout the 2026–2027 academic year.

HONORING THE LIVES AND LEGACY OF SEPTEMBER 11

On September 29, Blackfeet Community College held a special 9/11 Day of Remembrance to honor those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001, recognize the service and sacrifices of veterans and first responders, and reflect on the lasting impact of that tragic day.

The event opened with a prayer by veteran Marvin Weatherwax Sr., providing an opportunity for attendees to gather in reflection and remembrance.

The event featured guest veteran speakers Trevor Rutherford, Leo Pollock, Ramona Croff, and Kendra Bullshoe, who shared their experiences and reflections on September 11 and spoke about how the events of that day shaped their lives and the paths they have taken since.

Veteran Tyler Running Crane served as the event emcee, helping guide the program and conversations throughout the afternoon. The Young Grey Horse Singers, including Galen RidesTheGrey-Horse and Austin BearMedicine, also participated by providing an honor song.

The gathering gave students, staff, and community members an opportunity to listen, learn, and reflect on an important moment in history. Through the stories shared by the veteran speakers and the honor song, the event created space to remember those who were lost and recognize the continued impact of September 11 on individuals, families, veterans, and communities.

Watch highlights from the event on the BFCC YouTube channel: @blackfeetcommunitycollege or scan the QR code provided.



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HUMAN RESOURCES – OCTOBER 2026

Human Resources would like to welcome everyone back for another fall semester at Blackfeet Community College! We hope everyone has had a great start to the academic year and look forward to another successful year of working together to support our students, employees, and the BFCC community.

BFCC IS HIRING!

Blackfeet Community College continues to seek qualified and motivated individuals to join our team. We currently have several employment opportunities available across the College.



Please visit the BFCC Human Resources page or contact Human Resources for current openings, position descriptions, qualifications, closing dates, and application requirements.

Applicants are reminded that a complete and signed BFCC Employment Application, along with all required supporting documents including a resume, cover letter, and transcripts when required must be submitted by the closing date for an application to be considered complete.

ANNUAL EMPLOYEE EVALUATIONS – GOAL SETTING BEGINS IN OCTOBER

Beginning in October, BFCC will start the Goal Setting & Professional Development portion of our Annual Employee Performance Management process.

This is the first step in BFCC's three-step evaluation process for faculty, exempt, and non-exempt employees. The process is designed to support coaching, professional growth, accountability, and alignment with BFCC's Core Values, Mission, Core Themes, and Strategic Plan.

During the goal-setting process, employees and supervisors will work together to review position responsibilities, establish annual goals, identify professional development opportunities, and discuss the support or resources needed for the upcoming year. The evaluation packet specifically includes annual goals, a professional development plan, knowledge sharing, and supervisor support needs.

Human Resources will be sending additional information, forms, instructions, and deadlines to employees and supervisors in October.

We look forward to a productive and successful fall semester!

DAYS OF THE PIKANI HONORS BLACK-FOOT KNOWLEDGE, CULTURE AND CONNECTION TO THE LAND

The Days of the Piikani kicked off on Tuesday, September 22, 2026, honoring Ninaistako "Chief Mountain" with a StarLab and Blackfoot celestial stories presented by Treyace Yellow Owl. The Lifelong Learning Center also honored our children with their own Youth Day, where students from Cuts Wood School and the fifth-grade Immersion Class from Napi attended. Learning stations were set up at the Agriculture Building, where the kids learned about the buffalo run, different animal pelts, bear spray demonstrations and more.

On day two of DOP, the Knowledge Carriers Lodge presented the Blackfeet Innii Program release of the buffalo at Chief Mountain. Ervin Carlson explained the process and the celebration of the return of the Innii at Ninaistako. Dr. Tarissa Spoonhunter (Holy Beaver Woman) was the DOP's first featured guest and presented knowledge from her doctoral dissertation, Blackfoot Confederacy Keepers of the Rocky Mountains. Throughout the presentation, community members engaged in discussions about traditional rights such as hunting, fishing and gathering in Glacier National Park. Dr. Spoonhunter also shared her knowledge of the Blackfeet Treaty of 1855 and the Agreement of 1895, which many in the audience were learning about for the first time.

During the finale of DOP, Eldon Weasel Child (Holy Thunder Chief) from the Siksika presented the Blackfoot relationship with the land and the energy of our people. Mr. Weasel Child explained how we made treaties with the animals and the rocks to learn how to live before there was ever a treaty with any government in the United States or Canada. He explained how the Siksikaitapiwa gave the name Napikwan to white men, comparing them to Napi because they were considered odd, did not adapt to the land and were seen as tricksters. Another remarkable topic Eldon spoke about was the American psychologist Abraham Maslow and what he experienced while visiting the Siksika. Maslow used Blackfoot societal values and worldview surrounding the fulfillment of human needs and individuals putting the people before themselves to "develop" the Maslow Hierarchy of Needs. No credit was ever given to the Blackfoot by the father of modern psychology.

