

# SAANICH ADULT EDUCATION CENTRE

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## OUR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2019

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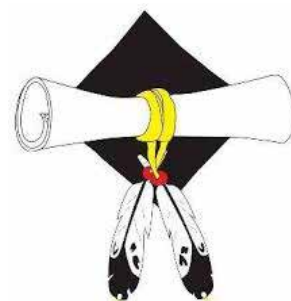
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### NEWS AND EVENTS

#### We're so proud of our GRADS!

The SAEC is extremely proud of our SEVEN graduates this year! We will be hosting a banquet in their honour on June 18th at the Pacific Horticultural Center. Please congratulate them if you see them. Here is the graduating class of 2019:



**Gail Harry:** Gail came to the SAEC cautiously in September, but it wasn't long before her leadership and dedication catapulted her to receiving her Adult Dogwood.

**Craig Jacobs:** Craig, a past SAEC student, returned to us this September with drive and determination, and had completed almost all of his requirements by January 2019. He turned his education and experience into a full time job.

**Shana Sylvester:** Shana, another past SAEC student, completed her final graduation requirement, English 12, while also attending Camosun College's ELC program on site. She blew us away with her ability to manage both.

**Janessa Voyageur:** Janessa was a new SAEC student this year, and she constantly brightened the classrooms with her spirit. She completed her final requirement while also working a full time job, showing how dedicated she is.

**Taneesha Morris:** Taneesha balanced work, parenthood, and school wonderfully, wrapping up her graduation requirements by March 2019. We are so proud of her work this year.

**Simon James:** Simon's leadership and willingness to help and participate in events, are all skills that helped him complete the last of his graduation requirements. We are excited to see what the future has in store for him.

**Faith Underwood-Mosley:** Faith blasted through her work all year, achieving consistently high marks and setting high standards for herself and others. We are confident Faith will be successful at whatever she chooses to do next.

**Check out our Graduation Photos Gallery inside the newsletter!**



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## Director's Corner – Kendra Underwood

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### ÍY SŪÁCEL HÁLE.

I can hardly believe it is June already and that graduation season is upon us! It appears we have found ourselves at the end of another school year and it pleases me to share a few of the successes we have experienced since our last newsletter in March. Most importantly, I would like to respectfully raise my hands to each and every one of our adult learners for the continued perseverance shown in pursuit of their educational goals. Yet again, I am blown away by how remarkable our students are each year.

On June 18th the SAEC team is absolutely delighted to celebrate the Adult Dogwood graduation of 7 students. These learners have worked exceptionally hard throughout the year and have met the education goals they set for themselves back in September. Each learner's individual long-term goal determines when our graduates complete their programming throughout the ten-month school year. For example, one learner completed her courses in December and transitioned directly into college programming in January, while another graduate finished his last course in January and moved directly into full-time work in February. Regardless of what the 'next step' is for our graduates, our staff team feels very privileged to play a guiding role in supporting our learners during this transformative time in their educational journey.

This year we also supported learners in two satellite programs in Tseycum and Tsawout. I'd like to personally commend the students in these programs for their unwavering dedication and commitment to upgrading. It is an honor to provide

part-time programs in these two communities, as the satellites serve as a supportive environment that strengthens the accessibility pathway into full-time SAEC studies at a later date.

As we look ahead to September we have many new programs on the horizon! I won't touch on them all here, as we have separate updates on the upcoming courses throughout this newsletter. Hint: Music ~ song writing, studio time and music production; Indigenous Health Care Assistant; Computer Studies 040 (newly developed); and a brand-new **SENĆOŦEN** language and culture course!!

In closing, I would like to once again warmly thank our **WSÁNEĆ** community for your continued support of our SAEC students and programming. We appreciate any opportunity to meet with community members to seek feedback, suggestions or learn of any program needs that might exist. Please always feel free to drop by for a visit, connect by telephone or email.

