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HONORING OUR LAND GRANT LEGACY: BFCC USDA INTERNS REPRESENT AT FALCON

October 20th marked an important milestone for Blackfeet Community College (BFCC) as we celebrated our 51st anniversary as a Land Grant institution. This designation, established through the 1994 Equity in Educational Land-Grant Status Act, placed Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCUs) on equal standing with other land-grant institutions, providing federal support to strengthen education, research, and community-based agricultural programs within Native communities.

The Land Grant mission continues to guide BFCC in building programs that honor Piikani values, land stewardship, and community empowerment. This year, we proudly spotlight the achievements of two of our USDA-supported student interns, Rylee Bird Rattler and Joslyn McKay, who both presented their research at the annual FALCON Conference in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Understanding the 1994 Land Grant Legacy

The 1994 Land-Grant Act created a new category of institutions to support Tribal Colleges and Universities through education, research, and extension programs administered by the USDA's National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA).

This act aimed to:

- Grant 1994 institutions the same legal standing as earlier land-grant universities.
- Open access to federal funding for research and extension programs.
- Strengthen educational and economic opportunities in Tribal communities through agriculture, sustainability, and community-based education.

Through this framework, BFCC continues to grow its USDA Tribal Extension, Research, and Equity programs—each designed to nurture student learning while addressing real community needs and supporting cultural preservation.

BFCC USDA Interns at FALCON

The First American Land-Grant Consortium (FALCON) Conference is an annual gathering of students, faculty, and leaders from all 1994 Tribal College Land-Grant Institutions. It serves as a national platform for sharing research, innovative projects, and community outreach initiatives that advance the goals of the 1994 Land-Grant mission.

Rylee Bird Rattler - USDA Extension Intern

Rylee is pursuing a degree in the Piikani/Environmental Science Program, represented BFCC at this year's FALCON Conference.

With a strong family background in agriculture, Rylee's research focuses on forage crops and native prairie grass management to emulate the ecological effects of traditional bison migration.

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The linnii (Bison) have long served as a biocultural keystone species for the Blackfeet Nation—enriching soils, enhancing plant diversity, and promoting ecological balance. Rylee's project explores seasonal cutting practices that mimic natural migratory patterns, supporting healthy native grasslands while preserving ecological and cultural knowledge passed down through generations.

Joslyn McKay - USDA Equity Cohort Member

member of the USDA Equity Cohort, also presented at FALCON. Joslyn's presentation reflected the Equity Cohort's focus on connecting academic achievement with cultural identity, leadership, and land-based knowledge. Passionate about community rehabilitation through healthy living, Joslyn's research explored traditional soil fertilization methods inspired by the Piikani story of how tobacco was received from the Beaver. Her cohort used trial and error—mirroring traditional methods—to enrich clay soil abundant on the reservation. The result was a safe, natural, and balanced

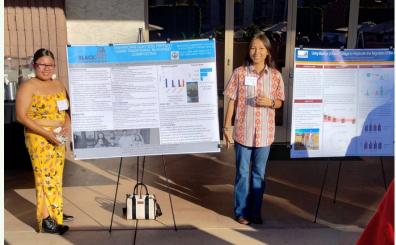
Joslyn, a second-year Liberal Studies student and 2024-25

fertilizer suitable for growing healthy food and medicine. The project's next phase includes developing community workshops to share this knowledge while inspiring local food sovereignty and recruitment into BFCC's agricultural and environmental programs.

Continuing the Land Grant Mission

BFCC's Land Grant initiatives continue to expand across multiple areas of education and community engagement:

- Glacier National Park Partnership: A five-year Memorandum of Agreement will formalize collaborative learning and stewardship projects between BFCC and Glacier National Park.
- Knowledge Carriers Lodge and Lifelong Learning Center: Engages elders and community members in intergenerational learning and cultural preservation.
- Campus Infrastructure Investments: Ongoing development includes a meat processing lab, greenhouse, and new



JOSLYN MCKAY & RYLEE BIRD RATTLER AT FALCON IN SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA

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- research facilities to support student-led innovation.
- Sustainable Campus Initiatives: Tree Campus USA certification, a student-led food forest, and efforts toward a net-zero campus reflect BFCC's commitment to sustainability.
- Native Science Field Center Dual Enrollment Program:
 Offers high school students 6-9 college credits in Piikani Studies through experiential learning and traditional ecological knowledge.

