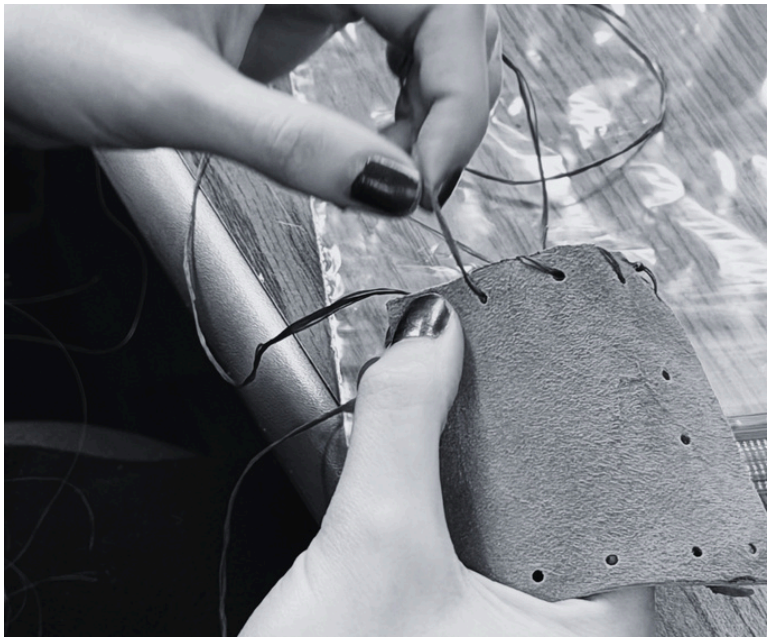
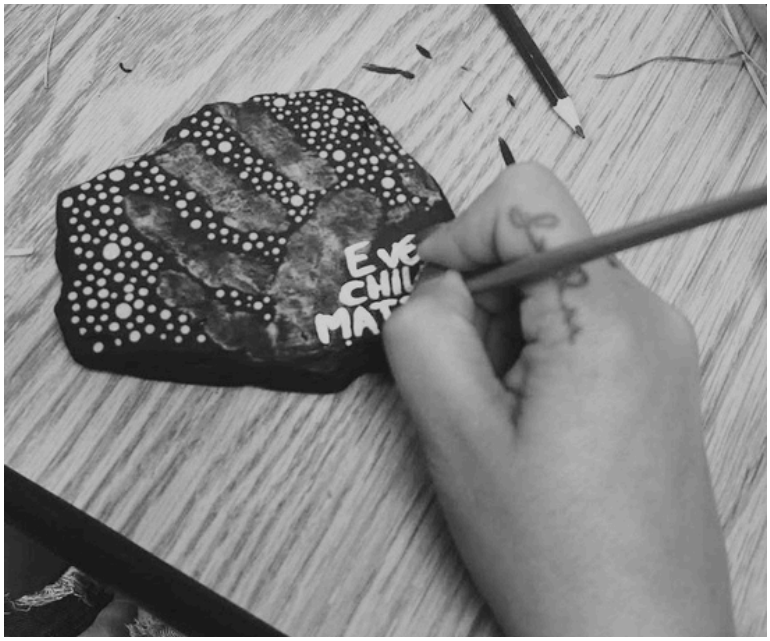
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NEW BRUNSWICK INDIGENOUS CAREER COLLEGE

Did you know that NBICC's roots go all the way back to 1994?

The journey began when the Union of New Brunswick Indians Board of Directors authorized the establishment of the UNBI Training Institute. Its purpose was to provide meaningful educational opportunities for the people, and by the people, of First Nations communities.

In May 2009, the Training Institute officially became incorporated as a non-profit organization, continuing its commitment to accessible, community-focused education.

On October 26, 2022, the UNBI Training Institute began a new chapter, becoming what we proudly know today as the New Brunswick Indigenous Career College (NBICC).

While our name has changed, our purpose remains rooted in empowering students through education, preserving Indigenous knowledge, and creating opportunities for brighter futures.

Today, NBICC continues to welcome Indigenous and non-Indigenous learners, offering career-focused education that prepares students to support their families, strengthen their communities, and achieve their personal and professional goals.

As we celebrate four years under the NBICC name and more than 30 years of educational history, we honour where we came from, celebrate how far we've come, and look forward to the generations yet to walk through our doors.

Our History. Our People. Our Future.







What's been happening at NBICC

So.. Whats Been Happening at NBICC Since September?

BUILDING CONNECTIONS, CELEBRATING CULTURE & STRENGTHENING OUR COMMUNITIES

It's been an exciting and busy start to the 2026–2027 academic year here at New Brunswick Indigenous Career College! From special visitors and meaningful celebrations to community partnerships and outreach opportunities, we've been keeping busy both inside and outside the classroom. Here's a little look at what our NBICC family has been up to!

Storytelling, Creativity & Connection with Duncan Ireland

On September 30, NBICC had the pleasure of welcoming Duncan Rowan Ireland, talented artist, storyteller, and creator of The Unkey Dunkey Show, for a special presentation with our students and staff!

Duncan shared his incredible collection of handmade storybooks, scrolls, illustrations, and unique artwork, taking us on a journey filled with imagination, creativity, and laughter.
What made this visit especially memorable was that we weren't simply watching a presentation — we became part of the experience! Through interactive storytelling, art, and conversation, Duncan encouraged everyone to reconnect with their creativity and embrace their inner child.

