

**NDL x NYA**  
**Virtual Post Secondary**  
**Bridging Experience**  
*2021 Schedule*



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## Session Schedule

Day	Morning Sessions (8:45am)	Afternoon Sessions (1:00pm)
<b>Wednesday May 5</b>	Introductions Post Secondary Education 101 Algonquin College	Planning Your Path Student Stories (will continue throughout) Mount Royal University
<b>Friday May 7</b>	Student Success Camosun College Panel with PSE Students	City Living Culture Shock and Homesickness Camosun Northern Cohort Thompson Rivers University
<b>Tuesday May 11</b>	Money Matters MacEwen University Capilano University	Where to go from here SAIT Key Note - Karen Aglukark Wrapping Things Up & Evaluation and Feedback

# Wednesday, May 5

## Morning Sessions | 8:45am

### 8:48AM INTRODUCTION & PSE 101

- Choices after high school.
- Why go to Post-Secondary? What are the benefits? How might it be different from high school?
- The difference between University, College, Apprenticeship, On-the-Job Training etc.
- What might be different considerations for a student from a North when making decisions about Post-Secondary?
- Making decisions during a pandemic.

### 10:35AM ALGONQUIN COLLEGE

Andre from Algonquin College will be presenting about the Innovation and Entrepreneurial Journey.

## Afternoon Sessions | 1pm

### 1PM PLANNING MY PATH

- What do you need to know? What do you need to do?
- Making a plan; How do you decide on a school, program, career?
- How to apply.
- How to make sure you have the courses you need and what to do if you do not.
- What to do when you are accepted and what to do if you are not.
- How to create a budget and determine what your expenses will be.
- How to apply for funding.
- How to apply for scholarships and bursaries
- How to accept an offer.

### STUDENT STORIES

Post secondary students from the NWT share their experiences in a series of short, pre-recorded videos.

### 2:30PM MOUNT ROYAL UNIVERSITY

MRU will have a live presentation about :

- The Indigenous University Bridging Program
- What university offers.
- How students decide on a program.
- The importance of making connections that support academic success.
- What students have learned about the opportunities and challenges of being in post secondary.

# Friday May 7

## Morning Sessions | 8:45am

### 8:48 AM STUDENT SUCCESS

- Keys to success.
- Time management.
- Learning how to a Post-Secondary student.
- Learning supports and services.
- Taking tests and exams.
- What to do when you feel overwhelmed.

### 11AM STUDENT PANEL

We will be having a live panel with Q&A's with Post Secondary students from the NWT. Learn about each panelist in the "Meet your presenters" part of this programme.

### 9:45AM CAMOSUN COLLEGE

Follow along with this presentation from Camosun College about Eyē? Sqâ'lewen, the Centre for Indigenous Education & Community Connections (IECC),

## Afternoon Sessions | 1pm

### 1:15PM THOMPSON RIVERS UNIVERSITY

TRU will be presenting on their school and Cplul'kw'ten ("the gathering place" in Secwepemcstin).

### 1:45PM CAMOSUN NORTHERN COHORT

Students in the Camosun Bridging Program share their stories in a series of pre-recorded videos.

### 2:30PM CITY LIVING AND CAMPUS LIFE

- Transit.
- Finding land and space.
- All of the things a city has to offer.
- Safety.
- Alcohol and Drugs.
- Steps before you go and getting ready.
- Housing and choosing where to live.
- Getting the most out of life at university or college.
- Supports and services for students - general.
- Indigenous-specific student supports.
- How to build a community.
- Where to get help.

### CULTURE SHOCK AND HOMESICKNESS

- The curve of adjustment.
- Dealing with homesickness.
- Balancing school with things back home.

# Tuesday May 11

## Morning Sessions

### MONEY MATTERS

- Funding and Scholarships/Bursaries.
- Budgeting.
- Banking.
- Working and saving money.

### 11:30AM CAPILANO UNIVERSITY

Capilano University will be showcasing their school and programs, as well as highlighting their Indigenous Film Maker Program.

### 10:40AM MACEWAN UNIVERSITY

- MacEwan will be presenting the University and kihêw waciston - MacEwan University's Indigenous Centre.

## Afternoon Sessions

### 1PM KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Karen Aglukark will be our KeyNote speaker. She will be sharing her experiences attending post-secondary as a northern student.

### 2PM SAIT

Follow along with the The Southern Alberta Institute of Technology as they take us on a live tour of their Culinary Lab, as well as presenting their school and programs.

