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Dhillon School of Business celebrating 40 years of Indigenous business management education

The Dhillon School of Business at the University of Lethbridge will mark a historic milestone — 40 years of Indigenous business management education — at a full-day event on Friday, March 21, in the ULeThbridge Students' Union Ballrooms (SU300B).

Since launching Canada's first university program focused on Indigenous economic development, governance and business management in 1985, the school has been a leader in advancing Indigenous business education in Canada.

"I am extremely proud of our school's legacy as we continue to walk the path of reconciliation through

education," says Dr. Kerry Godfrey, dean of the Dhillon School of Business.



In celebration of this significant milestone, of "*Mokakit*" (practice wisdom, apply your knowledge), alumni, students, community members and business leaders are invited to participate in the celebration.

The day begins with a traditional teepee raising ceremony (7:30 to 8:30 a.m.), followed by a welcome and Elder's blessing (9 a.m.) and the keynote address from Jennifer Campeau (BMgt '08), VP of Indigenous Relations at Aecon Group Inc. She will present, *Take the Risk: Realize Your Potential*, at 10 a.m.

The event will also feature insightful panel discussions with Indigenous alumni, leaders and entrepreneurs, including trailblazing Indigenous women in business and those working at the intersection of education, governance and economic development.

Attendees will have the opportunity to hear from respected speakers such as Dr. Leroy Little Bear, whose wisdom and leadership continue to inspire Indigenous education across Canada. A special scholarship announcement will also take place during a lunch featuring hearty beef stew and frybread.

This event is a unique opportunity to connect with alumni, business leaders, gain valuable insights and celebrate the incredible contributions of Indigenous professionals in shaping industries and communities.

For a full schedule of events and to register, visit: ulethbridge.ca/dhillon/40-years-indigenous-business-education

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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.