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### SAEC Elders Advisory

The SAEC is truly blessed to have our programming and support services guided by our Elders Advisory Committee. Our Elders Advisory was established just over 5 years ago and we meet once a month throughout the school year. Together, our **WSÁNEĆ** Elders share their knowledge and insight with students and staff, and at various times throughout the year they facilitate cultural traditional practices and encourage healthy, holistic spiritual beliefs. We feel very lucky to have two pairs of Elders join us for our Monday afternoon Talking Circles. A warm thank-you to Dan & Lila Sam and Doug & Kathy Horne for joining us in circle every other week.

We raise our hands to the SAEC's Elders Advisory for the time, guidance and love they dedicate to our students and programs each year.

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Graduation 2019

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From all the SAEC staff:  
CONGRATULATIONS to all our grads! We are so proud of you! Best wishes for your very bright futures.



SAEC Awards Day 2019



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## Update from Robert Louis

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### ÍY SẪÁCEL HÁLE

Good Day everyone. I have spent the last few months as the Cultural & Language Facilitator at the Saanich Adult Education Centre. I have been spending time with Elders not only in STÁSEN but in community as well. We have done a few ÁLENENEÇ trips, to Tulista Park, Moses Point and Island View Beach. At each land mark I shared brief history and explained why that piece of land was unique to our WSÁNEĆ people. Also each morning we share a song and prayer in class at break time which students and faculty have been enjoying. I am thankful for my time here. It is allowing me to grow in the culture and protocol of our people.

Thank you for your time.

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## Update from Camosun College

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Camosun College had another successful year!!

### We Connected

Once again, Camosun College has had the pleasure of being hosted by the WSANEC community at the Saanich Adult Education Centre. The generosity of the community was boundless, and made even the most distant of students feel connected. We loved giving back by baking treats for Halloween and Cooking lunch for the centre staff were away.

### We Crystalized

In English we feasted on words from David Elliott Sr., Tiffany Joseph, and Kevin Paul. In Math we worked through problems with humour and grit. In Indigenous Studies, we formed a collective voice and spoke up for the land. In Circle we made drums, weaved cedar, and shared songs.

### We Contended

With the help and guidance from learning skills and career readiness specialists, Indigenous Advisors and Elders, ICP students increased their academic skills in prerequisite courses, learned how to navigate a fulltime College course load, and received for bursaries and awards up to \$1000. This year's group was comprised of 15 students from 8 different nations, with ages ranging from 18 - 55. More than half of us will be entering the following College and University programs:

- Indigenous Family Support
- Early Learning and Care
- Elementary Education
- History
- Health Care Assistant
- Dental Assistant
- Exercise and Wellness

We are still accepting ICP applications for September 2019.

For more information or to take your next steps call us or email:

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*Drum Making with Richard Rice*

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Richard Rice came in to teach the SAEC staff how to make drums. Thanks Richard! We had fun!



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## Update from Kevin Monkman

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### English

As the year draws to a close, I want to recognize the persistence and dedication of my students this year. Several students completed Communications 12 in January, collecting an Adult Dogwood requirement in the process. Currently, I have a few students taking English 12 FP, and the new Adult English Studies 12 course through SIDES. These students are all making wonderful progress. In Tseycum, I have a few students taking Communications 12, and some taking Literacy Foundations Level 6. All in all, this has been a successful year for SAEC English students.

### Food Studies 12

Food Studies 12 is nearing completion. We have completed all of the required food planning and recipe preparation lesson, we have worked with Ang Hamilton to prepare and seed the community garden, and students are working on completing an inquiry project, with topics ranging from Heart disease prevention and diet, to vertical gardening.



### Royal BC Museum Trip

In May, several SAEC and Tseycum Satellite program students took a trip to the Royal BC Museum to visit the new Maya exhibit. The exhibit was incredible, and featured many interactive displays and artefacts from ancient Mayan culture. The trip was in lieu of an

art gallery tour that had to be postponed, but the students had a blast anyways. We were able to tour the rest of the museum once we got our fill of the Maya exhibit.

