



Malaspina University-College
First Nations Student Services Centre
Nanaimo Campus
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**HUY CH Q'A
KWULASULWUT!**

Thank you Auntie Ellen!



Ellen White, Elder-in-residence for the Arts One First Nations Program will be leaving Malaspina after many years of working with the First Nations Studies Department. Auntie Ellen, as referred to by students, faculty and staff, began working at Malaspina in 1994. Although she will be missed, we are extremely thankful that we had the opportunity of having her working here at Malaspina with us. We would like to wish her good luck in her future endeavours. Huy ch q'a!



Important Dates

12 October (Friday): Last day to apply for BC Student Assistance (student loan) for students attending Fall semester only.

29 October (Monday): Last day for academic penalty-free withdrawal from a Fall Semester course or program or to change from credit to audit (or vice-versa) in University and Career/Technical Programs.

31 October (Wednesday): Last day for overdue tuition for Fall semester to be paid to avoid withdrawal from Fall and Spring semester courses.

In every aspect of our lives we are always asking ourselves, How am I of value? What is my worth? Yet I believe that worthiness is our birthright.

Oprah Winfrey





GENERAL INFORMATION

Email Distribution List

If you would like to be on a distribution list to be contacted by First Nations Student Services regarding upcoming events please email our office: fnss@mala.bc.ca or put your signature on our signup sheet which we keep at the front desk in our Centre.

Aboriginal Alumni

First Nations Student Services and the Alumni Relations Office are conducting a survey of Aboriginal graduates from Malaspina University-College.

To complete the survey visit us at: www.mala.ca/alumni/

Child Minding Facility on Campus

If students are interested in having an Elder-sponsored child-minding service available on Campus please contact Ian Caplette who is the Aboriginal Students' Representative: Phone: 754-8866 or email: abrep@msu.ca Providing there is enough interest shown we can look into this further.



Upcoming Events

**Fall 2007 Convocation ~ 2:00 pm, Friday, December 14, 2007,
The Port Theatre** **Link:** <http://www.mala.ca/convocation/index.asp>

We have 13 aboriginal students graduating: 3 Bachelor of Arts; 5 Bachelor of Education; 2 Bachelor of Science in Nursing and 1 Bachelor of Child & Youth Care

Deadlines:

- ⇒ If you expect credits from another institution to be used towards your degree, official transcripts must be received by your degree advisor **before October 12, 2007** for December 2007 Convocation and before May 9, 2008 for June 2008 Convocation.
- ⇒ **Thursday, October 11th** for Grad Photos

If you have any questions regarding Convocation, please contact Carrie Johns at (250)753-3245 ext. 2234, by fax at (250)740-6479, by e-mail at johnsc@mala.ca or in person in Building 200 Room 334G. If you have questions regarding your degree requirements, please contact your degree advisor. (Lynda Patterson, Local 2178, or, Robert Riggan, Local 2603)

HAPPY, SAFE HALLOWEEN !