Connecting Education, Culture, and Community

From the USDA Tribal Extension Program to the USDA Equity Cohort, BFCC continues to advance the vision of the 1994 Land-Grant Act—empowering Tribal students, preserving Indigenous knowledge, and strengthening community resilience.

Through their research and presentations at FALCON, Rylee Bird Rattler and Joslyn McKay are helping to carry forward the Piikani legacy of stewardship, innovation, and service—demonstrating that the true power of education lies in its connection to land, language, and community.





IOSLYN MCKAY & RYLEE BIRD RATTLER PRESENTING THEIR POSTERS



WARREN JUNEAU, JOSLYN MCKAY, RYLEE BIRDRATTLER, FELIX NEZ, MELISSA WEATHERWAX

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NEW GRANT: THE YOUNG EAGLE SOCIETY (YES) SOARS AT BFCC

We are proud to announce the launch of the Young Eagle Society (YES), a new initiative funded through the U.S. Department of Education's Native Youth Community Program (NYCP). This five-year grant is designed to strengthen partnerships with local schools and empower the next generation of educators and community leaders across the Blackfeet Nation.

The YES program will recruit a cohort of high school juniors and seniors who are ready to begin their college journey while completing high school. Through dual enrollment, students will take college-level courses that count toward both high school and college credit—giving them a head start on higher education while remaining connected to their community and culture.

A key focus of YES is Work-Integrated Learning (WIL), which blends academic study with hands-on experience. Students will gain real-world exposure to classroom teaching, educational support, and community programming. These opportunities will help them explore careers in education, leadership, and service while developing essential skills such as communication, teamwork, and cultural engagement. The program also emphasizes community connection. YES will work closely with local educators, families, and tribal leaders to support student success at every stage. By creating structured pathways and mentorship opportunities, the initiative helps students envision their future roles as teachers, mentors, and advocates who uplift the next generation of Blackfeet youth. Beyond academics, YES encourages cultural grounding and leadership. The program's foundation is guided by Piikani values-integrating Blackfeet language, stories, and traditional ecological knowledge into learning experiences. Students will have the opportunity to participate in service projects, shadow education professionals, and contribute to initiatives that strengthen community well-being and educational sovereignty.

Through this initiative, BFCC reaffirms its mission to nurture lifelong learners and leaders who embody both academic excellence and cultural strength. The Young Eagle Society reflects the college's ongoing commitment to education that is rooted in community, tradition, and self-determination. With the YES program, Blackfeet Community College continues to build bridges between high school and higher education, ensuring that every student has the opportunity to soar—carrying forward the vision, knowledge, and strength of the Piikani people. For more information about joining the Young Eagle Society program, please contact Dee Hoyt Education Division Chair at dlynnhoyt@bfcc.edu or call 406.338.5441 ext. 2910.

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CNSS GRANT STRENGTHENS STUDENT SUCCESS AND ENROLLMENT GROWTH AT BLACKFEET COMMUNITY COLLEGE

In 2024, Blackfeet Community College was awarded the Cultivating Native Student Success (CNSS) grant, an initiative that focuses on Strategic Enrollment Management (SEM), a framework used by tribal colleges and universities to strengthen recruitment, student success, retention, and completion of programs.

At BFCC, the CNSS grant has made a significant impact on our First-Time, First-Year (FTFY) students. From the beginning of their academic journey, each student meets one-on-one with the Enrollment Specialist to complete a First-Year Experience Checklist, designed specifically to guide new students through their first semester. The goal is simple yet powerful — to let students know that help is available, that we care, and that they belong at BFCC.

