SFUs Indigenous Student Centre (ISC) Newsletter
January 8th 2016

For more events see our “Calendar-of-events” page: https://www.sfu.ca/students/indigenous/services/ISC-Calendar.html

Thumbs Up! Thank you to Treena Chambers and Summer Warrior who both helped with drumming and welcoming of international students from Grenoble, France on Monday January 4, 2016. The students enjoyed and appreciated it!

Events at ISC

SFU Financial Aid Advisor at ISC every Monday 11 am to 1pm, Questions about your financial aid? An advisor will be at ISC to see students on a drop-in basis!

Meet & Greet with Nancy Boehmer, SFU Health & Counselling Services
Monday, January 11, 10 am – 11:30 am, Nancy will be at ISC during the spring term to see ISC students as needed!

Laughter Yoga Workshop with Lehoa Mak in ISC Elder’s Room
Thursday, January 14, 1:30 pm – 2:20 pm, "Learn an interesting and fun way to de-stress with Laughter Yoga in the ISC Elder’s Room." http://at.sfu.ca/syDKgo

Information if you are new in January term 2016

ISC Peer Cousins Program 2016: Sign up for an ISC Peer Cousin who can help you transition to the new environment at post-secondary school. Once signed-up you will be paired with an ISC Peer Cousin Mentor. This is not mandatory but suggested, and if anything you will make a new friend for your first few weeks on campus: https://www.sfu.ca/students/indigenous/PeerCousins.html

Opting-out of SFU Health and Dental: If you are new in January 2016 & you have an alternate Health & Dental plan you can opt-out starting on January 4-19, 2016 - please drop by the ISC at your convenience to opt out or visit: http://at.sfu.ca/fZXUYq

Release of student's private information to band sponsors/parents or guardians:
Authorization by students must be given to allow 3rd party workers like band education coordinators, who are requesting information on your behalf. To set up this service indicator you can visit the front counter at MBC or ISC and ask for directions on setting up the indicator, or:
1. You can also log into Student Information System (SIS) and set this up on your own: Log into SIS: http://go.sfu.ca/
2. Look under “Personal Information” tab
3. Click on "information release/privacy"
4. Click “Add Information Privacy Indicators”-Select Service Indicator Cd F01
5. Set-up one for each authorized person from your band and/or Métis organization (this may include a parent and/or guardian)
Information regarding Compass cards and U-Pass

Compass cards and U-Pass: New students will need to buy a Compass Card at a Sky-train Station or participating London Drugs (see link). Every month, students will need to “request their U-Pass” as per SFU’s U-Pass site: https://www.sfu.ca/students/upass.html

Indigenous student lead initiative to get in shape

Aboriginal Run-Walk Program 2016: Registration Open Now for an amazing 13 week program that can help you achieve your 2016 health goals and also work towards the Vancouver Sun Run. Training begins January 16, 2016 at SFU Track & Fitness area. Need more details? Contact: Annalynn, amp22@sfu.ca or Laurin, laurins@sfu.ca

Financial Aid Opportunities

YVR Art Foundation Youth Scholarships 2016: the YVR Art Foundation offers art scholarships annually to BC and Yukon First Nations youth (age 16-26) who wish to develop their artistic potential. The scholarship award enables artists to study at a formal art institution or work with a mentor. The scholarship recipients are selected through a juried process and each award is for $5,000. http://yvraf.com/programs/yvr-youth-scholarships Deadline, January 29, 2016

Irving K. Barber BC Scholarship Society 2016: The application period is now open. The deadline for applications to be submitted is April 1, 2016. Please note that applications for new awards must be completed online: http://www.ikbbc.ca/web/aboriginal/apply

GE Foundation Scholar-Leaders Program 2016: financial support and skills development opportunities for accomplished first-year undergraduate students from recognized institutions that are aboriginal and pursuing degrees in the fields of engineering or business/management or computer science. You may obtain up to $3000.00 Deadline March 15 2016: http://scholarshipandmore.org/canada/program-details/

Deadlines looming!

SFU Financial Aid and Awards- Bursary Only Application & SFU Undergraduate Private/Endowed Scholarship and Award Application Deadline, Friday, January 15 2016: Please see this link for more details: http://www.sfu.ca/students/financialaid

Spring 2016 term deadlines: Monday January 11, 2016 is the last day to add classes, swap classes, change tutorials using the Student Information System: http://www.sfu.ca/students/deadlines/spring2016.html

Tuzz is emailed to students, staff and friends associated with Indigenous Student Centre as part of our support for students. If you have resources to share with the wider community and you would like us to post it in Tuzz, please visit this link: https://www.sfu.ca/students/indigenous/services/tuzz.html. You may also visit our website and calendar for more events. ISC is also on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/SFU.ISC or, Twitter: @ISCSFU