



FIRST NATIONS, MÉTIS AND INUIT EDUCATION GATHERING PROGRAM AT-A-GLANCE

WYNDHAM HOTEL APRIL 30 (7 PM) – MAY 2 (1PM) 2025

THEME : WAHKOTAMOWIN FOR STUDENT SUCCESS



TIME	WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30 – PRE-CONFERENCE			
	SESSION 1 2:30 – 3:30 PM WOMEN’S PIPE TEACHINGS <i>Imperial Ballroom</i>	SESSION 2 2:30 – 3:30 PM MEN’S PIPE TEACHINGS <i>Terrace 5</i>	SESSION 3 1:00 – 4:00 PM CEREMONY AND VISIT TO TO THE MANITOU STONE – ROYAL ALBERTA MUSEUM WITH ELDER LEONARD BASTIEN + INDIGENOUS ENGAGEMENT RESOURCES	SESSION 4 9:45 AM – 3:30 PM VISIT THE MÉTIS CROSSING
TIME	WEDNESDAY - APRIL 30, 2025 (EVENING)			LOCATION
5:00 – 7:00 PM	Registration			<i>Foyer</i>
5:00 – 6:00 PM	Men’s Pipe Ceremony			<i>Terrace 5</i>
5:00 – 6:00 PM	Women’s Pipe Ceremony			<i>Imperial Ballroom</i>
7:00 – 8:15 PM	Grand Entry, Welcome to the Territory and Announcement of the Grand Entry Opening Blessing by Elder Susan Sinclair Lighting the Qulliq by Elder Myna Manniapik Welcome to the Gathering – CASS President Dr. Clint Moroziuk Greetings from Dignitaries			<i>Ballroom</i>
8:15 – 9:00 PM	Opening: Métis Jigging and Fiddling featuring Darla Daniels, Matt Patenaude, Allie & Bella Parry and Ivy Brandsma			
9:00 – 11:00 PM	Reception (appetizers only; no meal and no alcohol will be served)			
TIME	THURSDAY - MAY 1, 2025			LOCATION
7:30 – 8:15 AM	Registration and Buffet Breakfast			<i>Foyer</i>
8:15 – 9:30 AM	Welcome & Introductions, Opening Prayer and Land Acknowledgement Gold Sponsor Remarks Keynote Speaker: Indigenous Youth Panel			<i>Ballroom</i>
9:30 – 10:00 AM	Wellness and Networking Break			

THURSDAY - MAY 1, 2025

BREAKOUT SESSIONS 1 - 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Imperial Room	Terrace 4	Terrace 5	Gallery 1	Terrace 1	Terrace 2	Gallery 2/3	Terrace 3	Jubilee Ballroom
<p>askîhk kiskinohamâtowin - Learning from the Land, Métis Land-Based Learning</p> <p>Rupertsland Institute</p> <p>Holly Brandsma & Lisa Cruickshank</p> <p>Host: Richard Feller</p>	<p>Aunties and Uncles in Training</p> <p>Red Deer Catholic Schools</p> <p>Jonathan Mauro, Tracy Skinner & Pamela Neumann</p> <p>Host: Cynthia Launiere-Zielke</p>	<p>Cree Teachings re: Wahkotamowin</p> <p>with Elder Calvin Cardinal</p> <p>Host: David Dyck</p>	<p>Denesuline Teachings re: Sughenai (Wahkotamowin)</p> <p>with Elder Lynda Minoose</p> <p>Host: Garry Tink</p>	<p>Manitou Asinîy (Sacred Stone)</p> <p>with Piikani Elder Leonard Weasel Traveller (Bastien)</p> <p>Host: Dianne Roulson</p>	<p>Métis Teachings re: Wahkotamowin</p> <p>with Cheryl Devin & Elder Susan Sinclair</p> <p>Host: Annalee Nutter</p>	<p>Priority One-Connections that Support Reconciliation</p> <p>Northland School Division</p> <p>Cal Johnson, Debbie Mineault, Scott Meunier, Krista Veitch & Mark Owens</p> <p>Host: Michelle Ranger</p>	<p>Responding to the Calls from Indigenous Youth for Language Revitalization and Intercultural Exchanges</p> <p>University of Calgary</p> <p>Dr. Jennifer Markides and School Authority Partners</p> <p>Host: Carmen Parent</p>	<p>Truth, Reconciliation and the Classroom: Empowering Educators with Foundational Indigenous Resources</p> <p>Alberta Professional Learning Consortium</p> <p>Sandra Ciurysek, Barbra Deskin & Jason Bigcharles</p> <p>Host: TBD</p>