So far, out of 52 new students, 38 have completed their checklist, a 73% completion rate, and many shared that the process helped them feel supported and connected to campus. These check-ins will continue through midterms and finals to track progress, identify additional needs, and strengthen our efforts in enrollment, retention, and graduation. After completing the checklist, the students then received a Nike backpack full of resources and a Nike sweater with our BFCC logo!

The CNSS grant has also supported the creation of the Student Snack Pantry inside the Student Success Center, a welcoming space that students use daily. The pantry provides fresh fruits and produce, dry goods, beverages, and frozen foods, all free to students to help reduce food insecurity and support their overall well-being.

Another exciting addition funded by the CNSS grant is the purchase of a new outreach and recruitment vehicle, which allows Enrollment Services to travel to events, fairs, and conferences across the region, which will increase the visibility of BFCC programs in our community and making it easier to connect with future students across the Blackfeet Reservation and beyond.

This fall, the Admissions Director and Dual Enrollment/Transfer Coordinator represented BFCC at the Montana Post Secondary Educational Opportunities Council (MPSEOC) Central and Western College Fairs. Over two weeks, they visited 12 locations across Montana, reaching and being visible to more than 3,000 high school students.

Thanks to the CNSS grant, this was the first time BFCC was able to participate in statewide college fairs, expanding our reach and building stronger relationships with prospective students. These collective efforts are yielding powerful results from Fall 2024 to Fall 2025. Blackfeet Community College experienced a 69% increase in total enrollment, including

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notable growth in first-time, first-year students 65 in fall 2024 to 110 students in fall 2025. This achievement reflects the college's dedication to creating a welcoming, supportive, and student-centered environment that empowers learners at every stage.

Blackfeet Community College extends heartfelt gratitude to the American Indian College Fund and investors for their ongoing support through the CNSS grant. Their investment continues to empower our students, enhance our programs, and strengthen BFCC's commitment to cultivating future leaders grounded in knowledge, culture, and community.





FALLOWEEN WINNERS!

- COSTUME CONTEST
 - RYLEE QUESNELLE (RIGHT)
 - MELISA TROMBLEY (LEFT)
 - J'VOHN LOPEZ (CENTER)



STUDENT PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST
 PICTURED: MELISA, J'VOHN, RYLEE

- DAKOTA NORUNNER
- CRAIG REECE
- ALIYAH WEATHERWAX

SCARY STORY CONTEST

- TONI RUNNINGFISHER
- RACHEL WIPPERT
- DAKOTA NORUNNER



PUMPKINS BY CRAIG, ALIYAH, & DAKTOA

COMMUNITY PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST

- JOSEPH BEAR
- JESSE DENNY
- RONELL GOGGLES

A special thank you to everyone who participated. We invite and encourage all of our students to continue to engage in our events! Keep an eye out on our Facebook, Instagram, or website www.bfcc.edu/BFCC-Magpie for more events!

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AARON'S NATIVE BOOK HIGHLIGHTS -NOVEMBER SELECTIONS AT MEDICINE SPRING LIBRARY

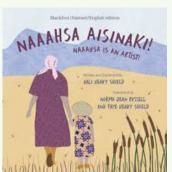
Medicine Spring Library Director Aaron shares his November picks for Native Book Highlights — a curated list celebrating Native voices, storytelling, and perspectives across all ages.

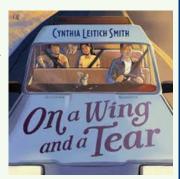
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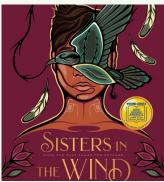
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Middle Grade Book: On a Wing and a Tear by Cynthia Leitich Smith. A lively, imaginative story about the long-awaited return of the Great Baseball Game in the animal kingdom. Join Grandfather Bat and his human friends as they travel to witness the next great game in this tale that mixes fantasy, friendship, and teamwork.