### Music Production and Engineering Intro Course

In September, the SAEC plans to offer a one semester course on Audio recording and production. Details are still being ironed out, but we hope to have access to a professional audio engineer, with after hours studio time to record. If you are interested in recording and engineering as a future career path, or even just as a hobby, this introductory course may be perfect for you. Come by the SAEC or email or call us to find out more. This course can be taken together with other Adult Dogwood programming offered at the school.





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*Update from Kim Linkert*

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### Math Department

What an amazing year we have had! The progress made by students has been spectacular and exceeded our expectations. For many of our students, it takes a lot of courage to sign up for a math class; especially when being away from school for a few years. We worked really hard with our students to meet them at their level and make sure they always felt like they were making progress. There is nothing worse than feeling stuck all the time.



I want to thank all the students that I had the privilege to work with this year. I love seeing them get excited about their learning and helping them to set goals and achieve them!

Have a great summer everyone!

### Russel Island Science and cultural camp

We could not have had a better day for our trip to Russel Island. It was a beautiful calm and sunny day. We jumped on a ferry to Salt Spring Island and from there we jumped on some Parks Canada boats and headed to Russel Island. There were over 80 people there to learn about the ancient clam gardens and to help with some of the work of restoring and studying these very rare examples of early aquaculture.

There were elders, archeologists, biologists and Parks staff that provided different stations so students could learn about the ecosystem and some of the traditional ways.

Children and adults were catching fish with nets, digging for artifacts, doing crafts with May Sam, working on the clam wall and also hiking around and exploring. We had an amazing meal that included delicious clams and stinging nettle tea.

### Vancouver Trip to UBC and Science World

We always work with our students to come up with some educational and fun field trips as the school year winds down. This year we went to the Museum of Anthropology at the University of British Columbia and then Science World. The artifacts at the museum were amazing and they had collections from all over the world. It gave insight as to how people lived and the creativity put into not only their art, but day to day objects as well. We saw a lot of cedar carving including masks, totems and baskets. If you ever get a chance to go we highly recommended it.

Science world is always an exciting place to experience some hands on science. The exhibits are always changing and there is so much to see. This year the centerpiece of Science World was a humongous mirror maze and an exhibit on numbers in nature.

We got to walk through 1800 square feet of mirrors. You have to navigate through what seems to be an infinite number of repeating patterns and avoid running into solid glass as you struggle to find the exit. So so fun!!!

**See the next page for some great photos of our recent field trips!**



Field Trips Gallery



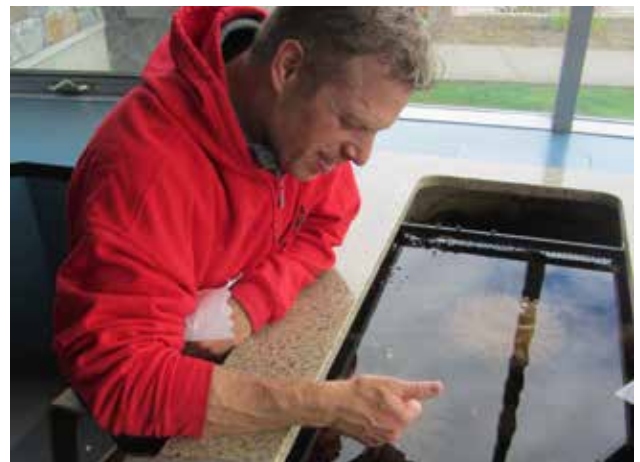
Russell Island field trip



Science World and Museum of Anthropology, Vancouver



Field Trips Gallery continued



Shaw Ocean Discovery Centre



Butterfly Gardens



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*Health and Wellness Update from Ang Hamilton*

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**Honour Your Health Challenge**

Every year in spring we participate in a 6 week Honour Your Health Challenge. We try different personal challenges and goal setting. We loved it and we accomplished many goals such as drinking more water, working out daily, eating 5 fruits and veggies a day, starting a work out program, sleeping 8 hours a night, etc. This year we decided to embrace a collective walking challenge with high hopes. There is great enthusiasm from our students and staff to collectively walk around the world!