12:00 – 1:30 PM LUNCH / SPONSOR AND ARTISAN ENGAGEMENT

BREAKOUT SESSIONS 2

1:30 – 2:30 P.M.				1:30 – 3:30 P.M.				
Terrace 5 60-minute session	Terrace 2 60-minute session	Imperial Room 60-minute session	Jubilee Ballroom 60-minute session	Terrace 3 120-minute session	Gallery 1 120-minute session	Terrace 4 120-minute session	Gallery 2/3 120-minute session	Terrace 1 120-minute session
<p>Fostering Connection and Reconciliation: The Role of Indigenous Kinship Clubs and TRC Recommendations in Our Schools</p>	<p>Minister's Youth Council</p> <p>Sarah Spenrath, Sophia Wong & Minister's Youth Council Members</p> <p>Host: Charity Tegler</p>	<p>Our Journey So Far: One School Division's Experience Beginning an Indigenous Learning Branch</p> <p>Rocky View Schools</p>	<p>The Importance of Kinship</p> <p>Parkland School Division</p> <p>Dean Bernard & Leanne Traverse</p> <p>Host: - Brent Thomas</p>	<p>Exploring the Aboriginal Teacher Education Program's (ATEP) PLAR Pathways to Accelerate Teacher Education Recruitment and Completion</p>	<p>Indigenous Youth Mentorship Program (IYMP) - in an Urban Setting for the First Time</p> <p>Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools & Ever Active Schools</p>	<p>Kainai Board of Education Buffalo Harvest</p> <p>Kainai Board of Education</p> <p>Sandra Singer & Janelle Shade</p> <p>Host: Chris Gilmour</p>	<p>Drawing Upon Local Wisdom and Reconciliatory Practices to (Re)Story and (Re)Conceptualize Indigenous Education and Curriculum Studies</p> <p>University of Calgary</p>	<p>Nîhiyaw kiskinohamâkîwinihk nâkacîwîn (Excellence in Indigenous Education)</p> <p>Kee Tas Kee Now Tribal Council Education Authority (KTCEA)</p>

University of Alberta and Fort McMurray Public Schools Dr. Trudy Cardinal, Nazia Hiscock & Thomas Andrews Host: Erin Tisdale		Cindy Stefanato, Gretchen Riel, Trish McCallum & Stacey Dyck Host: James Trodden		ATEP University of Alberta Dr. Evelyn Steinhauer, Kelly Ryan Host: Rick Cusson	Diane Gardipy, Dr. Teena Starlight & Local Elders Host: TBD		Stephanie Bartlett and Jennifer Markides Host: Todd Robinson	Gwena Cunningham, Wendy Calahasen, Lindy Fors Host: Tim De Ruyck
2:30 – 3:00 P.M.	WELLNESS AND NETWORKING TIME							
BREAKOUT SESSIONS 3 - 3:00 – 4:00 P.M.								
Imperial Room 60-minute session	Jubilee Ballroom 60-minute session	Terrace 2 60-minute session	Terrace 5 60-minute session					
Education for Reconciliation: Cultivating Social - Emotional Intelligence in Social Studies Impact Society Lauren Remple & Collette Toth Host: Barbra Deskin	Indigenizing Curriculums & Cultural Revitalization Legacy of Hope Teresa Edwards & Migwuhn Twenish Host: Kevin Newman	Illagiituinnaugatta We are All Related Elder Myna Manniapik & Jeanien Bell Host: Darrell Willier	Weaving Wicihitiowin: Role of Community-based Organizations in Indigenous Education Alberta Native Friendship Centres Association Madison Properzi Host: Debbie Mineault	SESSIONS END AT 3:30 P.M.				
5:30 – 6:00 PM 6:00 – 7:30 PM 7:30 – 8:30 PM	Banquet Mix & Mingle Banquet Dinner Keynote Speaker: Dr. Marie Wilson							Ballroom