Young Adult Book: Sisters in the Wind by Angeline Boulley Fast-paced and full of emotion, this story follows Lucy, a young woman running from her past, and her sister's best friend, who is running toward her. It's a powerful journey of self-discovery, healing, and reclaiming identity after systems failed to uphold the Indian Child Welfare Act.







Book Club Selection: Becoming Little Shell by Chris LaTray. An insightful exploration of identity and heritage, Chris LaTray reflects on how learning about his Cree ancestry shaped his life and understanding of family, culture, and belonging. His personal journey intertwines with the broader story of the Little Shell Tribe, making this an inspiring book club choice.

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BLACKFOOT CONFEDERACY INITIATIVE INFORMATION SESSION AT BFCC

November 4, 2025 | 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM Medicine Spring Library | Blackfeet Community College Blackfeet Community College invites students, faculty, and community members to attend an information session for the Blackfoot Confederacy Initiative (BFCI) — a community-led project dedicated to reconciliation, storytelling, and cultural restoration.

The Blackfoot Confederacy Initiative is guided by the Blackfoot Confederacy Nations and seeks to surface and document Blackfoot stories of Mohkinsstsis (Calgary) through meaningful, ongoing engagement with Nation members. This collaborative effort highlights the power of storytelling and the importance of honoring the voices, experiences, and places that connect Blackfoot people to their homelands. Community members are encouraged to share their stories and contribute to this growing archive of collective memory. The BFCI public art team will be hosting engagement sessions in Calgary, Lethbridge, and across each of the Blackfoot Nations of Treaty 7, as well as an online session open to all Blackfoot community members, including Amskapi Piikuni.

These sessions are an opportunity for participants to discuss meaningful places, experiences, and teachings connected to Mohkinsstsis – stories that will help inspire and inform the Blackfoot Confederacy's future public art initiative. Whether you choose to attend in person or join online, your contribution is vital. By sharing your voice, you help shape how the Blackfoot story is remembered, represented, and celebrated for generations to come.

Event Details:

- 77 Date: November 4, 2025
- Time: 2:00 PM 4:00 PM
- † Location: Medicine Spring Library, Blackfeet Community College

Can't attend in person? Register to join the online information session and learn more about how to participate:

REGISTER ON EVENTBRITE

Click on the link or scan the QR Code here to register for the event online!



Join us as we honor our shared stories and contribute to a living narrative that strengthens the connections between all Blackfoot Nations.



Stop by Medicine Spring Library to explore these titles and more. Each story offers a unique lens into Native life, resilience, and storytelling – perfect for readers looking to connect with Indigenous perspectives this season!

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BRIGHT SKY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS EVENTS AT BFCC

Student Services at Blackfeet Community College recently hosted our first Bright Sky Domestic Violence Awareness Event, and it was a tremendous success. A heartfelt thank you goes to Toni Running Fisher for her wise words and for helping coordinate this meaningful gathering.

During the event, the tipi was beautifully set up on the hill by the flagpoles, and attendees participated in singing honor songs to recognize and honor survivors and victims of domestic violence. Co-sponsors and partnering entities were present at the event, sharing valuable resources and hosting activities for students and community members.

Bright Sky is a unique, community-based tool that empowers friends, peers, educators, and students with resources to recognize domestic violence and respond safely. By sharing this information throughout the Western Region, we can take practical, meaningful steps to address the urgent public health crisis of domestic violence. This program is funded by the Vodafone Americas Foundation and aims to reach over 20,000 students across four states during Domestic Violence Awareness Month, October 2025.

Event Partners and Sponsors

We would like to acknowledge all the programs and organizations involved in making this event possible:

- Blackfeet Domestic Abuse Program
- Blackfeet MMIP
- Sukapi Lodge
- Blackfeet Tribal Behavioral Health
- Crystal Creek Lodge
- Vodafone Americas Foundation (funding sponsor)

Upcoming Bright Sky Events

We have two more events scheduled this fall, all taking place in the BPL Student Commons with tipi setups on the hill by the flagpoles. Each event will feature food and drinks for all attendees:

- November 20, 2025 | 5:00-7:00 PM Stories of Strength
 - o Panel of survivors sharing their experiences
 - Community dialogue promoting healing, understanding, and awareness
- December 4, 2025 | 5:00-7:00 PM The Power of People Coming Together
 - Resource fair with support services for survivors and families
 - Celebration of resilience with a social pow-wow
 - o Community dinner for all attendees

Why Attend?

