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CULTURAL EVENTS STILL A PRIORITY AT SUNTEP PA By Ashley Grimard, SUNTEP Prince Albert Faculty

What a whirlwind of a year it has been at the Saskatchewan Urban Native Teacher Education Program (SUNTEP) Prince Albert Campus.

We started the year off with hybrid learning, meaning students participated in classes through a combination of in-person and online experiences. As COVID-19 cases in Saskatchewan continued to rise, the learning plan was re-evaluated, and students became full-time virtual learners. The year went by very quickly, filled with online learning and many cultural events. The online cultural events included learning about tobacco ties, smudging, bannock making, and various teachings from local Elder Liz Settee and Knowledge Keeper Michael Relland.

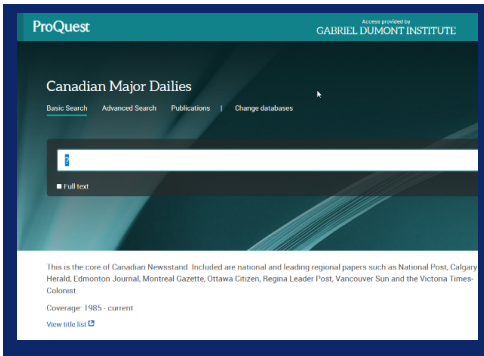
Recently, SUNTEP Prince Albert hosted their very first hybrid Spring Culture Camp.

The camp began with a virtual opening ceremony and then continued over the afternoons of June 1 and 2.

Over the two days, a variety of cultural experiences and activities welcomed the participation of students. Elder Liz Settee offered a walk with an Elder through Kristi Lake, where she identified various medicinal plants, and a trip to Prince Albert's Oasis Garden, where various ceremonial herbs and plants are growing. Nola Halabiski, SUNTEP Alumni, offered Indigenous Yoga at Little Red River Park. During this activity, students learned about the holistic nature Yoga has in relation to First Nations, Inuit, and Métis culture...

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LIBRARY DATABASE: CANADIAN MAJOR DAILIES

By GDI Library Staff

In the May *Communicator*, we profiled PressReader in our ongoing series about the digital library content available to Institute staff, students, and clients from any internet-connected device; this month we'll highlight Canadian Major Dailies as a useful companion to PressReader.

While retrospective coverage varies by publication, it dates back to at least 2000 for all of the newspapers included in the database, and to 1977 for The Globe and Mail.

In addition to the news and editorial content you'd expect, newspapers can also be a rich source of genealogical information, including obituaries (close to 90,000 from across Canada are available in *Canadian Major Dailies*) as well as local interest articles about family members who may have been in the news.

There are several ways to access this content from the office or while connected to an Institute VPN from home.

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Gabriel Dumont Institute Press is proud to continue their How-To series on Métis material culture with these two new resources!

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SUCCESS STORY SPOTLIGHT



Photo submitted by: Travis Welsh-Huppie

Travis became a Gabriel Dumont Institute (GDI) Training & Employment client in 2021 for support as he transitions through the levels of apprenticeship. As part of the Indigenous Apprenticeship Program, Travis worked with Employment Counsellor Randi Ross to complete his last level of apprenticeship as an electrical apprentice. On February 26, 2021, Travis became a Journeyman Red Seal Electrician. His future goals in the industry are to get his contractor license and start his own company.

"I am eternally grateful for the support of GDI. The journey felt a lot easier knowing I had them behind me."

TRAVIS WELSH-HUPPIE





Dr. Melanie Brice
Photo by Sweetmoon Photography & retrieved from www2.uregina.ca

DR. MELANIE BRICE APPOINTED UOFR GABRIEL DUMONT RESEARCH CHAIR

By Desirae Barker

The Faculty of Education at the University of Regina announced on June 9, 2021, that Dr. Melanie Brice has been appointed to the inaugural Gabriel Dumont Chair in Métis/Michif Education for a five-year term.

This new Research Chair position is part of a successful partnership between the Gabriel Dumont Institute (GDI) and the University of Regina Faculty of Education. “For over four decades, GDI and the University of Regina Faculty of Education have partnered on many outstanding Métis-specific undergraduate and graduate programs,” said Viola Bell, GDI Board of Governors Vice-Chair. “It is from these unique teaching partnerships that the success for the Gabriel Dumont Chair in Métis/Michif Education will be grounded.”

Dr. Jerome Cranston, Dean of the Faculty of Education at the University of Regina states, “The faculty continues to demonstrate a concerted and sustained commitment to teaching and research that is engaging faculty, students, and other education stakeholders in gaining a deeper understanding of our shared histories and a reconciliatory approach to a more just future.”

Dr. Brice is Michif/Métis born in Meadow Lake and has a strong understanding of Indigenous histories, cultures, languages and literacies, perspectives, educational experiences, and cross-cultural education issues.

