



**IKSISTOWAAPI
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GOING ALL OUT SOCIETY

Iksistowaapi Kannakkaatsi Going All Out Society Winter 2026 Newsletter Siksikaitsitapi Blackfoot Communities

Updates:

Darrell Daniels Elected as Councillor for the Siksika Nation Chief and Council

We'd like to send our congratulations to Darrell Daniels for his recent election to public office as Councillor for the Siksika Nation Chief and Council! Darrell was a core member of the Going All Out Society, serving as the Siksika Employment Navigator initially and shifting to Siksika Education Navigator in 2023. Darrell is a University of Lethbridge graduate, as he convocated in June of 2024 with his Bachelor of Management degree. We wish Darrell all the best in his new leadership role and look forward to continuing to work with him in this new capacity.

As Darrell has transitioned from Navigator to community leader, the Manager, Indigenous Learning and Impact, Diandra Bruised Head, will lead Navigator roles and communications for Siksika Nation. For any inquiries, please contact:

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Fall Highlights

October – November 2025: On-Reserve Post Secondary Institution Fairs

The Going All Out Society Education Navigators hosted the 2nd annual Post Secondary Institution Fair events in Kainai, Siksika, and Piikani. The fairs invite all students and community members to come and learn about many of the education institutions in Western Canada, in the spirit of holistic lifelong learning.

Throughout the three Nation events, hosted at the Multi-Purpose Building in Standoff, the Siksika Powwow Arbour, and the Piikani Secondary School gymnasium, more than 300 students and community members attended and were informed of the potential pathways to success. There were 20 recruiters from institutions and trade schools across Western Canada who joined the events, from Medicine Hat College to the University of Victoria, and all were happy to speak to students and community members about their institution's programming.

Post Secondary Institution Fairs are in-person opportunities to explore taking your interests to the next level. It can be costly, in time and money, to visit 20 different schools across Alberta, BC, and Saskatchewan, so the Going All Out Society brings them to Siksikaitstapi. The Going All Out Society Education Navigators plan and host the Post Secondary Institution Fairs in community; the Going All Out Society also helps with transportation and meals for schools to bring classes to visit post-secondary schools outside of the community (contact your Education Navigator for more information).

The Going All Out Society Education Navigators are located in-community for any questions. If you're a teacher seeking career and education resources, or if you're a potential future student seeking guidance, we're here to help! Reach out to goingalloutsociety@uleth.ca.

Upcoming Spring Events:

February 24 – Iniskim Future Students Day

<https://www.ulethbridge.ca/future-student/indigenous-future-students-day>

March 2-6 – University of Lethbridge Indigenous Awareness Week

<https://www.ulethbridge.ca/indigenous/indigenous-awareness-week>

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March 9-13 – A'tsimaani Blackfoot Immersion – Blackfoot Conference

<https://atsimaaniconference.ca/>

April 22 – SAVE THE DATE: Blackfoot Spring Post-Secondary Fair and Workshop
Intended for all Blackfoot youth and community members interested in learning about pathways to post-secondary education!



The Going All Out Society is in the planning stages for the semi-annual Post Secondary Institution Fair. This Spring, we will be providing a one-day event at EXCITE Lethbridge (old Exhibition grounds) and transportation costs will be provided. More details to come!!

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Connect with the Going All Out Society

If you would like to request the attendance of your community Navigator to visit your school, classroom or organization, please contact your individual community Education Navigator to set this up or email goingallsociety@uleth.ca.

Opportunities to Connect include:

- Classroom presentation
- Lunch hour booth
- Evening information session

Going All Out Society Education Navigator Contacts:

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Siksika Nation Going All Out Society Education Navigator

(Position currently vacant)

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