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REPRESENTING EXCELLENCE: LISA AIMSBACK AT THE WHITE HOUSE TRIBAL NATIONS SUMMIT

BLACKFEET COMMUNITY COLLEGE IS PROUD TO CELEBRATE LISA AIMSBACK, OUR STUDENT VICE PRESIDENT AND NORTHWEST REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE AIHEC STUDENT COUNCIL, WHO RECENTLY HAD THE INCREDIBLE OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND THE WHITE HOUSE TRIBAL NATIONS SUMMIT. LISA REPRESENTED BOTH BFCC AND AIHEC WITH GRACE AND DETERMINATION, PARTICIPATING IN PIVOTAL DISCUSSIONS THAT UNDERSCORE THE IMPORTANCE OF TRIBAL VOICES IN NATIONAL CONVERSATIONS.

THE SUMMIT WAS A MOMENTOUS OCCASION, AND LISA'S PARTICIPATION HIGHLIGHTED HER COMMITMENT TO LEADERSHIP AND ADVOCACY. DURING THE EVENT, SHE HAD THE HONOR OF:

- HEARING SPEECHES FROM PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN, VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS, AND SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR DEB HAALAND.
- ATTENDING A PRIVATE AUDIENCE FOR NATIVE YOUTH WITH VICE PRESIDENT HARRIS.
- ENGAGING IN ONE-ON-ONE CONVERSATIONS WITH KEY LEADERS, INCLUDING SECRETARY DEB HAALAND, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF INDIAN AFFAIRS BRYAN NEWLAND, AND BIA DIRECTOR BRYAN MERCIER.
- PARTICIPATING IN PANELS ON INVESTING IN INDIAN COUNTRY AND STRENGTHENING NATION-TO-NATION RELATIONSHIPS.
- WITNESSING THE SIGNING OF A HISTORIC MOU BETWEEN NOAA AND AIHEC.

LISA ALSO ATTENDED A PRIVATE RECEPTION IN SECRETARY HAALAND'S OFFICE, FURTHER EMPHASIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF NATIVE YOUTH IN SHAPING THE FUTURE. THIS EXPERIENCE DEMONSTRATES THE INCREDIBLE OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE TO BFCC STUDENTS WHO STEP UP TO LEAD AND ENGAGE IN EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES. LISA'S JOURNEY INSPIRES OTHERS TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE RESOURCES, CLUBS, AND ACADEMIC PROGRAMS AT BFCC TO MAKE A MEANINGFUL IMPACT BOTH AT HOME AND BEYOND.

WE ARE IMMENSELY PROUD OF LISA AND LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING THE LASTING IMPACT OF HER LEADERSHIP ON OUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND.



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NEW YEAR, NEW OPPORTUNITIES WITH PIIKANI STUDIES!

IITAAM MAANSTOYI! HAPPY NEW YEAR! THE PIIKANI STUDIES DEPARTMENT IS KICKING OFF 2024 WITH EXCITING EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES, AND WE'D LOVE FOR OUR STUDENTS TO GET INVOLVED!

- **SPRING REGISTRATION WEEK ACTIVITIES**
 - JOIN US DURING SPRING REGISTRATION WEEK FOR STICK GAME SESSIONS AND INDIGENOUS CRAFTS! STUDENTS CAN CREATE EARRINGS, POUCHES, AND MORE. STOP BY BPL 129 TO TAKE PART IN THE FUN.
- **PIIKANI CLUB SOCIAL DANCE CLASSES**
 - GET READY FOR THE VALENTINE'S DANCE IN FEBRUARY BY JOINING OUR PIIKANI CLUB SOCIAL DANCE CLASSES! TIME AND LOCATION WILL BE ANNOUNCED SOON, SO STAY TUNED.
- **HIDE TANNING WORKSHOP (JANUARY 28-31)**
 - WE'RE THRILLED TO HOST OUR FIRST HIDE TANNING CLASS OF THE YEAR! THIS 4-DAY WORKSHOP WILL TEACH PARTICIPANTS THE TRADITIONAL ART OF BRAIN TANNING HIDES, LED BY A THIRD-GENERATION HIDE TANNER FROM KAINAI.
 - **LOCATION:** BPL COMMONS & ROOM 129
 - **SPOTS:** RESERVED SPACES FOR THOSE BRINGING THEIR OWN HIDES; 30 SPOTS OPEN FOR STUDENTS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS (HIDES, TOOLS, AND SUPPLIES PROVIDED).
 - **COST:** FREE (SPONSORED BY MEDICINE SPRING LIBRARY AND THE IINNI ARTS GRANT)
 - THIS WORKSHOP IS PART OF OUR INITIATIVE TO CREATE TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE CARRIERS WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY, WITH MORE CAMPS TO COME.
 - **SIGN-UP DETAILS**
 - SIGN-UPS WILL TAKE PLACE JANUARY 21-24. FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO SECURE YOUR SPOT, CONTACT TREYACE YELLOW OWL AT 18TREYACE.YO@BFCC.EDU.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE AND LOOK FORWARD TO AN EXCITING SEMESTER AHEAD!