Since 2018, Dr. Brice has been working with the University of Regina Faculty of Education as an Assistant

Professor in Indigenous Education, Language & Literacy Education, and Educational Core Studies.

Dr. Brice will focus on research, learning, knowledge-keeping, language and cultural revitalization, reconciliation, and inclusion with and by the Métis through formal education systems.

According to the Statistics Canada 2016 census, with a rising population of 51.2%, the Métis were the fastest growing population in Canada between 2006 and 2016. However, less than two percent of Métis people speak the Michif language, making the Michif language one of the most vulnerable Indigenous languages in Canada.

The Chair position will increase the teaching capacity in Métis/Michif education at the University of Regina and enhance academic engagement with GDI’s Saskatchewan Urban Native Teacher Education Program (SUNTEP).

“We are pleased with the appointment of Dr. Melanie Brice. This Chair position is fundamental not only for Métis scholars and students but for the entire community as we work towards preserving the Michif language and Métis culture through education,” said Lisa Bird-Wilson, GDI Executive Director.

Dr. Brice will begin her term as Research Chair of Métis/Michif Education at the University of Regina this month. 🌐

GDI NEWS

PaNOW featured Leah Dorion and her children’s book *Métis Camp Circle* published by GDI Press

Visit here for the article:
<https://bit.ly/3hhVRoX>

Arnolda Dufour Bowes, author of the newly released GDI Press title *20.12 m: A Short Story Collection of a Life Lived as a Road Allowance Métis*, was featured on CTV Saskatoon’s News at Noon with Jeff Rogstad.

Visit here for the video:
<https://bit.ly/3A58qfI>

Visit www.gdins.org/news for all the latest news about the Gabriel Dumont Institute!





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They also learned about the benefits of incorporating Indigenous Yoga as educators in their future classrooms.

Leah Dorion, our very well-known and sought-after sessional instructor, introduced Ribbon Skirt Teachings to a group of online participants. She discussed how such teachings can be easily incorporated into their classrooms, which sparked an idea for the SUNTEP Culture Committee and the Student Representative Council (SRC) to host a future Ribbon Skirt/Shirt-making event. Lastly, we had GDI's very own Nicole DeGagne

teach students the peyote stitch in beading. Students were gifted with the teaching that every bead holds a grandmother's prayer and were all able to start their own lanyard project. The second afternoon ended with a virtual closing circle where students shared their learnings and highlights from the camp.

With the excitement over the success of the virtual Cultural Events and the hybrid Cultural Camp still evident, the staff is looking forward to the September Fall Camp, where the hope is for a completely in-person event! 🌐

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Because most (but not all) Canadian Major Dailies content is indexed in the GDI Library catalogue, you can simply enter a few keywords in Quick Find (the library catalogue) and available content from Canadian Major Dailies will appear in your search results.

If you're trying to access this content from home without benefit of a VPN, you'll have to authenticate with your GDI library card – please contact staff to apply for a card if you haven't already got one, or if you have questions or difficulty accessing *Canadian Major Dailies* or any of the licensed digital content available through the GDI Libraries' catalogue.

Alternately, if you want to search only a specific newspaper, or if you want to use advanced searching from within the database itself to find some of the more elusive content (this is the recommended method for finding obituaries), simply use the A-Z Database tab in Quick Find and select *Canadian Major Dailies* from the list.

To contact GDI library staff visit www.gdins.org/student-services/library/contact. This webpage has a listing of Library contacts and a link to the Library Chat. 🌐



PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

Métis Nation Post-Secondary COVID-19 Relief Program still accepting applications.
www.gdins.org/covid-19

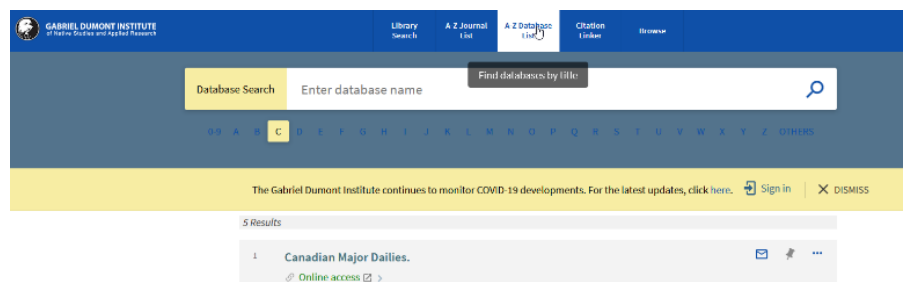


Check out new DTI Programs announced!
www.gdins.org/programs

Upcoming Application Deadlines

Continuing Care Assistant Program - Regina **JUL 15**

Adult Basic Education Saskatoon Level 3 and Level 4 **AUG 20**





COVID-19 UPDATE - PANDEMIC PLAN

By Desirae Barker

On June 16, 2021, the Gabriel Dumont Institute (GDI) released an updated version of the COVID-19 Pandemic plan for the Institute.

