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## Iniskim Future Students Day designed to break barriers and open pathways to success for Indigenous students

The University of Lethbridge is hosting its second annual <u>Iniskim Future Students Day</u> on **Wednesday, Feb. 26**.

ULethbridge's Blackfoot name is Iniskim, meaning Sacred Buffalo Stone, gifted by Elder Bruce Wolf Child in 2002. This initiative aims to address the barriers Indigenous students often face in accessing or pursuing post-secondary education and provide pathways to success.

With a full day of activities, the event will introduce potential Indigenous postsecondary students to all the possibilities open to them at the ULethbridge campus.

Attendees will explore the many programs, supports and resources available for Indigenous students. This includes a booth exhibition featuring Faculties and departments such as admissions and scholarships, Career Bridge and likaisskini Indigenous Services, as well as on-the-spot admission.

Three interactive sessions include the Indigenous Governance and Business Management Helicopter Escape, ULethbridge Jeopardy, and an <u>Indigenous Student Success Certificate</u> (ISSC) panel. The ISSC is an excellent steppingstone program for Indigenous students, and the panel will include current ISSC students and successful alumni.

It is also an opportunity to meet Indigenous ULethbridge students, graduates, staff and professors to learn their experiences. Campus tours will be available. Lunch is provided and there will be prizes!

Media are invited to an availability anytime between 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. during the Exhibition Booth Fair located in the Science Commons Atrium (Level 7) at ULethbridge.

## Available to interview:

- Beth Grier, Indigenous Student Recruitment Officer
- Students enrolled in the Indigenous Student Success Certificate program

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Our University's Blackfoot name is Iniskim, meaning Sacred Buffalo Stone. The University is located in traditional Blackfoot Confederacy territory. We honour the Blackfoot people and their traditional ways of knowing in caring for this land, as well as all Indigenous Peoples who have helped shape and continue to strengthen our University community.