

# The Office of Aboriginal Education & First Nations Student Services “Moccasin Memo” September 2009



First Nations Student Services and the Office of Aboriginal Education would like to take this opportunity to welcome new and returning students to Vancouver Island University.

## First Nations Student Services

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### **Good Food Box (Fruit & Vegetables)**

This program is offered through VIU Student Union and run by Nanaimo Foodshare. The goal of the GFB is to stretch your food dollar further and provide everyone the opportunity to have fresh, healthy produce.

Once a month for \$11 (\$10 for the food box and \$1 for delivery) you can purchase a box of fresh produce delivered right to the campus for you to pick up. You need to pay for your GFB at the Student Union on the first Tuesday of every month and pick up is the following Wednesday after 2:00 pm at the Cedar Activity Centre at the VIU Residences. For questions please email [green@viusu.ca](mailto:green@viusu.ca)

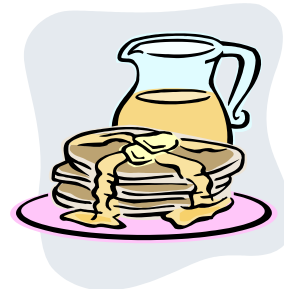


### VIU Student Union Annual Pancake Breakfast

Friday, September 18th: 8:00 to 11:00 a.m.

No Charge

Royal Bank Plaza—exterior Bldg. 200 (Student Services)



### **IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

**September 8, 2009 (Tuesday)** First day of Fall classes for Career and Academic Preparation.

**September 15th, 2009 (Tuesday)** Last day of active wait-list. After this date courses may be dropped over the web or in person, and may only be added in person using the Request For Late Course Registration form.

**September 21, 2009 (Monday)** Last day to add/drop a course before Fall tuition is calculated.

**September 22, 2009 (Tuesday)** Tuition calculated. Students in University and Career/Technical programs will be billed for all courses enrolled in as of this date.

**October 1st, 2009 (Thursday)** Last day to pay Fall semester tuition. Any tuition unpaid as of October 2, will be assessed a 10% late fee.

**October 2, 2009 (Friday)** Last day to apply to graduate with a Bachelor's degree in January 2010.

**October 9, 2009 (Friday)** Last day to apply for Student aid BC funding (student loan) for students attending Fall semester only.

**October 12, 2009 (Monday)** Thanksgiving Day: University Closed

## Fried Bread Wednesday

Please drop in to First Nations Student Services every Wednesday for Fried Bread compliments of Marie Scoretz. It's delicious, no charge and a great opportunity to meet other students. Bldg. 310, Room 101.



### **Student Free-Store (Presented by VIU Welcome Centre, VIUSU, Western Student Housing & Solutions: A Sustainability Network)**

Just moved in? Forgot tongs? Need some plates? Maybe a couch? How about a shirt or shorts? Pick up those missing items for FREE!

On *September 10th, 2009*, the Welcome Centre, outside the main cafeteria in Bldg. 300, is hosting a Student Free-Store, where students who have just moved into residence, or the area, can come get household items that they may have forgotten for free – yes,

## **Aboriginal Welcome Back Activities Everyone Welcome**

**(Hosted by First Nations Student Services &  
Office of Aboriginal Education)**

*Tuesday, September 15, 2009: 11:00 to 1:00*

**Snuneymuxw First Nation Welcome** : Kwasulwult Garden (beside Bldg. 355)

*Thursday, September 17, 2009: 11:00 to 1:00*

**Kwakwaka'wakw First Nation Welcome: Building 355, Room 211**

*Monday, September 21, 2009: 10:00 to 11:00*

Re-dedication to Kwasulwult Garden (beside Bldg. 355)

*Monday, September 21, 2009: 11:00 to 1:00*

**All Nations Welcome Back Feast**: Building 355, Room 211

Hosted by VIU First Nations Advisory Committee

*Thursday, September 24th, 2009 11:00 to 1:00*

**Snuneymuxw Territorial Protocol - An Introduction: Bldg. 355, Rm. 211**

VIU students and Young Elder in Residence, Geraldine Manson of the Snuneymuxw (Snoo - NAY - moe) First Nation invite faculty, staff, and students to learn the protocols of the Snuneymuxw First Nation. Nanaimo derives its name from the Original Peoples of this area who continue to be strong in their culture and wish to share some of their knowledge with the VIU community.

*Wednesday, September 30th, 2009 11:00 to 1:00*

**Métis Nation Welcome**: Location: TBA