

New Brunswick Indigenous Career College (NBICC)

Welcome Back – January 2026 Newsletter

Welcome Back to NBICC

Welcome back to a new year at New Brunswick Indigenous Career College (NBICC)! We are excited to begin 2026 together and reconnect after the holiday season. January brings renewed energy, fresh goals, and meaningful learning opportunities as our students, staff, and community partners continue to grow together.

As always, NBICC remains committed to Indigenous-led, community-based education that honours culture, lived experience, and holistic wellness. We are grateful to walk this journey alongside our students and communities and look forward to everything this year has in store.

Word of the Day – Language Revitalization in Action

This January, NBICC proudly began sharing a Wolastoqey and Mi'kmaq Word of the Day, created with the support and knowledge of our students and guided by resources from the Passamaquoddy Dictionary.

Language is deeply connected to identity, culture, and worldview. By incorporating Indigenous languages into our daily learning environment, we are taking meaningful steps toward language revitalization, cultural pride, and intergenerational knowledge sharing.

We are grateful to our students for their contributions and leadership in helping bring language into our classrooms and community spaces.

Word of the Day

Woliwon/Wela'lin/Wela'lloq (Wolastoqey / Mi'kmaq)
Meaning: Thank you
Pronunciation: WOH-lee-won

A word commonly used to express gratitude, respect, and appreciation.

At NBICC, we honour Indigenous languages as living knowledge connected to culture, identity, and community.

Shared with support from our students and the Passamaquoddy Dictionary.

Indigenous Taco Day Community • Culture • Connection

To welcome students back, NBICC hosted an Indigenous Taco Day, bringing students, staff, and community together over a shared meal. Food has always been a powerful way to build connection, and this gathering created space for laughter, conversation, and relationship-building.

Events like this reflect NBICC's commitment to community care, cultural connection, and creating welcoming spaces where students feel supported both inside and outside the classroom.



What Have Our Students Been Up To?

January marks an exciting milestone for many of our learners – the beginning of student placements for 2026.

Students across NBICC programs are stepping into community organizations, agencies, and workplaces to apply their learning in real-world settings. These placements support skill development, confidence, professional readiness, and meaningful community impact.

We are proud of our students as they take this next step in their educational and professional journeys.

★ Did You Know? – NBICC Highlights

- *NBICC is an Indigenous-led, non-profit post-secondary institution*
- *Our programs are grounded in culturally safe, trauma-informed, and strengths-based practices*
- *We integrate Indigenous languages, culture, and ways of knowing into daily learning*
- *NBICC partners with community organizations across New Brunswick for placements and pathways*
- *Learning at NBICC is rooted in relationship, respect, and real-world relevance*

📣 Stay Tuned – What's Coming Up

*NBICC has several exciting events and opportunities coming up this winter. We look forward to continuing to connect, learn, and share alongside our students and **communities**.*

Upcoming Events:

- 🎨 *Basket Making Workshop with Rodney Bear*
 - Feb 17 February 12, 2026
- 💃 *Ribbon Skirt Workshop*
 - Feb 17 Date to be announced
- 🎉 *Indigenous Recruitment Fair – Natoaganeg*
 - Feb 17 February 10, 2026
- 🎤 *NBICC Community & High School Information Sessions*
 - Feb 17 Coming to a community or school near you – stay tuned for dates!



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