



University of
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Media Advisory

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University of Lethbridge Truth and Reconciliation Days advance healing

The University of Lethbridge commemorates Sept. 28 to 30 as Truth and Reconciliation Days with events and activities open to everyone.

WHAT: Truth and Reconciliation Days

WHEN: Monday, Sept. 28 to Wednesday, Sept. 30

WHERE: ULethbridge campus

At Iniskim (University of Lethbridge), we commit to moving forward in a good way and to respond meaningfully to the TRC 94 Calls to Action. Education is how we answer that call. Indigenous knowledge, culture, tradition and worldviews have always been foundational to ULethbridge since we became a university in 1967. As a university community, we strive to advance meaningful truth and reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Canadians.

Events on campus leading up to September 30 for Truth and Reconciliation Days offer us all chance to pause, reflect and remember the lasting intergenerational impacts of residential schools on Indigenous communities in Canada. They give our university community a chance to come together thoughtfully in ways and spaces to rebuild, restore and heal.

Truth and Reconciliation Days begin with a welcome and Sweetgrass on Coals Ceremony on Monday, Sept. 28, at 11 a.m. in the University Hall Atrium. A barbecue, rock painting, ceremonial facepainting with Indigenous Elders, storytelling and a traditional medicine drop-in workshop highlight other activities.

Naato'saaki (Sunwoman) Annette Fox-BruisedHead (Bsc' 00 MEd' 10), ULethbridge Vice-Provost, Iniskim Indigenous Relations will be available for interviews following the Orange Shirt Day photo at noon in the University Hall Atrium

In order to provide space and time for reflection, there will be no classes and University offices will be closed on Wednesday, Sept. 30. The University's decision to observe this day is consistent with the University's commitment to Indigenization, and specifically the Truth and Reconciliation process.

For more information on the various events, visit ulethbridge.ca/indigenous/truth-and-reconciliation.

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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.