



Vancouver Island University  
First Nations Student Services Centre  
Nanaimo Campus  
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**The Office of Aboriginal Education along with First Nations Student Services would like to remind everyone of their soup and bannock days with funds going towards the Gathering Place. February's dates are the 10th and 24th, place is the Royal Arbutus Room, cost \$5.00 and time 11:30 - 1:00 pm**

**VICTORIA'S 1ST ANNUAL  
STOLEN SISTERS MEMORIAL MARCH  
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH 2009**

**HONOURING THE MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN FROM  
VANCOUVER ISLAND AND ACROSS CANADA**

**FREE BUS TRAVEL FOR VIU STUDENTS WHO ARE ATTENDING THE EVENT  
A SIGN UP SHEET IS AVAILABLE AT THE STUDENTS UNION OFFICE IN  
BUILDING 193. FOR MORE INFO CONTACT:**

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Vancouver Island University Students' Union: 250-754-8866**

**SUMMER SESSION 2009**

**May 4—August 7**

NOTE: Registration/Payment procedures differ from Fall/Spring Semester start dates are scheduled in three timeframes:

- \* **May 4 to June 19 (7 weeks)**
- \* **June 22 to August 7 (7 weeks)**
- \* **May 4 to August 7 (14 weeks)**

Watch the website at: <http://www.viu.ca/Timetable/SummerSession.asp> for the most current listing of this summer's offerings. Information on Summer Session can also be found on our website at: <http://www.viu.ca/summersession> Due to the intensity of the 7-week courses, students can only register in a maximum of three courses per semester.

# ABORIGINAL SPEAKER SERIES

Wednesday, February 11, 2009, 11:30 to 1:00

Location: Building 250, Room 308

## Meaningful Trades Training

The Vancouver Island University Aboriginal Construction Program will be offered starting in April 2009. This new program provides Aboriginal students a supportive environment in which to gain skills and knowledge of the construction industry with the added benefit of learning coastal First Nations construction history and methods. Developed in consultation with the coastal First Nations communities and taught by Elders, artists and trades-people, this program is designed for Aboriginal learners with components that include recognition of cultural issues regarding education and traditional construction, as well as skills development in areas such as math and communications. The April/09 Aboriginal Construction Program cohort will be constructing the VIU Aboriginal Gathering Place building on the VIU Nanaimo Campus, presenting a unique opportunity for students to build relationships and gain Industry Training Authority Level 1 Carpentry certification.

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### IMPORTANT DATES

University and Career/Technical Programs:

**2 February (Monday):** Last day to pay Spring semester tuition. Tuition unpaid as of February 3 will be assessed a 10% late payment fee.

**6 February (Friday):** Last day to apply to graduate with a Bachelor's degree in Spring 2009.

**13 February (Friday):** Last day to apply for BC Student Assistance (student loan) for students with April end date for the current academic year.

**23—27 February (Mon-Fri):** Study Days for University and Career/Technical Programs.

**27 February (Friday):** Last day for academic penalty-free withdrawal from a Spring Semester course or program or to change from credit to audit (or vice-versa) in University and Career/Technical Programs.

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

**27 February (Friday):** Application deadline for the following programs: Teacher Education, Nursing -Generic Baccalaureate degree, Child & Youth Care diploma and degree.

**27 February (Friday):** Last day for overdue tuition for Spring Semester to be paid to avoid withdrawal from Spring Semester courses.

## INCLUSION WORKS '09

**YOU COULD BE ONE OF 200 TOP PROSPECTS FLYING TO VANCOUVER TO ATTEND THIS EXCITING EVENT (ALL EXPENSES PAID!)**

**A DYNAMIC JOBFEST FOR CANADA'S ABORIGINAL STUDENTS AND GRADS**

**FINAL SELECTION FEBRUARY 27TH 2009**

**TO APPLY OR FIND OUT MORE, VISIT [aboriginalhr.ca](http://aboriginalhr.ca)  
OR CONTACT: [200grads@aboriginalhr.ca](mailto:200grads@aboriginalhr.ca)**

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