It was a wonderful reminder that learning doesn't always happen behind a desk. Sometimes the most meaningful lessons come through stories, laughter, and simply allowing ourselves to imagine.

A heartfelt thank you to Duncan for sharing his talents with our NBICC family, and to Instructor Eddie Young for helping make this special visit possible!

Roots to Resilience: Nourishing NBICC Pantry

Our Roots to Resilience: Nourishing NBICC Pantry is back in full swing!

Thanks to the generous support of Fredericton Homeless Shelters, we've been able to continue providing food and essential support to our students.

At NBICC, we understand that education is about more than textbooks and assignments. It's also about making sure our students feel supported, valued, and cared for. We recognize that balancing school, family, finances, and everyday life isn't always easy, and sometimes a little extra support can make a world of difference.

Our pantry is one of the ways we work to help ease those everyday challenges, ensuring students have access to food when they need it.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Fredericton Homeless Shelters for their kindness, generosity, and continued support of our NBICC family. Community partnerships like these remind us of the importance of looking out for one another.

Honouring Truth and Reconciliation

On September 30, NBICC came together to recognize the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, a day dedicated to honouring residential school Survivors, remembering the children who never returned home, and reflecting on our shared responsibility to continue the journey toward reconciliation.

Our gathering was filled with opportunities for learning, reflection, and connection. We began with a traditional smudge and opening prayer, followed by teachings about traditional Indigenous medicines and their cultural significance.

Students, staff, and family members participated in medicine pouch making, rock painting, Every Child Matters colouring activities, and storytelling, including a reading of Keeley and the Sweetgrass Secret. We also shared a wonderful meal together, creating space for conversation, laughter, and community.

The day served as a meaningful reminder that Truth and Reconciliation is not simply something we acknowledge once a year. It is an ongoing commitment to learning, listening, honouring Indigenous voices, and ensuring our cultures, teachings, and traditions continue to be shared with future generations.

Connecting with Military Families at Base Gagetown

NBICC also had the opportunity to attend a community event at CFB Gagetown, where we connected with military members and their families.

It was a wonderful opportunity to introduce our college, share information about our diploma programs, and discuss the different educational pathways available to individuals looking to further their education or explore a new career.

Events like these allow us to connect with people who may not have heard of NBICC before and help spread awareness about the programs, services, and supportive learning environment we offer.

We always enjoy getting out into the community, meeting new faces, and sharing what makes NBICC such a special place to learn and grow!







NBICC Swag Bags — Packed with Purpose!

Behind the scenes, we've also been busy putting together our beautiful NBICC swag bags for community events, information sessions, and outreach opportunities!

These bags are more than just a little something to take home. Each one is thoughtfully prepared with information about our college, the diploma programs we offer, educational funding opportunities, environmental awareness materials, and, of course, a snack or two!

Our goal is to make information about education and funding more accessible while giving people a little piece of NBICC to take home with them.

From gathering materials to carefully packing each bag, a lot of time and effort goes into making sure they're ready for our next adventure. We love being able to share information, answer questions, and connect with future students and community members wherever we go!

And We're Just Getting Started!

As you can see, there's never a dull moment at NBICC!

Whether we're welcoming special guests, celebrating our culture, supporting students through our pantry, or connecting with families and communities, everything we do comes back to one important thing: creating opportunities, building relationships, and supporting one another.

We're incredibly grateful to our students, staff, instructors, community partners, and everyone who continues to support the work we do.
As the school year continues, we're looking forward to more learning, more laughter, more community connections, and plenty of new memories along the way
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Stay tuned — there's always something happening at NBICC!

Rooted in Culture. Growing Through Education. Stronger Together.

OUR STUDENTS, OUR PRIDE, OUR FUTURE

CELEBRATING OUR STARS
NBICC Students of the Month — September 2026

Recognizing Dedication, Growth & Achievement
At New Brunswick Indigenous Career College, we believe every student's journey deserves to be recognized and celebrated. Each student brings their own unique experiences, strengths, challenges, and aspirations, all of which contribute to the welcoming and supportive learning environment we are proud to call NBICC.

Our Student of the Month recognition celebrates individuals who demonstrate dedication, perseverance, leadership, kindness, and a genuine commitment to their education.

This recognition goes beyond academic achievement. It acknowledges the students who consistently put in the effort, encourage their classmates, overcome challenges, and demonstrate personal and professional growth.



SARAH SMITH
ASC



DANIEL PEREIRA
ASC



DUNCAN IRELAND
ECE



DYLAN GILLAM-DROVER
HTM

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SEPTEMBER RECIPIENTS!

Sarah | Chasity | Duncan | Dylan | Tia | Levi | Daniel

Each of these individuals has made a positive contribution to our college community. Their determination, hard work, and willingness to grow reflect the values we strive to encourage at NBICC.

We recognize that success looks different for everyone. Sometimes it's achieving a personal goal, stepping outside your comfort zone, supporting a fellow student, or finding the strength to keep moving forward when things become challenging.

TO OUR STUDENTS — KEEP SHINING!

To our September recipients, congratulations on this well-deserved recognition! Your commitment to your education and the positive impact you have on those around you do not go unnoticed.

To all our NBICC students, remember that every step forward matters. Your hard work, progress, and dedication are worth celebrating.

We are proud of each and every one of you.



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LEVI SOCK-LEGER
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