

INDIGENOUS LEARNERS GATHERING 2018



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PROGRAM

This three-day program will be a unique gathering of indigenous learners, post-secondary institution instructors and administrators to learn, share and understand collectively.

The program will engage post-secondary indigenous learners from all disciplines to share in learning and collaborating to address current challenges faced in First Nation communities through discussions, lectures and case studies. Participants from all disciplines will form teams to address challenges presented in case studies and then will have the opportunity to share with other groups within the program.

Post-secondary instructors will have the opportunity to participate in focus groups, discussions and indigenous cultural celebrations, as well as highlight their own indigenous support programs, centers and scholarships.

THEMES AND OUTCOMES

Indigenous Learners

The program will combine lectures, focus groups and case studies to contextualize the learners' academic studies and to foster a supportive environment of peers and provide tools to help ensure success in their academic programs. Program themes will include; individual resiliency developed through indigenous culture, understanding and addressing challenges in First Nations through a multi-disciplinary approach and addressing social challenges through a business lens.

Anticipated outcomes include:

Stronger learner self-efficacy, creating personal support networks of indigenous learners, contextualized learning and application of academic programs.

Post-secondary institutions – instructors and administrators

In addition to the activities for the learners, the post-secondary institutions will have the opportunity to share their indigenous supports and to participate in several focus groups and discussions with students and other institutions about impediments and drivers of indigenous learner success, addressing systemic barriers and how instructors can bridge indigenous and non-indigenous culture.

PARTICIPANTS

Learners: Full-time and part-time post-secondary learners from all programs (education, social work, law, business and others) are encouraged to participate.

Post secondary institutions: Instructors and administrators of management and accounting programs are encouraged to attend. In addition, representatives from indigenous centers will be provided an opportunity to highlight their programs with the learners.

DATES – MARCH 23-25, 2018

MARCH 23RD AT NOON TO SUNDAY, MARCH 25TH AT 1:00 PM

In general, sessions will run until approximately 6:45 pm on March 23rd and 24th. Team activities are expected to run to 9:00 pm on March 24th.

LOCATION – ENOCH, ALBERTA

MARRIOTT AT RIVER CREE RESORT, ENOCH, ALBERTA

Please check AFOA Alberta website, AFOAAB.com, for hotel details.

TO REGISTER

Please register online at AFOAAB.com. Registration will be limited so please register early. Costs, including an accommodation subsidy and meals, are being covered by **AFOA Alberta** and the **CPA Education Foundation**. Participants will be required to make their own arrangements for travel. Please see the AFOA Alberta website for additional information.

INDIGENOUS LEARNERS GATHERING 2018 PARTNERS

CPA Education Foundation and the **Aboriginal Financial Officers Association of Alberta** have partnered in the **No Limits Initiative** to increase the number of indigenous people pursuing careers in business and accounting.

CPA EDUCATION FOUNDATION

The CPA Education Foundation of Alberta was established as a non-profit foundation to support business and accounting education across the province. Led by a Board of Governors of dedicated designated accountants from around Alberta, the Foundation promotes the accounting profession by providing support to post-secondary institutions, students, accounting educators and special projects.

AFOA ALBERTA

The Aboriginal Financial Officers Association of Alberta is committed to the development of management and governance capacity for First Nation and Aboriginal organizations. The Association provides professional development and training in finance, accounting, general management and governance to members of Alberta First Nations and Aboriginal organizations who work within these communities.

EDUCATORS GATHERING 2018

AGENDA FOR INDIGENOUS STUDENTS

FRIDAY, MARCH 23

8:00 AM >> 9:00 AM	BREAKFAST
9:00 AM >> 12:00 PM	REGISTRATION AND POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTION SET UP
12:00 PM >> 1:00 PM	OPENING PRAYER, WELCOME LUNCH AND OPENING COMMENTS
1:00 PM >> 2:30 PM	LECTURE, CULTURAL RESILIENCY, SELF-EFFICACY THROUGH CULTURE
2:15 PM >> 2:30 PM	AFTERNOON BREAK
2:30 PM >> 4:00 PM	ADDRESSING FIRST NATION CHALLENGES WITH A MULTI-DISCIPLINARY APPROACH
4:30 PM >> 6:30 PM	POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTIONS RECEPTION

SATURDAY, MARCH 24

8:00 AM >> 9:00 AM	BREAKFAST
9:00 AM >> 10:15 AM	LEARNING GROUP FORMATION; NORMS AND GUIDELINES
10:15 AM >> 10:30 AM	BREAK
10:30 AM >> 12:00 PM	CASE STUDY – FIRST NATION CHALLENGE
12:00 PM >> 1:00 PM	LUNCH – CPA EDUCATION FOUNDATION SPEAKER ADDRESSING SOCIAL CHALLENGES – THROUGH THE MANAGEMENT LENS
1:00 PM >> 2:30 PM	CASE STUDY – FIRST NATION CHALLENGE – GROUP
2:30 PM >> 2:45 PM	BREAK
2:45 PM >> 4:15 PM	CASE STUDY – FIRST NATION CHALLENGE – GROUP
5:15 PM >> 6:45 PM	DINNER AND CULTURAL CELEBRATION
7:00 PM >> 8:30 PM	CASE STUDY – INDEPENDENT STUDIES

SUNDAY, MARCH 25

8:00 AM >> 9:00 AM	BREAKFAST
9:00 AM >> 10:15 AM	LECTURE – UNDERSTANDING BARRIERS AND DRIVERS OF SUCCESS
10:15 AM >> 10:30 AM	BREAK
10:30 AM >> 12:00 PM	CASE STUDY PRESENTATIONS
12:00 PM >> 1:00 PM	LUNCH
1:00 PM >> 1:15 PM	CLOSING COMMENTS, CLOSING PRAYER

Agenda subject to change due to speaker availability.

AGENDA FOR EDUCATORS AND FOCUS GROUPS

FRIDAY, MARCH 23

8:00 AM >> 9:00 AM	BREAKFAST
9:00 AM >> 10:30 AM	FOCUS GROUP – STUDENT BARRIERS TO SUCCESS (STUDENTS AND EDUCATORS)
10:30 AM >> 10:45 AM	BREAK
10:45 AM >> 11:45 PM	FOCUS GROUP – STUDENT BARRIERS TO SUCCESS (STUDENTS AND EDUCATORS)
12:00 NOON >> 1:00 PM	LUNCH
1:00 PM >> 2:30 PM	FOCUS GROUP – ADDRESSING SYSTEMIC BARRIERS (EDUCATORS)
2:15 PM >> 2:30 PM	AFTERNOON BREAK
2:30 PM >> 4:00 PM	FOCUS GROUP – ADDRESSING SYSTEMIC BARRIERS (EDUCATORS)

SATURDAY, MARCH 24

8:00 AM >> 9:00 AM	BREAKFAST
9:00 AM >> 10:15 AM	FOCUS GROUP – OPPORTUNITIES IN THE CLASSROOM (EDUCATORS)
10:15 AM >> 10:30 AM	BREAK
10:30 AM >> 12:00 PM	FOCUS GROUP – OPPORTUNITIES IN THE CLASSROOM (EDUCATORS)
12:00 PM >> 1:00 PM	LUNCH
1:00 PM >> 2:30 PM	DISCUSSION – BRIDGING THE CULTURES (EDUCATORS)
2:30 PM >> 2:45 PM	BREAK
2:45 PM >> 4:15 PM	DISCUSSION – BRIDGING THE CULTURES (EDUCATORS)
5:15 PM >> 6:45 PM	DINNER AND CULTURAL CELEBRATION

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