Aanii! Waaciye!

Whether you can believe it or not, we are coming up to the one year anniversary of being in a global pandemic. It has changed the way we work, learn, communicate, gather; it has changed everything. One year ago I doubt any of us would have imagined this is what our lives would look like at this point in time. Life threw us a curveball (or about 100 of them), but we are still here. We all found a way to put one foot in front of the other and begin to build a new vision of our futures will look like.

It is amazing the difference a year can make, and we are excited to see where we all find ourselves one year from now. No matter where your new path leads you, remember the Indigenous Studies community and all of us here at ISSU are here to support you!
It's official folks! ISSU's annual Honouring Our Students Powwow will be held virtually this year on Saturday June 19th! Stay tuned for contests, raffle giveaways and other exciting news leading up to the date.

Be sure to follow us on Facebook and Instagram for more updates on contest dates, call for submissions, and featured guests! Spread the word to your freinds and family!

ATTENTION STUDENTS!

Please take a moment to complete our Indigenous Studies Student Survey to gauge Indigenous Studies Student's Experience here at the University of Toronto.

We would love to hear your feedback about how you feel about Indigenous Studies and how ISSU can improve your experience.

Click or copy the link here to take the survey! https://forms.gle/tg2CcxXkekngxHS5A

Entertainment Spotlight

Warrior Life Podcast
Dr. Pam Palmater, Mi’kmaw Citizen, widely celebrated lawyer and author shares her experience working for Indigenous justice in the legal world and beyond in The Warrior Life Podcast. The podcast focuses on providing concrete ways to decolonize the mind, body and spirit on a personal level as well as shedding light on National and International issues. Episodes feature Palmater herself and many incredible guest speakers on everything from Indigenous identity to food sovereignty.

Jonny Appleseed
By: Joshua Whitehead
Jonny Appleseed is a Two-spirit/Indigiqueer, Oji-Cree living from paycheck to paycheck on cybersex work in Winnipeg. When he gets news that he must make his way back to the rez to attend his stepfather’s funeral in a week the chaos of money challenges and complicated memories come into full force in his life. He must wade through vivid recollections of trauma and grief, as well as memories of the intense loving relationships between him and his Kokum, his childhood friend and mother. Joshua Whitehead’s unique and deeply touching new novel is absolutely enthralling.
Breaking Indigenous News
Canadian Medical Association elects first Indigenous president

Members selected Dr. Alika Lafontaine, an anesthesiologist in Grande Prairie, Alberta, as CMA president for 2022-23. He will serve as president-elect until August 2022, after which he will become the official CMA president, says a news release from the CMA. Lafontaine is from Treaty 4 Territory in southern Saskatchewan, and is of Cree, Anishinaabe, Metis and Pacific Islander ancestry. Lafontaine said he will focus on addressing issues of inequity during his tenure, and on establishing national licensing for physicians.”“Mobility, employability and collaboration should exist in a post-pandemic world, along with the decreased stress, burnout and improved wellness that will result,”

Meet Mykelle Pacquing
CIS Online Pedagogical Support Lead, University of Toronto

Mykelle is a Filipino-Canadian from Waatoopikonk (Etobicoke), with Tagalog and Ilocano ancestry. Mykelle was educated by his late father Ruben with bush education from the Aeta of Mariveles. In 2006 Mykelle began to learn Anishinaabemowin at U of T from the late Associate Professor Alex McKay from Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug First Nation. In 2014 Mykelle formally became Alex's teaching assistant, learning and applying the Anishinaabemowin teaching arts at his side and became a close family friend. Mykelle is supported by Alex's family to continue his teachings. Mykelle is a PhD student at Ryerson researching artificial intelligence applications for Anishinaabemowin, and is supporting CIS faculty and students in the transition to online teaching and learning.

His message to the students:
"A quote from the late Alex McKay that has helped me when life seems tough: 'If there is no way, make a way.'"
Hi! We are ISSU...

The Indigenous Studies Students' Union at the University of Toronto strives to provide a welcoming and inclusive space for people from all backgrounds, disciplines, and interests to come together and engage with Indigenous cultures and knowledges. We are always looking for new members so be sure to check out our Facebook page or email indigenousstudiessu.uoft@gmail.com!

Indigenous Creator

Beadz By Dre

Beadz By Dre is owned and operated by Andrea Johns, a former student of the University of Toronto, and Kanien'kehá:ka, Turtle Clan. She comes from a family of beaders, but herself has only been beading for about a year!

Andrea is an incredible artist based out of Toronto! She creates custom beadwork, jewellery and other art! She loves to work with her clients to create original statement pieces! All of her work is handmade with love!

Check out her Instagram to see all of the bright and beautiful pieces she has created, or visit her Etsy store to purchase some of the work she has available!

WEBSITE: www.etsy.ca/shop/BeadzByDre

INSTAGRAM: @beadz.by.dre

Indigenous Eats

Burger Barn

Opened in 2011, Burger Barn is a proud member of the Six Nations community, located 20 minutes from Brantford or Hamilton. Burger Barn is 100% Indigenous born and raised.

Known for their generous portions of comfort food with a special "Burger Barn" twist. They specialize in freshly ground AAA beef burger, alongside locally sourced ingredients. Take a look at their menu to see all their delicious offers, or join them for Indian Tacos on Traditional Tuesday.

Burger Barn just recently reopened for dine in service! Visit them at 3000 4th Line, Six Nations of the Grand River Territory, open 7 days a week, from 8am-9pm. Check out their Facebook and Instagram, as well as their website for lots of upcoming announcements!

WEBSITE: https://burgerbarn.ca/

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