Piikani Studies is offering Blackfeet Literature NASX290 this spring

Scan the barcode to preview "Retelling Trickster in Naapi's Language"

Discover the depth of Blackfeet literature with renowned author **Nimachia Howe!**

Piikani Studies is offering A Special Topic Course

PKNI 190
Okomii: The Art of Listening
Instructed by Dr. Nimachia Howe
Featuring Honorary Guest Lectures with Art West Wolf

This evening course 4pm-6pm is designed to enrich learning through storytelling in the Blackfeet Language.

This is a great opportunity for those needing professional development or interested in bilingual education.

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:

- POC 280: WOMEN DETECTIVES AND THE FEMALE GAZE
- PHOT 151: DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY
- PHOT 152: ADVANCED DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY
- MUS 102: ROCK BAND
- POC 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
- POC 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.

CRAFTING COMMUNITY: BFCC STUDENTS BUILD PARADE OF LIGHTS FLOAT

OUR BUILDING TRADES STUDENTS SHOWCASED THEIR SKILLS AND COMMUNITY SPIRIT BY HELPING CREATE KEY ELEMENTS OF THE BFCC FLOAT FOR THIS YEAR'S PARADE OF LIGHTS. PHOTOGRAPHED TO THE RIGHT, STUDENT LYMAN TAILFEATHERS, ALONG WITH INSTRUCTOR HEATHER OLLINGER, WORKED DILIGENTLY TO CUT OUT THE SLEIGH AND BUFFALO FROM PLYWOOD, SETTING THE FOUNDATION FOR A STUNNING FLOAT THAT HIGHLIGHTED CREATIVITY AND COLLABORATION. THE PROJECT DIDN'T STOP THERE—STUDENTS FROM VARIOUS DEGREE PROGRAMS CAME TOGETHER TO BRING THE FLOAT TO LIFE. FROM PAINTING AND DECORATING TO ASSEMBLING THE FINAL DESIGN, EVERYONE PITCHED IN TO ENSURE THE FLOAT REPRESENTED THE SPIRIT OF TEAMWORK AND PRIDE IN OUR COMMUNITY. THIS COLLABORATIVE EFFORT IS A SHINING EXAMPLE OF HOW BFCC STUDENTS GO BEYOND THE CLASSROOM, APPLYING THEIR SKILLS TO MEANINGFUL PROJECTS THAT BRING PEOPLE TOGETHER. WE ARE PROUD OF THEIR HARD WORK AND DEDICATION, WHICH MADE OUR FLOAT A HIGHLIGHT OF THE PARADE. THANK YOU TO ALL THE STUDENTS, FACULTY, AND STAFF WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THIS WONDERFUL PROJECT!



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BUSINESS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM: OPPORTUNITIES AWAIT

THE BUSINESS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM AT BLACKFEET COMMUNITY COLLEGE OFFERS STUDENTS A PATHWAY TO SUCCESS IN THE DYNAMIC WORLD OF BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY. THE PROGRAM NOT ONLY PROVIDES A ROBUST CURRICULUM BUT ALSO CONNECTS STUDENTS WITH EXCITING EXTRACURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES, LIKE THE AMERICAN INDIGENOUS BUSINESS LEADERS (AIBL) CLUB.

