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OUR 2026 BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING (BSN) GRADUATES

On May 14, 2026, BFCC and the families of the graduates celebrated the accomplishments of two outstanding nursing students during the Nursing Pinning Ceremony, honoring their completion of the rigorous journey toward earning their Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degrees.

This year's graduates, Tiphany Olsen and Dani Hamann, were recognized for their hard work, perseverance, and commitment to entering one of the most demanding and rewarding professions.

The nursing pinning ceremony is a meaningful tradition in nursing education, symbolizing the transition from student to professional nurse and recognizing the dedication required to complete a nursing program.

In addition to earning her BSN degree, Dani Hamann was also recognized as Blackfeet Community College's 2026 Valedictorian, an achievement reflecting her academic excellence and commitment throughout her educational journey.

Reflecting on her experience in the program, Dani shared gratitude for the opportunities and support she found at Blackfeet Community College.

"My educational journey through the nursing program at Blackfeet Community College has been an incredibly rewarding experience that has prepared me both professionally and personally for a career in nursing," Dani said. "What makes Blackfeet Community College truly special is the supportive environment created by the instructors, staff, and students. The college fosters a sense of community, respect, and encouragement that allows students to succeed while feeling valued throughout their educational journey."

She also highlighted the dedication of the nursing faculty and the quality of education that prepared students to become skilled and compassionate healthcare professionals.

"I am extremely grateful for the opportunities, experiences, and relationships built during my time at Blackfeet Community College, and I am proud to be a graduate of such an outstanding nursing program," Dani added.

For Tiphany Olsen, completing the nursing program represented both personal and professional growth.

"BFCC's nursing program has been one of the most life-changing experiences of my educational journey," Tiphany shared. "It challenged me academically, emotionally, and personally in ways I never expected, but it also helped shape me into the nurse and person I am today."

She reflected on the perseverance required to complete the program and the support system that helped her succeed.

"Through every clinical, exam, early morning, and long night of studying, this program taught me resilience, compassion, confidence, and dedication. I am so grateful for the knowledge, experiences, instructors, classmates, and support that helped me make it to graduation," Tiphany said.

Faculty members also shared their pride in this year's graduating class and the determination both students demonstrated throughout the program.

According to nursing faculty member Karen Conger, nursing school demands extraordinary commitment, resilience, and perseverance.

"Blackfeet Community College nursing faculty and staff are incredibly proud of this year's BSN graduates," Conger shared. "Nursing school is incredibly demanding and challenging, and they met those demands with determination and strength. Their hard work and dedication have prepared them for success in their nursing careers."

The Nursing Program at Blackfeet Community College continues to prepare future healthcare professionals through rigorous academics, hands-on clinical experiences, and a strong emphasis on compassionate patient care. Blackfeet Community College congratulates Tiphany Olsen and Dani Hamann on this important milestone and wishes them continued success as they begin their nursing careers and continue serving their communities.



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MEANINGFUL MILESTONES IN THE YES PROGRAM

April was full of meaningful milestones and exciting opportunities for our YES Program students. We proudly celebrated our students during their induction ceremony, recognizing their commitment and officially welcoming them into the program. It was a special moment that set the tone for the growth and success we've already begun to see. Throughout the month, our students have continued to show dedication in their placements. We had the opportunity to visit several worksites, capturing photos of students in action and taking professional headshots to support their scholarship applications. These moments not only highlight their hard work but also help them begin building a strong foundation for their future goals.

We continue to meet with students every other Wednesday to complete timesheets, check in on their progress, and provide guidance. During some of these meetings, students also participate in workshops that focus on skill-building, career readiness, and personal development. In addition, we have been working closely with students to begin filling out scholarship applications, helping them take important steps toward their educational futures. Our students have also taken on leadership roles within the community. Our event team organized a fun and engaging scavenger hunt, where YES students stepped up to mentor and guide younger students in grades 6-8th. It was incredible to see them lead with confidence, patience, and encouragement. Additionally, our BES placement students played an active role in supporting the BES March Madness event, further demonstrating their willingness to get involved and give back. We are also excited to share that eight of our students will be traveling to Philadelphia to visit Eastern University. This opportunity will allow them to explore a college campus, learn more

about academic programs, and begin envisioning themselves in a higher education setting. Experiences like this are incredibly impactful, helping students see what is possible and motivating them to continue working toward their goals. Looking ahead, we have so much more planned for our students. From resume building and presentation skills to developing business knowledge and participating in community service, we are committed to continuing to provide opportunities that prepare them for success in every area of life.

