



**Malaspina University-College  
First Nations Student Services Centre  
Nanaimo Campus  
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**GRAPHIC DESIGN CONTEST: \$400 PRIZE**

First Nations Student Services is having a contest for all Aboriginal students at Malaspina University-College at all campuses to provide a graphic design for the newly opened "Gathering Place" (Shq-apthut). For more information contact the First Nations Student Services Centre: (250) 740-6510 or e-mail: [fnss@mala.bc.ca](mailto:fnss@mala.bc.ca).

**Deadline for submissions: (New Date) February 25, 2005**

**Announcement: March 4, 2005**

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**Information Session: Pathways Program**

An information session on the new Pathways Program has been scheduled for:

**Date: Thursday, February 17, 2005**

**Time: 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm**

**Place: Royal Arbutus Room, Building 300 (cafeteria)**

For more information contact First Nations Student Services: (250) 740-6510, Cowichan Campus (250) 746-3535 or e-mail: [fnss@mala.bc.ca](mailto:fnss@mala.bc.ca).

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**Awards for Students Entering Trades Programs:**

Coast Salish Employment & Training Society has three \$2000 awards for Students Entering Trades Programs. Application forms are available at the First Nations Student Services Centre.

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**IMPORTANT DATES**

**University and Career / Technology Programs 2005**

**1 February (Tuesday):** Last day to pay Spring semester tuition. Tuition unpaid as of February 2 will be assessed a 10% late payment fee.

**21-25 February (Monday-Friday)** Study Days for University and Career/Technical Programs

**25 February (Friday)** Last day for academic penalty-free withdrawal from full-year courses.

**28 February (Monday)** Last day for academic penalty-free withdrawal from Spring semester course or program from credit to audit (or vice-versa) in University and Career/Tech. Programs.

**28 February (Monday)** Application deadline for Teacher Education, Nursing-Generic Baccalaureate degree, Child & Youth Care diploma and degree.

**28 February (Monday)** Application deadline for the Child & Youth Care First Nations diploma program.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

SUMMER SESSION: Current Students can apply for summer session **after** January 31, 2005 and a registration date will be issued based on date of application. New students must apply for admission to Summer Session in person or by mail. A registration date will be given based on date of application. For more information go on-line: [www.mala.ca/Timetable/SummerSession.asp](http://www.mala.ca/Timetable/SummerSession.asp) or [www.mala.ca/ccs/summersessioninfo.htm](http://www.mala.ca/ccs/summersessioninfo.htm)



**Malaspina University-College Cowichan Campus presents: "Heart of the Matter Conference: Aboriginal Approaches to Working with Children, Youth, Families and Communities". February 10 & 11, 2005—Duncan, BC. For More information visit our website: [web.mala.bc.ca/cycfncon](http://web.mala.bc.ca/cycfncon)**

**Aboriginal Speaker Series—Cowichan Campus** will be held February 3, 2005 Building 601, Room 126. Speakers include: Jenny George of Cowichan Tribes who is a social worker for Cowichan Tribes' Lelumetal Smanam Child & Family Services; and Pat Thomas of Halalt First Nation, who is a social worker with Kwumut Lelum Child & Family Services. Both guests will share their educational and professional experiences working with children, youth and families. Refreshments will be available.

**"MBA & Business Career & Industry Showcase"** Tuesday, February 8, 2005; Building 255 Room 170, 10:00 am. Students will have the opportunity to meet with local, regional & international employers to identify career directions, discover what employers look for in an applicant, and find out what opportunities exist in the 'real world'.

Kelly Johnsen (NTC) will be at Malaspina (Nanaimo) February 15 & 16, 2005 in the FNSS office.

Malaspina Students Union (MSU) is gearing up for spring elections for portfolio and at-large members of the Board. The portfolios include: Chairperson, Director of Internal Relations, Director of External Relations, Director of Services, Aboriginal Representative, Women's Representative and Director-at-Large positions. If interested, please contact MSU for further details. It is very important that the Board continues to have Aboriginal Representation.

### **Schedule of Elections**

**Nomination Period: February 11—18, 2005**

**Campaigning Period: February 21—March 7, 2005**

**Polling Period: March 8—10, 2005**

### **Attention: All FN Students & Friends**

**The First Nations Studies Department is hosting The Spring Feast (potluck style):**

**DATE: Thursday, February 17, 2005**

**TIME: 11:00 am—2:00 pm**

**LOCATION: Building 355, Student Lounge**

**Activities will include loonie toonie draws, Entertainment and much much more.**



"Then give to the world the best you have, and the best will come back to you."

— Madeline Bridges, poet



