



“The Feather”, our AbEd memo, keeps you up-to-date on events and news related to our department. Submissions are accepted (hummel_lisa@surreyschools.ca) up to noon on the previous Friday.

Interim Aboriginal University Preparation Program

The SFU Aboriginal University Preparation Program (IAUPP) is accepting applications for Fall 2019.

SFU's IAUPP helps students pave the way for a successful transition to undergraduate studies. Our program offers first-year academic credit courses that integrate humanities and social sciences with Indigenous perspectives.

Students will gain:

- A solid foundation of academic and personal success
- Support from tutors, academic advisors and program staff
- Academic units towards their undergraduate degree
- Admission to SFU and a paid internship program

Please share the [poster](#) with all your contacts. Encourage members to write their [applications](#) as soon as possible.

Interested applicants can consult the website for additional information where you can also fill out an on-line application at <http://www.sfu.ca/iaupp>

**Indigenous Strand of Convention for Enhancement Workers
(registration fee covered)**

On Friday, May 3rd, STA's Indigenous Education Committee will be hosting its Indigenous Strand of Convention, which is a pro-d day of Indigenous everything... food, teachings, hands-on workshops, speakers, dancers, drummers, vendors, etc. Registration for this cultural experience is now open.

If you are wanting to learn about BC's Indigenous Peoples, histories, cultures, etc., plan to attend our Indigenous, pro-d day event (read cultural experience) taking place down in beautiful, sunny White Rock, on Friday, May 3rd, at Earl Marriott Secondary. All educators welcome. Registration fees for out-of-district teachers is \$100.00 and for CUPE Enhancement Workers \$25.00 (registration includes lunch). Lyn Daniels has agreed to reimburse all CUPE Enhancement Workers for their \$25.00 registration fee.

For our keynote, we have UBC professor, Dr. Bruce Miller, one of Canada's most respected experts on the Coast Salish, who is often called upon by Canada's legal system to give expert testimony.

Like other years, we'll have hands-on, experiential workshops, such as Salish weaving, drum-making, pony bead headdress, and Indigenous fine beading. We also have sessions on reconciliation, First Nations 101, powwow dancing, residential schools, history of the Semiahmoo First Nation, etc. Additionally, we have 4 published authors confirmed to facilitate sessions that will interest teachers of all levels (primary to secondary). Heads up -- our hands-on, experiential sessions (drum making, Salish weaving, beading, etc.) sell out fast as registration is limited.

For anyone looking to learn more about Aboriginal worldviews & perspectives, histories, cultures, issues, etc., this is the pro-d day experience you will want to attend. Registration for our big day (Friday, May 3rd) is open and sessions are filling up fast, so be sure to register ASAP. Any questions, feel free to email me at sousa_c@surreyschools.ca

First Annual Open Mic Concert - Saturday April 13th

Spread the word. A local Surrey Indigenous Rock Band... "Tribal X"... (with our own Kevin and Jon) is hosting their first annual Open Mic Concert at Centric Culinary (18394 Fraser Highway, Surrey) on Saturday April 13th. They are also looking to feature other Indigenous musicians, dancers and artists: singers, guitarists, rappers/spoken word, artists to showcase their art, dancers of all kinds (modern, traditional, jiggers, break dancers, etc.) If you like the Rock and Roll vibe, come out and rock on. (PS, it's also Jon Jenkins birthday party!) The venue is non-alcoholic so teens would also be welcome.

Drumming Workshop for ACYCW staff – May 6th and 7th

On May 6 and 7, the department is sponsoring a drumming workshop using the “Rhythm2Recovery” method, a culturally neutral approach to drumming that allows session leaders to build trust, and open communication with students. The cost of the 2-day workshop and lunches will be covered by the department. We have space for 24 participants, and we will be taking names of interested participants next week, so check your calendar! While the workshop is given using djembes, the strategies and techniques you will learn work with any drum form factor and are adaptable to a variety of drumming traditions. (You will be able to lead drumming circles even if you have no prior drumming experience.)

Introduction to Halkomelem

Please join us on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 to “Learn to pronounce the downriver dialect of Halkomelem”. IPA (the international phonetic alphabet) is the basis of the orthography of the local traditional language (hənqəmínəm) spoken along the Fraser River by the Katzie and others. Come and spend time with Susan Russell and Paula James to learn more about this orthography and unlock the modern spelling of this ancient language. Please register on the HUB in [Workshop Registration](#). Deadline: May 10th, 2019

STA’s Indigenous Strand Convention open to Enhancement Workers (registration fee covered) - Friday May 3rd

STA's Indigenous Education Committee is hosting its Indigenous Strand of Convention, a Pro-D day of Indigenous everything... food, teachings, hands-on workshops, speakers, dancers, drummers, vendors, etc. If you want to learn more about Aboriginal worldviews & perspectives, histories, cultures, issues, etc., this is the pro-d day for you. Registration for this cultural experience is now open. (AbEd will reimburse all CUPE Enhancement Workers their \$25.00 registration fee.) The keynote is UBC professor Dr. Bruce Miller.

For further information see the [poster](#) or email Carolyn at sousa_c@surreyschools.ca

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