



# 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			
	<b>SESSION 1</b> 2:30 – 3:30 PM  <b>WOMEN’S PIPE TEACHINGS</b> <i>Imperial Ballroom</i>	<b>SESSION 2</b> 2:30 – 3:30 PM  <b>MEN’S PIPE TEACHINGS</b> <i>Terrace 5</i>	<b>SESSION 3</b> 1:00 – 4:00 PM  <b>CEREMONY AND VISIT TO TO THE MANITOU STONE – ROYAL ALBERTA MUSEUM WITH ELDER LEONARD BASTIEN + INDIGENOUS ENGAGEMENT RESOURCES</b>	<b>SESSION 4</b> 9:45 AM – 3:30 PM  <b>VISIT THE MÉTIS CROSSING</b>
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 <b>Elder Susan Sinclair</b> Lighting the Qulliq by <b>Elder Myna Manniapik</b> Welcome to the Gathering – <b>CASS President Dr. Clint Moroziuk</b> Greetings from Dignitaries			<i>Ballroom</i>
8:15 – 9:00 PM	<b>Opening: Métis Jigging and Fiddling featuring Darla Daniels, Matt Patenaude, Allie &amp; Bella Parry and Ivy Brandsma</b>			
9:00 – 11:00 PM	<b>Reception (appetizers only; no meal and no alcohol will be served)</b>			
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 <b>Keynote Speaker: Indigenous Youth Panel</b>			<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**

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

**12:00 – 1:30 PM**

**LUNCH / SPONSOR AND ARTISAN ENGAGEMENT**

**BREAKOUT SESSIONS 2**

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

Dr. Trudy Cardinal, Nazia Hiscock & Thomas Andrews		McCallum & Stacey Dyck		Dr. Evelyn Steinhauer, Kelly Ryan			Stephanie Bartlett and Jennifer Markides	Gwena Cunningham, Wendy Calahasen, Lindy Fors
<b>2:30 – 3:00 P.M.</b>	<b>WELLNESS AND NETWORKING TIME</b>							
<b>BREAKOUT SESSIONS 3 - 3:00 – 4:00 P.M.</b>								
<b>Imperial Room</b> 60-minute session	<b>Jubilee Ballroom</b> 60-minute session	<b>Terrace 2</b> 60-minute session	<b>Terrace 5</b> 60-minute session					
<b>Education for Reconciliation: Cultivating Social - Emotional Intelligence in Social Studies</b>  Impact Society  Lauren Remple & Chris Primeau	<b>Indigenizing Curriculums &amp; Cultural Revitalization</b>  Legacy of Hope  Teresa Edwards & Migwuhn Twenish	<b>Illagiituinnaugatta We are All Related</b>  Elder Myna Manniapik & Jeanien Bell	<b>Weaving Wichi tiowin: Role of Community-based Organizations in Indigenous Education</b>  Alberta Native Friendship Centres Association  Madison Properzi					
<b>SESSIONS END AT 3:30 P.M.</b>								
<b>5:30 – 6:00 PM</b>	<b>Banquet Mix &amp; Mingle</b>							
<b>6:00 – 7:30 PM</b>	<b>Banquet Dinner</b>							
<b>7:30 – 8:30 PM</b>	<b>Keynote Speaker: Dr. Marie Wilson</b>							<b>Ballroom</b>

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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								
<b>BREAKOUT SESSIONS 4</b>									
10:00– 11:00 AM 1-hour sessions	<b>Gallery 2/3</b>	<b>Terrace 1</b>	<b>Imperial Room</b>	<b>Terrace 3</b>	<b>Terrace 4</b>	<b>Jubilee Ballroom</b>	<b>Gallery 1</b>	<b>Terrace 5</b>	<b>Terrace 2</b>
	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	A Taste of Culture - paskwa mostos (Bison), A New Hot Lunch Experience  High Prairie School Division  Jamie Chalifoux & Brennan McDonald	Braided Journeys: Innovative Supports for First Nations, Métis and Inuit Students  Edmonton Catholic School Division  Elyse Wood & Pam Sparklingeyes	Ê Mâmahoh Ôpikîyahk: We Are Growing Together  Alberta Mentoring Partnership & Indigenous Youth Mentorship Program  Sarah Chan and Dr. Teena Starlight	Hearing Perspectives: A Journey Toward Staff Wellness at Kainai Board of Education  Kainai Board of Education  Siipiinai (Cam Shade) & Amber Hester	Holistic Structures and Supports in Indigenous Education and Reconciliation  Wolf Creek Public Schools  Erin Tisdale & Josephine Small	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	Reconnecting With Our Roots  Medicine Hat Public Schools  Darrell Willier, Courtney Lagasse & Shirley Boomer	Walking Alongside You(th) Research Partnership Opportunities  University of Calgary  Dr. Jennifer Markides, Angie Tucker, Steve Whitaker & Erin Walls
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								
12:10 – 1:00 PM	Lunch and Prize Draws								

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 30<sup>th</sup>** 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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