



Vancouver Island University  
First Nations Student Services Centre  
Nanaimo Campus  
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**University and Career/Technical Programs:**

- **1 October (Wednesday):** Last day to pay Fall semester tuition. Any tuition unpaid as of October 2, will be assessed a 10% late fee.
- **10 October (Friday):** Last day to apply for BC Student Assistance (student loan) for students attending Fall semester only.
- **13 October (Monday):** Thanksgiving Day; University closed.
- **27 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 (Friday):** Last day for overdue tuition for Fall semester to be paid to avoid withdrawal from Fall and Spring semester courses.

**Vocational/Trades Programs:**

- **10 October (Friday):** Last day to apply for BC Student Assistance (student loan) for students attending Fall semester only.
- **13 October (Monday):** Thanksgiving Day; University closed.

**Career and Academic Preparation Programs:**

- **13 October (Monday):** Thanksgiving Day; University closed.
- **31 October (Friday):** Last day for academic penalty-free withdrawal from Career and Academic Preparation Fall courses (Nanaimo).



**ELDER VISITS TO SHQ'APHTUT**

Métis Elder Margaret Sloan will be at Shq'apthut on Mondays from 10—3 to talk students  
Elder Geraldine Manson will be at Shq'apthut on Tuesdays and Thursdays  
Elder Delores Louie will be at Shq'apthut on Wednesday mornings from 9—12 noon

As these days and times are tentative it would be better for students wishing to speak with one of the Elders to call Karen Baxter at (250) 753-3245, local 2596, or email her at: [Karen.Baxter@viu.ca](mailto:Karen.Baxter@viu.ca) to set up an appointment.



*When I find myself fading, I close my eyes and realize my friends are my energy.*



Anon



## COASTAL VOICES has changed and has grown into an ALL NATIONS STUDENTS COUNCIL

Coastal Voices was a group of interested Indigenous students and their friends who gathered regularly last year for the purpose of sharing community and friendship with each other.

It was an inclusive group focused on what we could do to create events, share ideas and experiences, and focus on what we could do to enhance the University Indigenous community.

All these things, and more, are now being included in a vision which grew from those gatherings. An All Nations Students Council has been under development for almost a year and is the new vision of Coastal Voices. This is a Council which has room for people interested in events planning, media relations, politics, fundraising, sports, culture, and more.

If you wish to be a part of a large discussion about what the Indigenous community on campus is doing, then join the discussion. We are a group committed to advancing our Indigenous interests across this campus and we will be looking to hear from you.

If you want more information about this, drop me a line at:

Ian Caplette [abrep@viusu.ca]

and I will answer any questions you may have.

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### NEW INDIGENOUS MEN'S GROUP ON CAMPUS

**THERE IS A NEW INDIGENOUS MEN'S GROUP ON CAMPUS** A club has been formed by some Indigenous men on campus which is for Indigenous men who wish to be more active. Eli Buffalo is the organizer and the group gets together up to 3 times a week to take part in physical activities like sports and recreation and it is looking for new members. Come for a swim, hike, play some floor hockey or shoot some hoops. If you are interested or know someone who would be, contact Eli at [elijah\\_buffalo@hotmail.com](mailto:elijah_buffalo@hotmail.com)

**A WOMEN'S GROUP IS IN THE PROCESS OF STARTING UP** with the same focus as the men's indigenous group. For anyone interested in joining please contact: [rochellestarr49@hotmail.com](mailto:rochellestarr49@hotmail.com)