Our journey and blessings began with May Sam spending the afternoon with our students and staff. She shared stories and taught us how to make clam shell rattles. It was a beautiful way to begin our walking program. HISWKE May.

Equipped with a world map, pedometers, and other step counters we embarked on our journey across the world. We started off in Portugal to walk across Europe, as we wanted to cover as many countries as possible in our 6 week walk. We have tasted food from the different countries, and have a virtual reality station set up where you can experience stops in 3D. It has been a fun and exciting challenge. Thank you to all the students and staff who have joined us in this challenge. The exciting part is we will begin again in the fall! We would love you all to join us then! Have a wonderful summer.

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*Community Dinner and Student Support Info Session*

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On, Wednesday, May 29th, we held an Accessible Learning Information Session for all students and community members. In attendance were Camosun College and the University of Victoria's Accessible Learning advisors. Also, there were Indigenous Advisors and student navigators. We had lots of Indian tacos, gifts and door prizes!



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Language Revitalization from Tye Swallow

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ÍY SZÁCEL MEQ SAN (Greetings everyone!)

We are very proud to announce that the second cohort of our **W,SENĆOFEN IST** (Moving the language forward through the breath of the people) Diploma of Indigenous Language Revitalization will be completing their first year of this two year program. Congratulations to Maui Sylvester, Blake Joseph, Selena Thomas, Megan Supernault, Monica Tom, Bonnie Seward, Kiona Bob, Justina Seymour, Cristin Lafortune, Mike Henry, Lyndsey Joseph and Rachel Atleo.

**W,SENĆOFEN IST** is a diploma program in Indigenous Language Revitalization in partnership with the University of Victoria. Over two years, students engage in language acquisition skills in the context of language revitalization, while at the same time preparing for a broad range of further academic paths.

If you are interested in getting your name on an interest list for a new program beginning September 2020, please contact Tye Swallow at the Saanich Adult Education Centre.

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## Art Update from Caroline Stengl

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It's hard to believe the second semester and the school year are nearly over! So many students completed the art courses this year! In fact I think we may have had the most completions we've EVER had in 15 years of art classes. Now that's pretty amazing. I'm very proud of all of you. Everyone in art class is very enthusiastic! We will have more Friday FUNdays in the fall.



Recently students have been exploring watercolour painting. Watercolours can be technically challenging because you have to find a balance between controlling the medium and letting the happy accidents flow. There have been some beautiful results flowing from everyone's brushes. Here are a few samples, and there are more art class photos on the following page. Enjoy! Have a happy summer and I'll see many of you next fall! HISWKE!



### Shaw Ocean Discovery Centre Field Trip

We were so lucky to go to the Shaw Ocean Discovery Centre. If you have never been there you should really go check it out! It's a great way to get excited about science and learn about the creatures living in the Salish Sea.

I prepared a project for students and staff to work on while at the Centre. Everyone was asked to search for and sketch all kinds of marine organisms. We drew them inside small boxes on the paper so the drawings could become playing cards for a game. It was quite amazing to see students totally absorbed in drawing and playing creature hide and seek for the entire time we were at the aquarium! It really had us all engaged and we found things that we had never seen before. I was impressed by everyone's focus and enthusiasm! Later that day we hung out in the art room and continued drawing more cards, cut them up, then tried a trial version of the game to see if the rules worked. That was more fun than a kettle of fish! Thank you all who made that field trip one of the best local adventures we've ever had.

Check out our Field Trips photo gallery to see pictures of the aquarium trip.



SAEC Art Program Gallery



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## *Post Secondary from Linda Gladstone*

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Well it was another awesome year in post secondary!

I would like to recognize each **WSB** Post Secondary student as you continue to work toward your future goals and dreams. **WSB** plays a key role in helping provide assistance to the students who are enrolled in a Certificate/Diploma Program, On-line Program, Bachelors Program, Masters Program or PhD Program. The end benefit will be that the **WSÁNEĆ** communities will have highly skilled and knowledgeable individuals.