Bright Sky's goal is to raise awareness and provide prevention resources, supporting survivors and their families. Each partnering entity will host activities and share valuable resources throughout the evening. Toward the end of each

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event, attendees will gather at the tipi setup on campus for a candlelight vigil in remembrance of all affected by domestic violence.

Food and beverages will be provided for everyone, so come together as a college and community to show support, raise awareness, and stand against domestic violence.

For more information, contact:

Elaine Littleplume at 406-338-5441 ext. 2262 or email elaine.lp@bfcc.edu.









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Search our library catalog online to search our collection of books, ebooks, and media resources.



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JOIN TEAM BFCC FOR THE 2025 AIHEC STUDENT CONFERENCE!

We are excited to announce the American Indian Higher Education Consortium (AIHEC) Student Conference, taking place March 14–18, 2025, in Bismarck, North Dakota. We are looking for dedicated and enthusiastic students to compete and represent Team BFCC!

This is an incredible all-expenses-paid opportunity to:

- Meet students from other Tribal Colleges
- Showcase your skills in academics, arts, culture, and athletics
- Experience leadership, culture, and fun all while traveling on a college-paid trip!

AIHEC provides a chance to develop your leadership skills, build lasting friendships, and learn from peers across Tribal Colleges. Whether you're passionate about academic competitions, arts and culture, or traditional skills, there is a place for your talents. This is an experience that can enhance your resume, boost your confidence, and inspire your future goals.

Who Can Participate?

- Students with a minimum GPA of 2.5
- Those who are serious, committed, and dependable throughout preparation and competition

Competition Options

There's something for everyone! Students can compete in: Academic Competitions: Knowledge Bowl, Science Bowl, Business Bowl, Critical Inquiry, Research Poster Presentations, Webpage Design, Speech Arts & Culture: Art Show, Poetry Slam, Film Festival, Hand Games, Traditional Arts, Traditional Plants, Cultural Demonstrations

Athletic & Traditional Skills: Archery

- Paula Bremner: One Act Play, Art, Film
- Warren Juneau: Speech

Coaches for Team BFCC:

- Marlene Doney: Business Bowl
- Felix Nez: Archery, Traditional Plants
- Alicia Yellowowl: Science Poster/Presentation
- Trayace Yellowowl: Critical Inquiry, Mr. & Ms. AIHEC, Research Poster

Next Steps

- · Decide which competition you're interested in
- Stop by the Student Success Office or email to get a coach assigned

All travel, lodging, and meals are covered by the college – so all you need to bring is your talent, enthusiasm, and dedication!

For more information: Contact Elaine Littleplume at 406-338-5441 ext. 2262 or email elaine.lp@bfcc.edu.

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HALLOWEEN COMES TO LIFE IN THE BFCC NURSING SIM LAB

Here at our college our Nursing Program is proud to offer students state-of-the-art simulation experiences that prepare them for real-world healthcare situations. Each year, the Nursing Program hosts a Halloween SIM Lab, giving students a unique opportunity to combine learning with creativity, problemsolving, and teamwork.

This year, the SIM Lab transformed into Derry Memorial Hospital, inspired by a Stephen King theme. Nursing students worked hands-on to care for patients such as Carrie, Paul Sheldon, and Donna Trenton, treating wounds and managing emergency situations in a realistic, immersive environment. These simulations allow students to apply critical thinking and technical skills in a safe, controlled setting while experiencing the fast-paced environment of an emergency room.