THE AIBL CLUB IS CURRENTLY WORKING ON THEIR PRESENTATION DUE BY THE END OF THIS MONTH AS PART OF THEIR PREPARATION FOR THE ANNUAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE IN MARCH. THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, THE CLUB ENGAGES IN FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES TO ENSURE THEY CAN PARTICIPATE IN THIS PRESTIGIOUS EVENT, SHOWCASING THEIR LEADERSHIP AND BUSINESS SKILLS ON A NATIONAL STAGE.

IN ADDITION TO SUPPORTING AIBL, THE PROGRAM IS PLANNING WEEKEND WORKSHOPS TO HELP STUDENTS COMPLETE THE COURSES THEY NEED TO GRADUATE WITH AN ACCOUNTING DEGREE. THESE WORKSHOPS ARE DESIGNED TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL SUPPORT AND FLEXIBILITY FOR STUDENTS STRIVING TO MEET THEIR ACADEMIC GOALS.

STUDENTS INTERESTED IN EXPLORING BUSINESS COURSES OR JOINING THE AIBL CLUB ARE ENCOURAGED TO CONTACT MARLENE DONEY AT MARLENE.D@BFCC.EDU FOR MORE INFORMATION. WHETHER YOU'RE AIMING FOR A DEGREE, BUILDING LEADERSHIP SKILLS, OR SEEKING OPPORTUNITIES TO NETWORK, THE BUSINESS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM IS HERE TO HELP YOU SUCCEED.

PURSUE YOUR NURSING CAREER AT BLACKFEET COMMUNITY COLLEGE

PURSUE YOUR NURSING CAREER AT BLACKFEET COMMUNITY COLLEGE ARE YOU READY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN HEALTHCARE? BLACKFEET COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S NURSING PROGRAM OFFERS A UNIQUE AND SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT TO HELP YOU ACHIEVE YOUR DREAM OF BECOMING A NURSE.

WHY CHOOSE BFCC'S NURSING PROGRAM?

- **BSN DEGREE OPTION:** SINCE 2021, BFCC HAS PROUDLY OFFERED A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING (BSN) PROGRAM. THIS PROGRAM PREPARES NURSES TO DELIVER EXCEPTIONAL PATIENT CARE AND MEET THE GROWING DEMAND FOR BSN-PREPARED NURSES IN HOSPITALS AND HEALTHCARE SETTINGS.
- **FLEXIBLE LEARNING:** DESIGNED FOR BUSY STUDENTS, OUR PROGRAM COMBINES ONLINE COURSEWORK WITH IN-PERSON LABS AND CLINICAL EXPERIENCES. THIS STRUCTURE IS PERFECT FOR PARENTS, CAREGIVERS, AND WORKING PROFESSIONALS.
- **EXPERT FACULTY:** OUR FACULTY INCLUDES PHD AND MASTER'S DEGREE EDUCATORS FROM ACROSS THE COUNTRY, OFFERING EVENING, WEEKEND, AND HOLIDAY SUPPORT TO ENSURE YOUR SUCCESS.
- **STATE-OF-THE-ART FACILITIES:** EXPERIENCE HANDS-ON LEARNING IN OUR ADVANCED SIMULATION LAB, EQUIPPED WITH CUTTING-EDGE MANNEQUINS AND TOOLS TO PREPARE YOU FOR REAL-WORLD PATIENT CARE.
- **DEDICATED MENTORSHIP:** STUDENTS BENEFIT FROM MENTORSHIP BY SHARLENE GILHAM, AN ASN GRADUATE AND EXPERIENCED NURSE. SHE OFFERS STUDY SESSIONS, REINFORCES KEY CONCEPTS, AND HELPS STUDENTS PREPARE FOR THE RIGOROUS LICENSURE EXAM.

WITH A RIGOROUS CURRICULUM, SUPPORTIVE FACULTY, AND DEDICATED MENTORSHIP, BFCC NURSING STUDENTS HAVE ACHIEVED A 100% PASS RATE ON THE NURSING LICENSURE EXAM FOR TWO CONSECUTIVE YEARS. ADDITIONALLY, STUDENTS GAIN DIVERSE CLINICAL EXPERIENCES ACROSS THE STATE, ENSURING THEY'RE WELL-PREPARED FOR THEIR CAREERS. TAKE THE FIRST STEP

JOIN A PROGRAM THAT COMBINES ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE WITH CULTURAL UNDERSTANDING AND PREPARES YOU TO MAKE A MEANINGFUL IMPACT IN HEALTHCARE.