The document includes information regarding ongoing public health measures in accordance with phase three of the Re-Open Saskatchewan Plan, fall 2021 program delivery, fall 2021 staffing, and additional site-specific protocols.

The updated plan can be viewed in the June 16, 2021 update on our COVID-19 page at www.gdins.org/COVID-19 or via the NEWS section of the website.

As we continue the battle with the COVID-19 pandemic, GDI's top concern remains the health and well-being of our students, faculty, and staff. We must continue to follow all mandatory public health orders and occupational health and safety guidelines. We strongly encourage all GDI staff and students to get their COVID-19 vaccination as soon as they are eligible as the vaccination targets set by the Province are critical to the Re-Open Saskatchewan Plan.

For the latest updates regarding COVID-19 please visit <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/COVID19-Latest-Updates>.

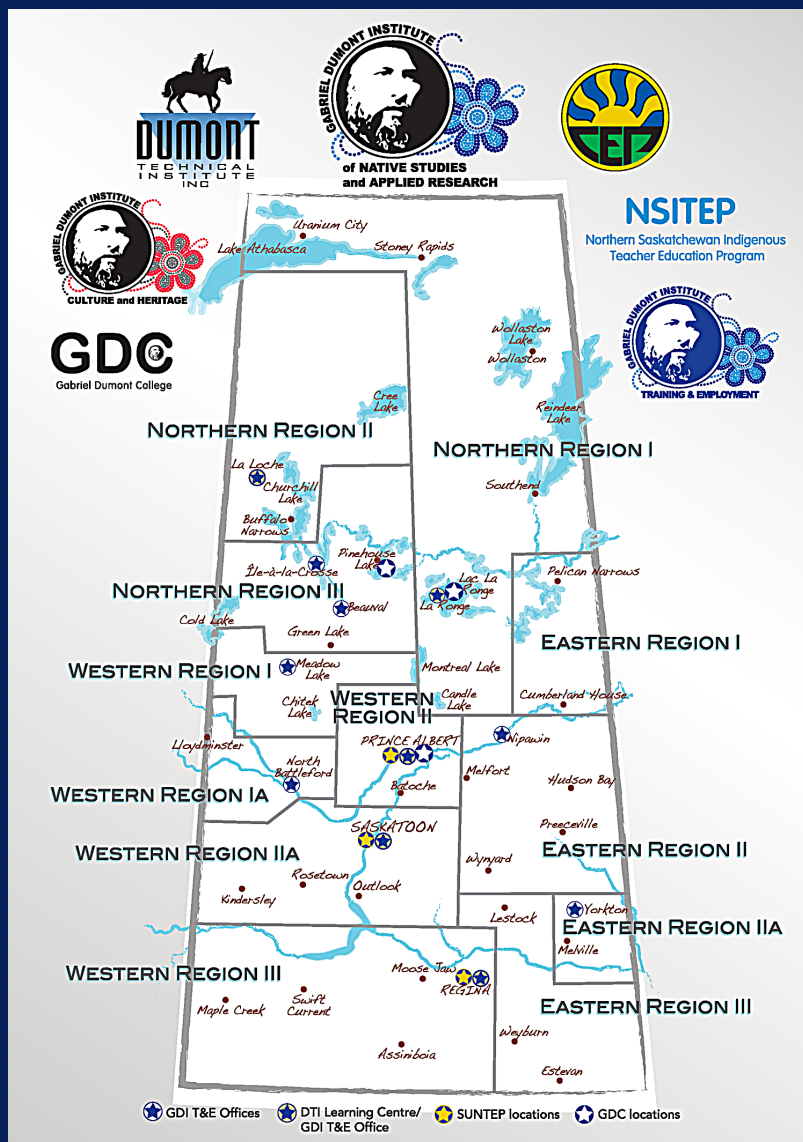
JULY 2021 FINANCE & PAYROLL CUTOFF CALENDAR

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	Finance Cutoff @ 4:30 for July 16 Student Payroll			Accounts Payable Cheque/EFT Run	Cutoff @ 4:30 for A/P Invs - Timesheets & Payroll Revisions for July 15 Payday	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
		Cutoff @ 3 pm for Stop Payments on Student July 16 Direct Deposits		Staff Payday Accounts Payable Cheque/EFT Run	Student Payday Cutoff @ 4:30 for Accounts Payable Invoices	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Finance Cutoff @ 4:30 for July 30 Student Payroll			Accounts Payable Cheque/EFT Run	Cutoff @ 4:30 for Accounts Payable Invoices	
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	Cutoff @ 4:30 for Timesheet & Payroll Revisions for July 30 Payday	Cutoff @ 3 pm for Stop Payments on Student July 30 Direct Deposits		Accounts Payable Cheque/EFT Run	Staff Payday Cutoff @ 4:30 for Accounts Payable Invoices Student Payday	

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