We are so proud of the growth we've seen this month. Our students are not only gaining valuable work experience, but they are also developing confidence, leadership skills, and a vision for their future. We look forward to seeing all they continue to accomplish in the months ahead.



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58 BROWNING HIGH SENIORS GET A HEAD START ON COLLEGE THROUGH BFCC

Browning High School Class of 2026 celebrates the 58 students who enrolled in Blackfeet Community College dual enrollment program and earn a combined total of 430 credits! Many of these graduates started in their sophomore year. High school students are able to enroll for college credit starting at age 16 many students enrolled consecutive semesters and earned over their 10-12 grades earning 18-31 credits. We'd like to congratulate the class of 2026 and would like to distinguish those top credit earners.

- Keelin Moosewah and Jasmine Bechel earning 18 credits each.
- Neaveah Hammons earning 24 credits and
- Brandon Trombley earning 25 credits!

Completing an entire year of college credits early, while finishing their high school degree, competing in sports. For these students it means that they will be graduating with their bachelor's degree in 3 years rather than 4 and for some it means a costs savings of over \$25,000. For some it means that learning courses like Introduction to Psychology which teaches them to understand the scientific study of thought, behavior and mental processes. Or courses like Piikani Art which helped them connect to the intricate ancestral art and gave them the opportunity to create their own works through expressing their creativity.

Educational opportunities like this is available for our high school students, with the success of our Young Eagle Society we will have a combined college courses with the opportunity for employment and mentorship.

Enrollment starts August 24-28, 2026 and classes start August 31st. We have courses available on our campus and located at Browning High School. Interested students please see your counselor for more information or stop by our campus and see our Student Pathways Coordinator. Blackfeet Community College will be having sessions at Browning High School and orientation for students and parents.



USDA EXTENSION PROGRAM AND PIKANI LODGE HEALTH INSTITUTE HOST FREE MAP READING & ORIENTEERING WORKSHOP

On May 29, 2026, the USDA Extension Program at Blackfeet Community College partnered with Piikani Lodge Health Institute to offer a free Map Reading & Orienteering Workshop at the Kutoyiss Building, providing participants with valuable land navigation and outdoor skills.

The hands-on workshop focused on teaching participants how to interpret topographical maps, understand map symbols and marginal information, plot grid coordinates, plan routes, and determine distance and direction. Attendees also gained practical experience using compasses and participated in exercises involving dead reckoning and orienteering, helping build confidence in navigating from one point to another.

The workshop was led by Felix Nez, USDA Extension Director, and Loren Racine, On The Land Guide and Project Coordinator, who shared knowledge and practical applications of navigation skills in outdoor and land-based settings.

This free opportunity reflects the continued commitment of the USDA Extension Program and Piikani Lodge Health Institute to provide educational experiences that promote skill-building, cultural knowledge, and community engagement.

Community members are encouraged to stay connected and watch the BFCC Magpie page for upcoming workshops, trainings, and educational opportunities.

Visit BFCC Magpie to learn about future events and opportunities.



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CELEBRATING THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2026

Blackfeet Community College celebrated the achievements of the Class of 2026 during its 49th Commencement Ceremony held May 15, 2026, at the Multipurpose Arbor in Browning, Montana. Family members, friends, faculty, staff, and community leaders gathered to honor graduates as they completed an important milestone in their educational journeys.

The ceremony reflected the mission and values of Blackfeet Community College, emphasizing leadership, respect, cultural knowledge, dedication, and community. Throughout the event, graduates were recognized not only for their academic accomplishments, but also for the perseverance and commitment that brought them to graduation day.

The commencement program opened with a welcome song performed by Josh Horn, Leland Lukin, and Austin Totoosis. Flag bearers Tyler Running Crane, Joesph Surechief, and Ramona Croff carried the Blackfeet Nation Flag and the American Flag into the ceremony.

The Blackfeet Flag Song was performed by Josh Horn, Leland Lukin, and Austin Totoosis, followed by the processional of the BFCC Class of 2026.

Father Rod Ermainger delivered the invocation. Shelly Hall of the Blackfeet Tribal Business Council, also addressed the audience during the ceremony.

Members of the BFCC Board of Trustees participating in the program included Dana Pemberton, BFCC Chairwoman. Dr. James Rains provided the introduction of faculty.