### 2:45PM WHERE TO GO FROM HERE

- Next Steps.
- Deadlines.
- Where to get more information.
- How can NYA help you.

### WRAP UP

We hope that by the end of day 3, students will feel inspired and energized about post-secondary education. We will end with next steps and practical ways that each student can prepare themselves for their futures.

# Meet Your Presenters

## Keynote



### KAREN AGLUKARK

An Inuk from Arviat, Karen has a Combined Honours Bachelor of Humanities and Political Science Degree from Carleton University. She has experience working as a Youth Coordinator with Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami and a Research and Policy Analyst with Nunavut's Office of the Legislative Assembly. Karen is currently enrolled in the University of Ottawa's Honours Bachelor of Psychology program. She plans to enroll in a graduate clinical psychology program and return North as a clinical psychologist. A former Chairperson of NYA's Board of Directors, Karen has been involved with Northern Youth Abroad for over ten years as a participant, volunteer and staff.

## Hosts



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### NORTHERN DISTANCE LEARNING (NDL)

The vision of Northern Distance Learning (NDL) is to offer students in small communities across the NWT equitable access to academic programming enabling them to: stay in their home community, meet the graduation requirements for high school, and prepare to enter post-secondary programs directly from high school. Now offered in 16 communities NDL has served 166 students since 2014.

### NORTHERN YOUTH ABROAD (NYA)

NYA offers experiential education programs that offer youth living in the Canadian North the chance to earn high school credits, job skills and work experience, and develop as young leaders through hands-on learning. Over 22 years of programming, approximately 98% of Participants have been Indigenous, and all have come from remote, isolated communities with limited access to similar opportunities - particularly those developed to best support the unique needs of northerners

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# Meet Your Presenters

## Post Secondary Schools



### ALGONQUIN COLLEGE, OTTAWA ON

Algonquin College is located in the west end of Ottawa, on the traditional unceded territory of the Algonquin Anishnaabeg People. The college offers 357 programs including certificates, diplomas and degrees. The Mamidosewin Centre empowers and supports Indigenous students at the college, offering a variety of cultural programs and services for Indigenous learners. The presentation will be made by Andre O'Bonsawin, the Director of Indigenous Initiatives. Andre is an Abenaki member of the Odanak First Nation.



### MOUNT ROYAL UNIVERSITY, CALGARY AB

The Iniskim Centre offers programs and services to increase the engagement and success of Indigenous students at MRU while also raising awareness of Indigenous peoples and cultures. MRU, located in Calgary, offers 12 degree programs with 36 possible majors as well as an Indigenous Bridging Program, and a number of diplomas and certificates. The presentation will be given by Steve Kootenay Jobin-Indigenous Housing and Events Coordinator, and Tori McMillan - Indigenous University Bridging Program Administrator at Mount Royal University.



### CAPILANO UNIVERSITY, VANCOUVER BC

Capilano University is in British Columbia with three campuses located on the territories of the Líl'wat, xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), shíshálh (Sechelt), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) and Səlílwətaʔ/Selilwitulh (Tseil-Waututh) Nations. The Main Campus is in North Vancouver. Capilano university offers 97 programs through 5 faculties: the Faculty of Arts & Sciences; the Faculty of Business & Professional Studies; the Faculty of Education, Health & Human Development; the Faculty of Fine & Applied Arts; and the Faculty of Global & Community Studies and has about 10,000 students. The Presentation will be given by Gregory Coyes- Coordinator, Indigenous Digital Filmmaking. Capilano University. Gregory has worked extensively in the Canadian broadcast community over the last thirty years as an award-winning film maker, and as an educator and writer.



### MACEWAN UNIVERSITY | KIHÊW WACISTON

kihêw waciston, which means "eagle's nest" in Cree, is a home away from home for MacEwan University's Indigenous students. Here you can gather, work and grow in a community that honours the distinctive knowledge of Indigenous peoples and supports you on your post-secondary journey. As MacEwan University's Indigenous Centre, we offer personal, academic, financial and cultural supports to over 1000 students in the MacEwan community. The presenters are Jaycee Meneen and Crystal Pennell Student Advisors. MacEwan University.