CONTACT RAYOLA UPHAM AT 406-338-5441 EXT. 2919 OR RAYOLAU@BFCC.EDU TO LEARN MORE AND START YOUR JOURNEY TODAY!

EXPLORE THE EDUCATION DIVISION: WHERE LEARNING MEETS CULTURE

ARE YOU PASSIONATE ABOUT TEACHING AND MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY? THE EDUCATION DIVISION AT BLACKFEET COMMUNITY COLLEGE OFFERS A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO BLEND TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE WITH MODERN TEACHING PRACTICES.

THIS FALL, OUR EDUCATION STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN A PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP FOCUSED ON NATIVE GAMES. THEY NOT ONLY LEARNED HOW TO PLAY THESE CULTURALLY RICH GAMES BUT ALSO DISCOVERED THEIR HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND HOW TO ENGAGE STUDENTS OF ALL AGES THROUGH FUN, INCLUSIVE ACTIVITIES. PARTICIPANTS EVEN PRACTICED INCORPORATING THE BLACKFEET LANGUAGE INTO GAMEPLAY AND CRAFTED GAME PIECES USING TRADITIONAL MATERIALS LIKE WILLOWS.

ONE STUDENT SHARED, "WE LEARNED SO MUCH, FROM THE HISTORY OF THE GAMES TO HOW TO MODIFY THEM FOR ALL AGES. I CAN'T WAIT TO PRACTICE AND TEACH MY STUDENTS!"

IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN JOINING THE EDUCATION DIVISION AND LEARNING HOW TO INSPIRE FUTURE GENERATIONS, CONTACT DEE HOYT AT DLYNNHOYT@BFCC.EDU OR 406.338.5441 EXT. 2910. START YOUR JOURNEY TOWARD A FULFILLING CAREER IN EDUCATION TODAY!



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

BLACKFEET COMMUNITY COLLEGE IS HITTING THE SPOTLIGHT IN SEASON 15 OF THE COLLEGE TOUR! THIS HALF-HOUR EPISODE WILL STREAM ON PLATFORMS LIKE AMAZON PRIME, TUBI, ROKU, AND MORE—SHARING BFCC'S INCREDIBLE CAMPUS LIFE, PROGRAMS, AND STUDENT EXPERIENCES WITH A GLOBAL AUDIENCE.

WE'RE LOOKING FOR STUDENTS TO STEP UP AND SHARE THEIR UNIQUE JOURNEYS! SELECTED STUDENTS WILL HAVE THE CHANCE TO TALK ABOUT THEIR EXPERIENCES WITH BFCC'S DEGREE PROGRAMS, ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS, AND HOW THESE OPPORTUNITIES ARE HELPING THEM ACHIEVE THEIR CURRENT AND FUTURE GOALS. WHETHER IT'S PURSUING A DREAM CAREER, PRESERVING CULTURAL TRADITIONS, OR BUILDING A BRIGHTER FUTURE, THIS IS YOUR MOMENT TO INSPIRE OTHERS AND SHOW THE WORLD WHAT BFCC IS ALL ABOUT.

AUDITIONS KICK OFF IN THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY—DON'T MISS OUT! FOR DETAILS ON HOW TO BE FEATURED, CONTACT PAULA BREMNER AT PBREMNER@BFCC.EDU.

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STAFF SPOTLIGHT DECEMBER 2024

THIS MONTH'S STAFF SPOTLIGHT SHINES ON GERALD LAST STAR, A STAFF MEMBER KNOWN FOR GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND FOR OUR STUDENTS. GERALD'S PASSION FOR STUDENT SUCCESS IS UNMATCHED. HAVING WORKED IN STUDENT SUCCESS, HE NOW SERVES AS THE INTERIM PLACEMENT SPECIALIST FOR BNACTEP (BLACKFEET NATIVE AMERICAN CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM). GERALD'S DEDICATION TO SUPPORTING AND GUIDING OUR STUDENTS TOWARD THEIR GOALS IS COMMENDABLE. THANK YOU, GERALD, FOR YOUR COMMITMENT TO ALWAYS PUTTING STUDENTS FIRST.



