



University of
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Media Advisory

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University of Lethbridge to celebrate National Indigenous Peoples Day with ceremony

The University of Lethbridge is proud to celebrate National Indigenous History Month and National Indigenous Peoples Day with a ceremony and announcement on Tuesday, June 23.

WHAT: National Indigenous Peoples Day Celebration

WHEN: 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 23.

WHERE: University Hall Fine Arts Atrium – W610 and Iikaiskini Gathering Centre (W650)

The campus community is invited to the UHall Fine Arts Atrium for an event that features a Blackfoot naming ceremony for Carter Provost, a former Work-Integrated Learning (WIL) and Indigenous Student Success Certificate (ISSC) student.

Piiksinaasin, Faculty of Fine Arts, will announce a significant gift in support of the Indigenous Artist(s) in Residence program and launch a call for artist applications.

Provost will receive a Blackfoot name in a ceremony with Dr. Francis First Charger and Ruben Big Sorrel Horse will do a praise song. Lunch will follow.

*** Media are invited to attend all aspects of the ceremony. Interviews will be available with Dr. Leroy Little Bear (Vice-Provost, Iniskim Indigenous Relations) and Dr. Heather Davis-Fisch (Dean, Piiksinaasin, Faculty of Fine Arts) at 12:15 p.m.**

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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.