The keynote address was delivered by Dr. Beth Henderson-Matthews, M.A., whose message encouraged graduates to continue pursuing their goals while remaining connected to their community, culture, and future aspirations.

Dr. Brad Hall delivered the introduction of salutatorian and valedictorian speakers. Morgan Rain Sellars gave the salutatorian address, while Dani Hamann presented the valedictorian address.

Additional remarks during the ceremony were presented by Titus Upham and family during the honoring of the Earl Old Person Leadership Award, presented to Angel Littleplume & Dee Hoyt who tied for the faculty award, and Dan Wagner for the staff award. Dr. Brad Hall also presented the "Class of 2026." Degrees were awarded by the Board of Trustees, respective division chairpersons, and educators.

Conference of Degrees was conducted by Dr. Brad Hall, while the recession was led by the BFCC Class and Colors.

The commencement ceremony highlighted Blackfeet Community College's continued commitment to strengthening and enriching the community through education while integrating the Nii-tsi-ta-pi world of knowledge.

As the graduates crossed the stage and celebrated with loved ones, the ceremony served as both a recognition of their

accomplishments and a reminder of the opportunities ahead. The Class of 2026 now joins the growing legacy of Blackfeet Community College alumni prepared to make meaningful contributions within their communities and beyond.

Speakers and Participants

- Shelly Hall – Blackfeet Tribal Business Council
- Dana Pemberton – BFCC Chairwoman
- Dr. James Rains – Introduction of Faculty
- Dr. Beth Henderson-Matthews, M.A. – Keynote Speaker
- Dr. Brad Hall – Introduction of Speakers, Presentation of the Class of 2026, and Conference of Degrees
- Morgan Rain Sellars – Salutatorian Address
- Dani Hamann – Valedictorian Address
- Father Rod Ermainger – Invocation
- Musical Performers and Ceremony Participants

Congratulations to the Blackfeet Community College Class of 2026. For more photos on this event please visit www.bfcc.edu/magpie



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2026 GRADUATES

Josiah Aimsback
 Maleah Arrowtopknot
 Marly Blackman
 Sunirae Bostwick
 Marcus Buckley
 Azreal Bullshoe
 Hailey Bullshoe
 Finessa Burdeau
 Joanne Cadotte
 Theresa Calfbossribs
 Tylynn Calfbossribs
 Lily Calfrobe
 Sundai Campbell
 LaBron Carlson
 Landon Carlson
 Helen Carlson
 Pedro Chavez-Camarillo
 Lakota ChiefAllOver
 Kaylissa Cobell
 Megan Connelly
 Rebecca Connelly
 Kaeton Crawford
 Tova CreeMedicine
 Ramona Croff
 Francine DeRoche
 Michelle DesRosier
 Bella Drennen
 Bobbi Flamond
 Jamie Flammand
 Francis Ground
 Dani Hamann
 Brandi Harwood
 Brittany HeavyRunner
 Morgan Hughson
 Kimberly Jiron
 Ramona Kipling
 Beatrice Kipp
 Cha'slin Kipp
 Teri Larson
 Gerald LastStar
 Mary LazyBoy
 Angel Loring
 Talia Mittens
 Charlie Monroe
 Jenna Murray
 Jaina OldChief
 Noah Ollinger
 Tiphany Olson
 Tyler RunningCrane
 Tayliegh RunningFisher
 Randy RunningRabbit

Jeslynn Rutherford
 La'Riah Scout
 Morgan Sellars
 Tiffany Sellars
 Davielee Shortman
 Catlin Smith
 Mark Smith
 Jess SpottedBear
 Joseph SureChief
 Cicily Tatsey
 Shynell Tatsey-McKay
 Julia Trombley
 Melisa Trombley
 Peter Vandenburg
 Autumn Wells



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HUMAN RESOURCES EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES & CAMPUS UPDATES

The Human Resources Department would like to remind everyone that we currently have the Library Engagement Technician position open for applicants. Please continue to watch for additional employment opportunities on the BFCC website, as several new positions are expected to open very soon in a variety of departments and areas across the college.

We encourage interested individuals to apply online or stop by the Human Resources Office in person for assistance, questions, or application information. We look forward to welcoming new members to the BFCC team! Visit www.bfcc.edu/humanresource In addition, BFCC would like to recognize James Peterson on his appointment as the new Liberal Studies Division Chair. James has been a valued member of the BFCC community for many years and brings extensive knowledge, experience, and dedication to student success and academic excellence. We are excited to see him continue serving the college in this important leadership role and look forward to his continued contributions to the Liberal Studies Division and the BFCC community.