# Meet Your Presenters

## Post Secondary Schools



### SOUTHERN ALBERTA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (SAIT)

The Chinook Lodge Resource Centre - "The Lodge" - is a place for Indigenous learners at SAIT to gather, connect with peers, access advising and counselling, get assistance with financial aid and housing, speak with Elders and others from the community, participate in events, network and more. SAIT has a smaller Indigenous student body, but the Lodge and school generally have invested significant resources improving and increasing supports and access. The presenters are Tapaarjuk Moore and Allyson Dennehy- Indigenous Student Advisors - Chinook Lodge, SAIT.



### THOMPSON RIVERS UNIVERSITY, KAMLOOPS BC

Cplul'kw'ten ("the gathering place" in Secwepemcstín) is a place where TRU's Indigenous students can be themselves and access Indigenous-specific support. It serves as the "home away from home" for Indigenous students as a friendly and inviting centre that provides information on all aspects of university life and doubles as space to socialize, study or just take a break from your day.

Students are invited to workshops on study skills and wellness, one-to-one counseling, librarian services, on-site computers, as well as a kitchen and lounge area. Stop by for a Soup Circle Wednesday or bi-weekly student check-in, or just come by and say hi! The presenters are Alexis (Lex) Edwards who is Statimc and from Tskwaylaxw first nation in Pavillion British Columbia and Ashley MacLellan who is North Slave Métis and Yellowknives Dene and come from Yellowknife, Northwest Territories.



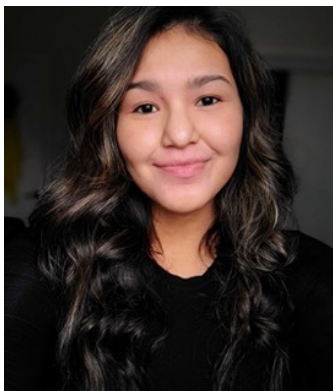
### CAMOSUN COLLEGE - EYĒ? SQĀ'LEWEN, VICTORIA BC

Eyē? Sqā'lewen, the Centre for Indigenous Education & Community Connections (IECC), welcomes more than 1,300 students from over 50 nations. IECC offers support services and Indigenous programs for Indigenous students and provides links between Camosun College, students, local Indigenous organizations, and First Nations communities. Indigenous Advisors will help you make educational and career decisions so that you can move forward with your goals. Alli Matchett is the presenter and belongs to the Secwepemc First Nation with roots to Tsq'escen and Simpcw, and also have English and Scottish ancestry, and works as a Community Liaison



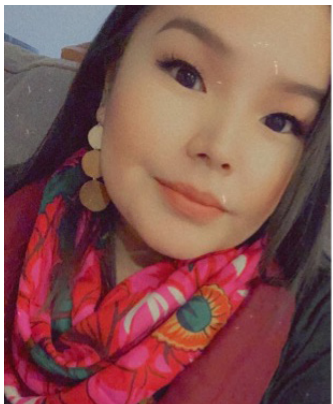
# Meet Your Presenters

## Student Panel



### PATTI WEDAWIN, GAMETI

Patti Wedawin is from Gameti, Northwest Territories and is currently living in Ottawa, Ontario. She recently graduated with a diploma in Tourism and Travel Services from Algonquin College in Ottawa in 2020. She previously graduated with a certificate in Office Administration from Grande Prairie Regional College in 2015 and then took a year of upgrading. Patti is a Northern Youth Abroad alumna and now a full-time staff member as a Program Assistant. She likes to read, sew, draw and paint, and go on picnics in the park. Patti has a big family at home and when she visits, she'd be spending all that time with them cooking or outside with the kids. She is excited to connect with other NWT students and share her story. To contact her directly, please email her at [patti@nya.ca](mailto:patti@nya.ca).



### COURTNEY VITAL, DELINE

Courtney Vital is from Délı̄në, NT. She got her diploma in Early Learning and Child Care at Grande Prairie Regional College in 2018. Then she transferred to Mount Royal University and just finished the Child Studies degree program. Courtney has been part of the North Youth Aboard alumni since 2009. Courtney likes to bead, read, and enjoy the outdoors on her free time. She is excited to share her story and hear from others with similar experiences. To contact her directly, please email [courtney\\_vital33@hotmail.com](mailto:courtney_vital33@hotmail.com). Mahsi Cho!