DIRECTOR SPOTLIGHT DECEMBER 2024



JIM PETERSEN HAS BEEN A STEADFAST PRESENCE AT BLACKFEET COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOR MANY YEARS—THOUGH WE WON'T SAY EXACTLY HOW LONG! OVER THE YEARS, JIM HAS WORN MANY HATS AND IS CURRENTLY SERVING AS THE LIBERAL ARTS DIVISION CHAIR AND LIBERAL ARTS INSTRUCTOR. HIS UNWAVERING DEDICATION TO THE COLLEGE AND HIS STUDENTS SETS HIM APART. JIM'S COMMITMENT TO FOSTERING ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AND SUPPORTING THE NEXT GENERATION OF LEADERS IS TRULY INSPIRING. THANK YOU, JIM, FOR YOUR OUTSTANDING SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP!

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT DECEMBER 2024

OUR FACULTY SPOTLIGHT FOR DECEMBER GOES TO SHANNON SALOIS, WHOSE IMPACT IN THE CLASSROOM IS PROFOUND. SHANNON JOINED THE COLLEGE AFTER YEARS OF TEACHING AT THE HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL AND HAS BEEN A PILLAR OF SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE FOR OUR STUDENTS EVER SINCE. HER TEACHING INSPIRES SUCCESS AND EMPOWERS STUDENTS TO STRIVE FOR EXCELLENCE. THANK YOU, SHANNON, FOR YOUR DEDICATION TO OUR STUDENTS AND FOR BEING AN INTEGRAL PART OF THEIR ACADEMIC JOURNEYS.



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CANDY CANE LANE: A SWEET SHOWCASE OF BFCC'S DEGREE PROGRAMS

DURING THE 2024 PARADE OF LIGHTS, BLACKFEET COMMUNITY COLLEGE INTRODUCED A FESTIVE NEW TRADITION—CANDY CANE LANE! THIS CREATIVE DISPLAY BROUGHT TOGETHER THE DIVISIONS OF BFCC TO HIGHLIGHT THE WIDE RANGE OF DEGREE PROGRAMS AVAILABLE AT THE COLLEGE, ALL WITH A FUN CHRISTMAS TWIST. EACH DIVISION DECORATED A DOOR TO SHOWCASE THEIR PROGRAMS IN A UNIQUE AND FESTIVE WAY, GIVING COMMUNITY MEMBERS THE CHANCE TO VIEW OUR EDUCATIONAL OFFERINGS IN A WHOLE NEW LIGHT. THE DOORS FEATURED HOLIDAY-THEMED DECORATIONS, AND EACH DIVISION'S DISPLAY HIGHLIGHTED THE EXCITING OPPORTUNITIES THAT AWAIT STUDENTS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE FIELDS. AFTER THE PARADE, COMMUNITY MEMBERS WERE INVITED TO VOTE ON THEIR FAVORITE DOOR, ADDING AN INTERACTIVE ELEMENT TO THE EVENT. THANKS TO OUR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, WHO GENEROUSLY SPONSORED THE DOOR CONTEST PRIZES, THE COMPETITION WAS FIERCE AND FESTIVE.

HERE ARE THE WINNERS OF THE CANDY CANE LANE DOOR CONTEST:

- 1ST PLACE: PIIKANI STUDIES
- 2ND PLACE: LIBERAL ARTS
- 3RD PLACE: BUSINESS INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
- 4TH PLACE (TIE): MATH & SCIENCE AND HUMAN SERVICES

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE DIVISIONS FOR THEIR CREATIVITY AND HARD WORK IN MAKING CANDY CANE LANE A HIGHLIGHT OF THE PARADE OF LIGHTS! THIS EVENT NOT ONLY BROUGHT OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER BUT ALSO SHOWCASED THE VARIETY OF DEGREE PROGRAMS THAT BFCC OFFERS.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING THIS FESTIVE TRADITION AND THANK EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE EVENT AND VOTED FOR THEIR FAVORITE DOOR.



1ST PLACE PIIKANI STUDIES



2ND PLACE LIBERAL ARTS



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3RD PLACE BUSINESS



4TH PLACE MATH & SCIENCE



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4TH PLACE HUMAN SERVICES

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PARADE OF LIGHTS 2024: A BRIGHT SUCCESS

THE 2024 PARADE OF LIGHTS WAS ANOTHER SHINING SUCCESS, BRINGING TOGETHER OUR COMMUNITY IN CELEBRATION AND GENEROSITY. THIS YEAR, WE WERE THRILLED TO HOST 17 BEAUTIFULLY DECORATED FLOATS THAT LIT UP THE STREETS, SPREADING JOY AND HOLIDAY CHEER TO ALL IN ATTENDANCE.