MEDICINE SPRING LIBRARY & GLACIER COUNTY LIBRARY SUMMER READING PROGRAM

The Medicine Spring Library and Glacier County Library invite readers of all ages to participate in this year's Summer Reading Program, featuring hands-on activities, storytelling, book clubs, and family-friendly learning opportunities throughout the summer.

Held weekly on Tuesdays, the program encourages babies, children, teens, and adults to stay engaged in reading while exploring fun and interactive topics. Participants can sign up throughout the summer, attend activities, and submit reading reports for entries into the end-of-summer prize drawing.

Summer reading helps build lifelong reading habits, maintain literacy skills during school breaks, encourage reluctant readers, and create meaningful opportunities for family fun and learning.

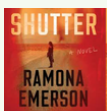
Please refer to the Summer Calendar on this page for a full list of activity dates and times.

Library Summer Hours:
Open M-Th 8:00 - 4:30, F 8:00 - 4:00

BOOK CLUB SUMMER READING



June:
The Bone Picker
Devon A. Mihesuah



July:
The Bone Picker
Devon A. Mihesuah

SUMMER CALENDAR

- **TUESDAYS** - SUMMER READING - 10AM-3PM - MEDICINE SPRING LIBRARY (DROP IN ANYTIME)
- **JUNE 1-5:** MEDICINE SPRING LIBRARY CLOSED
- **JUNE 8:**
 - BFCC CLOSED FOR FLOOD MEMORIAL (MEDICINE SPRING LIBRARY OPEN)
 - SUMMER READING SIGN UP - 8AM - 4:30PM - MEDICINE SPRING LIBRARY
- **JUNE 9:** HOOF CARE SUMMER SERIES - 9AM -PM - AGRICULTURE BUILDING
- **JUNE 15-17:** LANGUAGE COLLOQUIUM - 9AM - 4:30PM - STUDENT COMMONS
- **JUNE 16:** SUMMER READING - MAKING FOSSILS - 10AM-3PM MEDICINE SPRING LIBRARY
- **JUNE 19:** BFCC CLOSED JUNETEENTH
- **JUNE 22:** GOAT MAN STORY TELLING - 7PM - 9PM - MEDICINE SPRING LIBRARY
- **JUNE 23:**
 - SUMMER READING - ARCHAEOLOGY - 10AM-3PM - MEDICINE SPRING LIBRARY
 - SKODEN FILM SCREENING - 5PM - 8PM - MEDICINE SPRING LIBRARY (DINNER PROVIDED)212121
- **JUNE 25:** BOOK CLUB - THE BONE PICKER BY DEVON A. MIHESUAH - 4:30PM - 6PM - MEDICINE SPRING LIBRARY
- **JUNE 26:** MEDICINE SPRING LIBRARY CLOSED
- **JUNE 29:** BFCC CAMPUS CLOSED (MEDICINE SPRING LIBRARY OPEN UNLESS SPECIFIED)
- **JUNE 30:** SUMMER READING - BOOK BINGO - 10AM - 3PM - MEDICINE SPRING LIBRARY
- **JULY 2-3:** MEDICINE SPRING LIBRARY CLOSED
- **JULY 7:** SUMMER READING - SUMMER DIG
- **JULY 9 -10:** MEDICINE SPRING LIBRARY CLOSED
- **JULY 14:** SUMMER READING - INISKIM STORYTELLING - 10AM - 3PM - MEDICINE SPRING LIBRARY
- **JULY 15:** LOOKING AT DRIVELINES (FIELD TRIP, WATCH FOR SIGN UPS) - MEDICINE SPRING LIBRARY
- **JULY 21:** SUMMER READING - NIITSITAPI RECORD KEEPING - 10AM - 3PM - MEDICINE SPRING LIBRARY
- **JULY 23:** INISKIM FIELD TRIP - MEDICINE SPRING LIBRARY (WATCH FOR SIGN UPS)
- **JULY 28:**
 - SUMMER READING - GEOLOGY & PALEONTOLOGY - 10AM - 2PM - MEDICINE SPRING LIBRARY
 - GNP AT THE LIBRARY - GEOLOGY AND PALEONTOLOGY - 1PM - 2PM - MEDICINE SPRING LIBRARY
- **JULY 30:** BOOK CLUB - SHUTTER BY RAMONA EMERSON
- **JULY 31:** MEDICINE SPRING LIBRARY CLOSED