### JACOB KLENGENBERG, ULUKHAKTOK

Jacob Klengenber is a Social Services graduate from Nova Scotia Community College. While attending post-secondary school, he volunteered as a tutor to high school students. Coming from Ulukhaktok, NT, Jacob enjoys time spent out camping and hunting. Learning about other cultures and traditions is a point of intrigue for him. He is enthusiastic about connecting with students from the NT. Jacob looks forward to sharing his story. To contact him directly, please email at [jacobklengenber@hotmail.com](mailto:jacobklengenber@hotmail.com)

# Meet Your Presenters

## Student Panel



### LANEY BEAULIEU, DENINU K'UE

Laney Beaulieu is from Fort Resolution (Deninu K'ue) and is a previous student of the Beaufort Delta Distance Education Program. Laney has just graduated from Western University with an Honours Bachelor of Science Degree. On campus, Laney is the previous Vice-President of the Indigenous Students Association and has worked part time in genetics and immunology labs as a researcher. At home, Laney likes to create art, read books, spend time on the land, and catch up with friends. Next year Laney will begin Medical School, but she has no idea where yet as she is extremely indecisive and is still waiting to hear from some schools. If you have any questions at all for Laney about life after high school, she would love to speak with you and can be reached by email at [lbeauli2@uwo.ca](mailto:lbeauli2@uwo.ca).



### SKYE BOUCHER, HAY RIVER

Skye Boucher is in her first year at Mount Royal University in the Social Work diploma program. She had taken a few semesters off as well as completed a few upgrading semesters before she applied and was accepted in early admissions at Mount Royal. She completed the NYA Canadian program in 2017, and also looks forward to participating in NYA's International Program when the program is up and running again. She is currently doing her first-year practicum at the Hay River Health and Social Services Office and works for the Foster Family Coalition as a respite worker.



### TOPSY BANKSLAND, ULUKHAKTOK

From Ulukhaktok, NT, Topsy Banksland is currently a third year Linguistics student at the University of Saskatchewan and previously completed General Studies and Multimedia Communications at the Yukon College. She also participated in all three Northern Youth Abroad core programs. Topsy is interested in language revitalization, and hopes to further her education in the speech language pathology field.

# Meet Your Presenters

## Student Stories



### KATARINA TINQUI, BEHCHOKO

Katarina Tinqi is a first-year student from Behchokò, NT in the Bachelor of Arts Criminal Justice at Mount Royal University (MRU) in Calgary AB. She did one year of upgrading at MRU in the Indigenous University Bridging Program. A Northern Youth Abroad alumna, she's volunteered as a facilitator and chaperone with NYA in the past. Before covid, she would spend her time at MRU's Indigenous Student Centre, the Iniskim Centre, for extra help in her studies, attend the movie nights and other activities that they would host for students. She also accessed a mentor to help her in her first year in BA Criminal Justice through the Iniskim centre. Feel free to send her an email for more information and she'll try her best to answer them all. Masi! [Ktinq327@mtroyal.ca](mailto:Ktinq327@mtroyal.ca)



### DESIREE BOUCHARD, HAY RIVER

Desiree Bouchard is a graduate of Algonquin College from Hay River. She did two programs at college - her first program was Travel and Tourism, which she completed in 2017; her second was Early Childhood Education, completed in 2019. Desiree is also a Northern Youth Abroad alumna, having completed the Canadian Program in 2013. She has done a lot of volunteer work on campus, including travelling to Dominican Republic and Nicaragua. When she is in the North, Desiree loves to work out and do anything in nature. Currently, she is working at a daycare in her hometown and loving her job. Desiree welcomes anyone to get in touch with her at [desireebouchard15@gmail.com](mailto:desireebouchard15@gmail.com)



### BRANDON HARDISTY, FORT SIMPSON

Brandon Hardisty is a second-year chemistry student at Vancouver Island University from Fort Simpson. He is studying Chemistry and aspires to be a medical doctor. Brandon is also a Northern Youth Abroad alumnus. Brandon likes to volunteer at the Aboriginal Student Centre and other university activities that happen on campus. He is excited to connect with other NWT students and share his story. To contact him directly, please email him at [bhardisty03@gmail.com](mailto:bhardisty03@gmail.com)



### KYLA HVATUM, INUVIK

Kyla Hvatum, from Inuvik, recently finished her first of two years in the Liberal Arts program at the Yukon University in Whitehorse. She is currently enrolled in several sciences including biology, anthropology and psychology and made the Dean's List for her first semester. Kyla also worked as a student research assistant for the school of anthropology during her second semester. Although the last year has been challenging, Kyla says the struggles have left her with many tips and tricks of school and campus life that she is excited to share with you all! To contact her directly, please email her at: [kyla.hvatum@gmail.com](mailto:kyla.hvatum@gmail.com).