THANKS TO THE INCREDIBLE GENEROSITY OF BLACKFEET COMMUNITY COLLEGE EMPLOYEES AND DONORS, WE WERE ABLE TO MAKE THE SEASON BRIGHTER WITH GIFTS FOR 32 NURSING HOME RESIDENTS AND 32 DIALYSIS PATIENTS BY GIFTING THEM WARM, COZY BLANKETS. THIS ACT OF KINDNESS EMBODIES THE SPIRIT OF GIVING THAT DEFINES OUR COMMUNITY.

WE EXTEND OUR HEARTFELT GRATITUDE TO ALL THE DONORS WHO MADE THIS EVENT POSSIBLE, INCLUDING BLACKFEET INSURANCE, GLACIER ELECTRIC, IGA, AND BROWNING LUMBER. YOUR SUPPORT ALLOWED US TO PROVIDE HOT CHOCOLATE AND COOKIES TO OVER 200 COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND TO GIVE EVERY CONTESTANT WHO ENTERED THE PARADE \$100, MAKING THE EVENING EVEN MORE SPECIAL.

ADDING TO THE FESTIVITIES, THE MEDICINE SPRING LIBRARY HOSTED YOUTH ACTIVITIES THAT WERE PACKED WITH EXCITED CHILDREN ENJOYING CREATIVE, CHRISTMAS-THEMED GAMES. THE LIBRARY'S EFFORTS BROUGHT EXTRA HOLIDAY CHEER TO OUR YOUNGEST COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES.

A SPECIAL THANK-YOU GOES TO GROUND SHAK'N MUSIC FOR PROVIDING MUSIC AND ANNOUNCING THE FLOATS DURING THE PARADE, CREATING AN ENERGETIC AND FESTIVE ATMOSPHERE FOR EVERYONE TO ENJOY.

THE PARADE OF LIGHTS CONTINUES TO BE A CHERISHED TRADITION THAT SHOWCASES THE STRENGTH AND UNITY OF OUR COMMUNITY. THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED, DONATED, AND JOINED US FOR THIS FESTIVE EVENING. WE LOOK FORWARD TO MAKING NEXT YEAR'S EVENT EVEN BRIGHTER!



IMPORTANT DATES!

- **JANUARY 8TH:** ELDER & FAMILY ORIENTATION
- **JANUARY 9TH:** NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION - STUDENT COMMONS - 9:00AM-1:30PM
- **JANUARY 14TH-17TH:**
 - SPRING 2025 REGISTRATION
 - STICK GAME & CRAFTS - BPL 129
- **JANUARY 15TH:** ELDER LUNCH - YELLOWBIRD WOMAN BUILDING ROOM 135 - 11:30AM-2:00PM
- **JANUARY 20TH:** MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY (BFCC CLOSED)
- **JANUARY 21ST:** FIRST DAY OF CLASS
- **JANUARY 22ND:** SPRING 2025 GRADUATION APPLICATIONS DUE
- **JANUARY 23RD:** BEAR RIVER MEMORIAL (BFCC CLOSED)
- **JANUARY 24TH:** BEAR RIVER COMMEMORATION - STUDENT COMMONS
- **JANUARY 28TH-31ST:** HIDE TANNING CLASS - BPL COMMONS & ROOM 129 - 8:00AM-4:00PM

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

BFCC EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- AICF GRANT DIRECTOR
 - \$48000.00 - \$50000.00 / YEAR
 - 12 MONTHS, 26 PAY PERIODS
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 - \$49044.06 / YEAR
 - 12 MONTHS, 26 PAY PERIODS
- DUAL ENROLLMENT/TRANSFER COORDINATOR
 - 12 MONTHS, 26 PAY PERIODS
- PIIKANI STUDIES DIGITAL LANGUAGE SPECIALIST
 - 22 PAY PERIODS

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES VISIT OUR WEBSITE BELOW OR SCAN THE QR CODE WITH YOUR PHONE CAMERA HERE!

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