Other presenters included Elodie Goodman (Piikani Winter Count), Evelyn and Debbie Kelman (Blackfoot Traditional Dolls) and John Herrington (first Native American astronaut). The Days of the Piikani welcomed and fed 600 people over the course of the three-day event.

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IMPORTANT DATES

OCTOBER 1-31: Sketchtober - passive online

OCTOBER 2: Maker Friday (Squeegee Painting) - 10:00am-3:00pm - Medicine Spring Library

OCTOBER 5: Database Tour - 12:00-1:30pm - Hybrid

OCTOBER 6:

- GNP @ Library (Astronomy) - 7:00-8:30pm - Medicine Spring Library

- Scholarship Day - 2:30-4:30pm - Student Center

OCTOBER 7: Craft Making - 12:00pm-3:00pm - Knowledge Carriers Lodge

OCTOBER 8: Beaded Thursday - 4:30-6:30pm - Medicine Spring Library

OCTOBER 9: Maker Friday - 10:00am-3:00pm - Medicine Spring Library

OCTOBER 12: BFCC Closed - Indigenous Peoples Day

OCTOBER 13:

- Tech Tuesday (Getting to Know Your Computer/Laptop) - 4:30-6:00pm - Medicine Spring Library
- Koopii Tuesday - Lunch - Knowledge Carriers Lodge
- Language & Culture in Daily Life - 2:30-4:30pm - Learning Center

OCTOBER 14: Craft Making - 12:00pm-3:00pm - Knowledge Carriers Lodge

OCTOBER 15:

- Donuts with Seth - 9:30am - Student Commons
- Blackfeet Community Feed - 11:00am-1:00pm - Student Commons

OCTOBER 16: BFCC Closed - All Staff Meetings

OCTOBER 17: Speed Puzzle Tournament - 10:00am-3:00pm - Medicine Spring Library

OCTOBER 19-22:

- Midterms
- Board Games/Xbox or PS5 - Student Commons
- Student Survival Treat Packs - Mental Health Specialist
- Grab & Go Bags: "Fuel for Midterms" - Enrollment Services

OCTOBER 19-29: Medicine Spring Library Extended Hours - 8:00am-8:00pm Monday-Thursday; Friday 8:00am-4:00pm

OCTOBER 21:

- Land Grant Day
- Elder Lunch - 11:00am - 1:00pm - Eagle Shields

OCTOBER 22: Frybread Drive-In Activity - 4:00-8:00pm - Medicine Spring Library

OCTOBER 23: Maker Friday (Button Making) - 10:00am-3:00pm - Medicine Spring Library

OCTOBER 27:

- Koopii Tuesday - Lunch - Knowledge Carriers

LodgeFalloween Fling - 2:30-4:30pm - Student Commons

OCTOBER 28: Craft Making - 12:00pm-3:00pm - Knowledge Carriers Lodge

OCTOBER 29: Book Club (Hole in the Sky, Daniel H. Wilson) - 4:30-6:00pm - Medicine Spring Library

RECURRING EVENTS

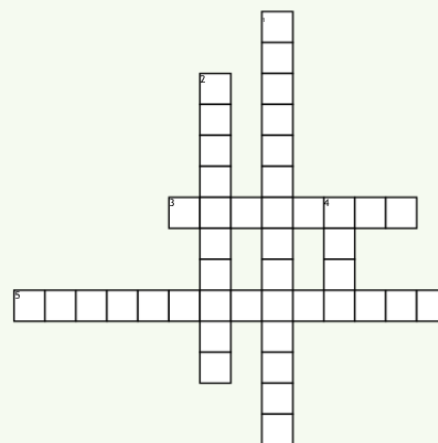
Tuesdays: Student Activities - 2:30-4:00pm - Student Commons

Fridays: Maker Friday - 10:00am-3:00pm - Medicine Spring Library



EVELYN AND DEBBIE KELMAN PRESENT AT THE DAYS OF PIKANI

Blackfeet Word Challenge



Across

3. Stars

5. Accepting Everyone

Down

1. Celebrate

2. I am scared

4. Almost

September Answers

Across

1. Nitoyis 3. Koonssko 4. Assihtah.

Down

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