TIME	FRIDAY, MAY 2, 2025								LOCATION
7:30 – 8:15 AM	Registration and Buffet Breakfast								Foyer
8:15 – 9:30 AM	Welcome & Introductions, Opening Prayer Gold Sponsor Remarks Keynote Speaker: Dr. Niigaan Sinclair								Ballroom
9:30 – 10:00 AM	Wellness and Networking Break								
BREAKOUT SESSIONS 4									
10:00– 11:00 AM 1-hour sessions	Gallery 2/3	Terrace 1	Imperial Room	Terrace 3	Terrace 4	Jubilee Ballroom	Gallery 1	Terrace 5	Terrace 2
	28-Day Challenge through the Book Me and White Supremacy: Combat Racism, Change the World and Become a Good Ancestor Northwest Regional Learning Consortium Kim Barker-Kay Host: Dolorése Nolette	A Taste of Culture - paskwa mostos (Bison), A New Hot Lunch Experience High Prairie School Division Jamie Chalifoux & Brennan McDonald Host: Roger Lauck	Braided Journeys: Innovative Supports for First Nations, Métis and Inuit Students Edmonton Catholic School Division Elyse Wood & Pam Sparklingeyes Host: Bryan Szumlas	È Mâmahoh Ôpikîyahk: We Are Growing Together Alberta Mentoring Partnership & Indigenous Youth Mentorship Program Sarah Chan and Dr. Teena Starlight Host: Sylvette Fillion	Hearing Perspectives: A Journey Toward Staff Wellness at Kainai Board of Education Kainai Board of Education Siipiinai (Cam Shade) & Amber Hester Host: Jennifer Turner	Holistic Structures and Supports in Indigenous Education and Reconciliation Wolf Creek Public Schools Erin Tisdale & Josephine Small Host: Cal Johnson	Putting Heartwork into Practice: Exploring Preservice Teacher Practicum Experiences in the Aboriginal Teacher Education Program ATEP, University of Alberta Dr. Evelyn Steinhauer, Danielle Steele & ATEP kiskinwahamakewak Host: Lisa Cruickshank	Reconnecting With Our Roots Medicine Hat Public Schools Darrell Willier, Courtney Lagasse & Shirley Boomer Host: Dr. Clint Moroziuk	Walking Alongside You(th) Research Partnership Opportunities University of Calgary Dr. Jennifer Markides, Angie Tucker, Steve Whitaker & Erin Walls Host: Mark Owens
11:00 – 11:10 AM	Transition Break								
11:10 – 11:50 AM	Closing Keynote: Witness to Education Gathering and Calls to Action by Joshua Morin								Ballroom
11:50 AM – 12:10 PM	Closing Ceremony and Retirement of the Flags								

Delegates will receive a copy of:

- [The True Canadians Forgotten Nevermore](#), authored by **Patricia Russell and David Wylynko**, provided by Rupertsland Institute
- [Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action](#) booklet, published by the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation (NCTR)

[Legacy of Hope Foundation](#) exhibits **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation: September 30th** and **How to be an Ally** will be available for viewing individually and/or in a session.

There will be a beautiful Indigenous **Artisan Market Place** for some unique opportunities to shop and support local Indigenous artisans. The Market Place is in the hallway space by the banquet office outside Room 16.

In appreciation for the presenters sharing their knowledge, stories, and expertise, CASS will donate to the [Indigenous Youth Mentorship Program](#) through Ever Active Schools.

We are proud to go green, finding a balance between saving trees and providing delegates with enough information before hand to ensure smooth movement from session to session. **Please download and print documents you feel you will need.** Please also bring your reusable cup or water bottle to reduce waste.

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