Last year's Halloween SIM Lab brought the Wizard of Oz to life, showing the program's dedication to creativity, engagement, and innovative approaches to learning. Each themed event gives students the chance to practice clinical skills, improve teamwork, and gain confidence in patient care — all while having fun and learning in a memorable way.

The BFCC Nursing Program is committed to providing highquality, hands-on experiences using modern simulation equipment and expert faculty guidance. These immersive labs ensure that our students are prepared for success in real healthcare settings.

To learn more about our Nursing Program and opportunities like the Halloween SIM Lab, contact Melissa Gordon, Clinical and Simulation Lab Coordinator 406-338-5411 ext. 2918 mgordon@bfcc.edu









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A SPOOKY CELEBRATION: HONORING ELDERS AND BUILDING COMMUNITY

Our Elder Lunch Event at the Eagle Shields Center on October 22nd was a memorable afternoon filled with laughter, community, and connection. We were thrilled to see strong participation from both students and elders, making this event truly special.

A huge thank you to the students who helped make this event a success: Craig Reece, Aliyah Weatherwax, Cody Monroe, and Ramona Kipling, who assisted Laura Gervais and Kim Deroche from the Knowledge Carriers Lodge, as well as Tana Fleury from the Blackfeet Domestic Violence Program and Laura Kipp from the Eagle Shields Center. Your energy, dedication, and kindness helped create a welcoming and fun atmosphere for everyone.

The afternoon began with a delicious lunch and continued with a variety of engaging and lively activities. Elders and students alike participated in costume contests, awarding prizes for best male and female costume, best witch cackle, and best wolf howl. Other highlights included musical cups, wizard balloon volleyball, storytelling, and door prizes, with special incentives for those who embraced the Halloween spirit with their costumes. The room was filled with laughter, excitement, and a shared sense of community — a true celebration of connection between generations.

Looking ahead, the next Elder Lunch Event will be held on November 19, 2025, at the Eagle Shields Center, with lunch beginning at noon. Following lunch, attendees will enjoy rounds of Stick Game, continuing the tradition of fun, games, and cultural connection.

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We warmly invite all elders and knowledge carriers to join us at future events. If you have ideas or suggestions to make these gatherings even more meaningful and enjoyable, please contact Kim Deroche at 23kimberly.j@bfcc.edu — your input helps us create the best experience possible for our elders.





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IMPORTANT DATES

- NOVEMBER 4:
 - FINANCIAL LITERACY 2:00PM 4:00PM STUDENT COMMONS
 - BOOK CLUB 4:00PM-6:00PM MEDICINE SPRING LIBRARY
 - BLACKFOOT CONFEDERACY INITIATIVE INFORMATION
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- NOVEMBER 5: BFCC CLOSED ELOUISE COBELL DAY
- NOVEMBER 11: BFCC CLOSED WARRIOR'S DAY
- NOVEMBER 14: BEESWAX PAPER MAKING 9:00AM 3:00PM
 - MEDICINE SPRING LIBRARY
- NOVEMBER 18: GENEALOGY WORKSHOP 2:00PM 4:00PM STUDENT LEARNING CENTER
- NOVEMBER 19: ELDER LUNCH 12:00PM 2:00PM EAGLE SHIELDS CENTER
- NOVEMBER 20: BRIGHT SKY EVENT 5:00PM 8:00PM -STUDENT COMMONS
- NOVEMBER 24 28: BFCC CLOSED THANKSGIVING BREAK

STAFF UPDATES AND WELCOMES

Please join us in welcoming several of our colleagues into their new roles at Blackfeet Community College!

- Gaylene Ducharme has accepted the position of Institutional Researcher. Gaylene has served as the Financial Aid Director for the past 21 years, dedicating her time to assisting and supporting our students. We are excited to see her continue making an impact in this new capacity.
- Angel Little Plume is now serving as the Piikani Studies Division Chair. Angel has been with the college for over three years, contributing to both the Piikani Studies program and the Finance Department. Congratulations to Angel on this welldeserved advancement!
- Daisy Gilham has been appointed as the Grants Director. Daisy
 has been with the college for 10 years, serving in a variety of
 roles, most recently as the Human Resources Director. We are
 grateful for her continued commitment and leadership.
- Danae Yellow Kidney has joined our team as a Research Laboratory Technician. Danae has been a student within our institution and now begins her professional journey with us. We are happy to welcome her to the team!