This year the **WSÁNEĆ** School Board Post Secondary Grad Recognition Ceremony 2018/2019 was held at Brentwood Lodge Resort, June 20, 2018/2019. The Students who were honoured are:

John Etzel – Indigenous Human Services Career Access Certificate  
Kayleigh Gladstone – Diploma in Arts & Science Studies  
Michaela Sam – Diploma in Community, Family & Child Studies  
Sarah Jim – Bachelor of Arts in Fine Arts  
Gail Sam – Graduate Certificate in Indigenous Language Revitalization

I would like to thank everyone in attendance for making this occasion a very special and memorable event for all the graduates.

This year the recipient of the Uncle Gabe Bartleman Bursary is Shana Sylvester. Shana is a mother of four. She is currently in the Early Learning and Care Diploma Program through Camosun College and held at the Saanich Adult Education Centre. She is an amazing student as she had to put in a tremendous amount of effort and time at the very end of the Fall 2018 term in order to be eligible for the ELC program and in conjunction she also met the South Island Distant Education Schools requirements in order to receive her Adult Dogwood. Despite many unexpected barriers she has excelled as a college student and a mentor for her peers in her cohort.



She is exceptionally bright, articulate and a very critical thinker, all of which are attributes that will see her succeed in all of her endeavours. I have great respect for her as an individual and as a professional student and I am confident that she is deserving of this bursary. Congratulations Shana!!

The **WSB** Post-Secondary Department has received almost 80 applications this year. We are currently working on a partnership with the Victoria Native Friendship Centre where VNFC would pay the tuition and textbooks and **WSB** will pay the living allowances. By creating this partnership we are in the hopes of being able to fund more students who are sitting on the waitlist for next year. We are still in the talking stages.





## Thinking about going back to School?

### CONSIDER THE SAANICH ADULT EDUCATION CENTRE!

We have a caring and supportive staff that wants you to succeed! We'd like to help however we can to assist you in reaching your goals.

#### We offer:

- Community-based learning
- Bus transportation to and from school, plus additional options
- Daily hot lunches
- Onsite childcare
- SENĆOŦEN language and culture classes
- Weekly field trips and fun overnight excursions
- Financial supports available
- Satellite programs in Tseycum and Tsawout

#### \*NEW for 2019- 2020\*

This year our courses will be available as instructor-led, paper-based or online. Decide how you'd like to learn - the choice is yours!

**2019-2020 Registration starts week of August 19th to the first week of September!**

#### If bus transportation is a concern:

The Adult Centre has daily bus transportation available to and from SAEC. Scheduled pick up at Tsawout, Tseycum and Pauquachin.

#### Satellite Program availability:

Please contact us to see if we offer satellite programming in your home community. Currently, we have morning programming running in Tseycum.

#### If finances are a concern, here is how we can help:

- Earn \$50.00/week, or up to \$200/month, by attending 4 days a week and making good course progress.
- Earn \$50.00 for each course you complete
- Complete 4 courses during the school year and earn a bonus \$200.00
- Earn \$25.00 for completing the 'CAAT' which is a Canadian adult placement assessment used for course selection
- Lead or organize a school activity, craft or guest speaker and earn \$50.00
- Monthly gift card draws for school initiatives (i.e. kindness & health draws, etc.)
- Participate in an evening cooking classes (monthly), and receive a good food box

#### If childcare is a concern:

Onsite day available through the SLEEMW Daycare Centre. More information can be found at <https://wsanecschoolboard.ca/education/sleemw-child-development-centre> or call (250) 652-0074 or call (250) 652-2214 ext 256.

**Would you like to:  
Complete an Adult  
Dogwood**

**Or**

**Gain college  
pre-requisites**

**Or**

**Brush up on English  
and Math to help your  
children/grandchildren  
with their homework?**

**To Register at SAEC:**

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*Colour this drawing! Artwork by Tina Bill*

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*Tina Bill*