Current Job Openings

We are also seeking candidates for the following positions:

- Accounts Payable Accountant
- Meat Processing Instructor
- (YES) Grant Coordinator

Please share these opportunities with anyone who may be interested in joining the BFCC team! Visit www.bfcc.edu/Human-Resource to view our openings anytime!

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JOIN THE PIIKANI CULTURE CLUB: LEARN IT. LIVE IT. PASS IT ON

Oki Niitsitapi Students! Blackfeet Community College invites you to join the Piikani Culture Club, where tradition meets connection and learning. The club hosted its first meeting on Tuesday, October 28, bringing together students eager to explore their roots and celebrate Piikani identity.

Through the Piikani Culture Club, students can:

- Visit cultural and historical sites on field trips
- Learn traditional arts, crafts, language, songs, and hand games
- Engage in teachings from Elders and Knowledge Keepers
- Build friendships and confidence in who they are as Piikani people

Everyone is welcome – All Nations, All Levels. Whether you're learning for the first time or continuing your cultural journey, there's a place for you here.

Members also have the chance to represent BFCC at AIHEC in cultural and academic competitions such as:

- Critical Inquiry Present Indigenous knowledge and research your way
- Research Posters Share your project or idea visually with the AIHEC community
- Mr. & Ms. AIHEC Celebrate leadership, culture, and community pride

→ Will you be the next Mr. or Ms. AIHEC? →

Meetings are held in Beaver Painted Lodge, Room 136. For more information or to sign up, visit the Piikani Studies Department or contact:

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Let's learn, create, and represent together!





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JOIN MEDIA CLUB: CREATE, COLLABORATE, AND BE HEARD!

Do you love being behind the camera — or in front of it? Whether your passion is podcasting, modeling, acting, costume design, journalism, photography, or digital storytelling, the BFCC Media Club has a place for you!

The club meets Fridays at 11:00 AM in the Medicine Spring Library, and everyone is welcome to join. Members work together on creative projects that bring the BFCC story to life — from filming campus events and creating digital content to exploring new ideas in art, design, and media production. You don't have to attend every meeting to get involved — jump in anytime! The Media Club offers flexible opportunities to build your portfolio, gain hands-on experience, and collaborate with other creative minds across campus.

For more information or to learn how to get started, contact Paula Bremner at pbremner@bfcc.edu.

Bring your ideas, your talent, and your voice — and help us tell the BFCC story in bold new ways!

STUDENT SERVICES HOSTS FALL WORKSHOP SERIES – OPEN TO ALL!

Blackfeet Community College's Student Services Department is proud to host a continuing series of workshops open to students and community members alike. These sessions are designed to help you grow your skills, prepare for your next steps, and connect with new opportunities.

This past month, participants attended two successful workshops. The Scholarship Workshop, led by Gaylene DuCharme and Desiree Schildt, guided attendees through the process of finding and applying for scholarships, completing higher education applications, exploring housing options for transfer students, navigating FAFSA, and preparing for graduation and transfer. In addition, Jordan Morris hosted an engaging Cricut Workshop, where participants learned the basics of creating custom projects using Cricut machines — a perfect blend of creativity and hands-on learning!

The excitement continues this November with more great workshops ahead:

- Financial Literacy Workshop November 4, 2025
- Scholarship Workshop November 4, 2025
- Genealogy Workshop November 18
- Moccasin Making Workshop November 25, 2025

Whether you're planning your future, exploring your heritage, or learning new skills, there's something for everyone.

For more information about upcoming workshops, contact Elaine Little Plume, Student Success Director, at elittleplume@bfcc.edu or visit the Student Success Office.