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DTI HEALTHCARE GRADUATES

By Chantelle Jule, DTI Program Coordinator

I think everyone would be in agreement that the COVID-19 pandemic has taught us many things. One of the primary things would be how valuable our healthcare system is.

Frontline workers around the world stepped up their role when the pandemic hit and have continued to do so over the past 18 months. They are showing up, putting on brave faces, and putting in long hours.

They have continually adapted to the situation by changing how they provide care, continually revising schedules and care plans, and even repurposing facilities when needed, all while continuing to demonstrate care and compassion to their patients. I would say that the Dumont Technical Institute's (DTI) healthcare students have also done the same.

Being enrolled in a healthcare training program during a global pandemic is not an easy journey.

Our students and staff did an incredible job of adjusting to online learning overnight on top of many other obstacles. Obstacles included new ways of learning, several schedule revisions, many clinical changes, mandatory self-isolations, and learning new technology to ensure they could successfully maintain their studies.

The perseverance and determination we have seen from the DTI Practical Nursing and Continuing Care Assistant (CCA) students throughout the past 18 months is something our students and staff should be so proud of.

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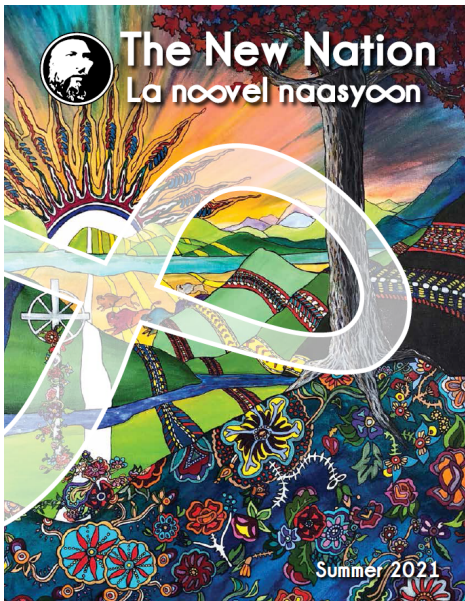


THE NEW NATION: LA NOOVEL NAASYOON SUMMER 2021 EDITION OUT NOW!

By Desirae Barker

The Summer 2021 edition of *The New Nation: La noovel naasyoon* magazine is now available online. Published by the Gabriel Dumont Institute (GDI); the quarterly magazine promotes Métis culture, highlights GDI's programs and successes, and showcases good-news stories of Métis across the province.

The contents of this edition includes several stories about the remarkable accomplishments of Métis from across the province; including Maria Campbell, who was recently recognized by SK Arts with a Lifetime Achievement Award and the University of Saskatchewan with an Honorary Doctor of Letters degree; and John Arcand, who was recently honoured with a music room dedication.



The cover page of the summer edition features a painting titled *My Mother's Nation* by Heather Hill. "After much research, I reconciled my identity as Métis, colour poured out, and my art has begun to speak from the Spirit of God, from where I learned to create. I found my Mother's people and their distinct culture are where my heart is home. I'm elated with my discovery and can't wait to become woven into the fabric of my mother's Métis Nation," described Heather.

Furthermore, this issue showcases the success of many GDI students, graduates, alumni, and Order of Gabriel Dumont Bronze Medal recipients. Tributes for the outgoing Executive Director, Geordy McCaffrey also are included along with exciting GDI Press, GDI Métis Culture & Heritage, and GDI programming announcements.

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SUCCESS STORY SPOTLIGHT



Photo courtesy of GDI, Dani-Anne Lefevre

Dani-Anne Lefevre became a GDI Training & Employment client in 2019. She believes that being able to connect on a cultural level with an organization is very important. She enjoys that Métis people are guiding other Métis people through leadership at GDI, and specifically credits her employment counsellor Randi for her leadership and support. Last month, Dani-Anne graduated from the Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technology with a diploma in Mental Health & Wellness. She is currently working full-time for EGADZ as an Outreach Worker. Her future plans are to begin her Indigenous Social Work degree at the First Nations University of Canada this fall and start a career in a rural harm reduction setting.

"I want to congratulate anyone pursuing the field of Mental Health & Wellness; this is a very hard program. A lot of us, including myself, have struggled with substance abuse. Making the move to any post-secondary is a very big thing; it's worth celebrating!"

DANI-ANNE LEFEVRE





View from East Village Tower
Photo submitted by David Morin



Mossbag from "The Sewing Circle"
Photo submitted by David Morin



Leah Dorion Art Closeup
Photo submitted by David Morin

BATOCHÉ SUMMER CELEBRATION SHOWCASES MÉTIS ARTISTS AND NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

By David Morin

GDI Culture and Heritage Department teamed up with Parks Canada and the Friends of Batoche to create videos showcasing Métis artists and the new exhibits at the Batoche National Historic Site.

The videos were split into two parts and shown over the course of two days. Batoche Summer Celebration Part One featured a performance by Phil and Dallas Boyer, a special feature on "The Sewing Circle" an exhibit being displayed at Batoche National Historic Site in July and September of octopus bags created by members of Gabriel Dumont Local 11 (A Métis Nation—SK Local in Western Region IIA), as well as a preview of a new display in the museum at the site called "Beyond Fiddles and Sashes" which lets visitors learn more about Métis culture and history.

Part Two featured a performance by Angela Rancourt, a tour of the East Village at Batoche National Historic Site (BNHS), and a preview by Leah Marie Dorion of her Thirteen Moons art show, being showcased at BNHS all season.

The two videos combined had over 3800 views, 86 comments, 54 shares, and nearly 500 engagements. Both videos are still available for viewing! Batoche Summer Celebration Part One is available here:

www.facebook.com/287212091316863/videos/802845627031069

Batoche Summer Celebration Part Two is available here:

www.facebook.com/287212091316863/videos/974638700027488

MÉTIS KITCHEN PARTY

By Karon Shmon

The Gabriel Dumont Institute is pleased to be part of making a dearly loved Métis tradition, the kitchen party, available to fiddle fans who have been longing to

listen to the best of the best. Join us for this special event and bring your dancing shoes for an old-tyme dance the next night!

JOIN US FOR A FIDDLE CONCERT WEEKEND!

AUGUST 13th & 14th!

Each show starts at 7:00 pm
 Tickets \$20 per person, per show
 available at the gate only
 Please bring your own lawn chair.

Located at the John Arcand Fiddle Fest Site
 Find us on Google Maps with
 "John Arcand Fiddle Fest Grounds"

John Arcand Fiddle Fest
John Arcand
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FRIDAY
 Take a step back in time and enjoy a **MÉTIS KITCHEN PARTY!**
 Artists: John Arcand, Lucas Welch, Tristen Durocher, Cathy Sproule, Jordan Daniels, Joseph Desjarlais, JJ Guy, and Jeremy Corrigan

SATURDAY
FIDDLE FEST FAVOURITES:
 Founder John Arcand is joined by his daughter Michelle and his grandson Lee.
 Then enjoy Freddie and Sheila Pelletier, James Steele and Lionel Gilbertson.
 Old time dance follows, with live music by Rural Routes.





GDI NEWS

Eagle Feather News featured SUNTEP graduate & Valedictorian Kennedy Halcro where she describes her experience at SUNTEP. Visit here for the article: <https://bit.ly/2Vi3LHi>

Order of Gabriel Dumont Silver Medal Recipient Gregory Scofield highlighted by University of Victoria for his traditional beadwork, and GDI Press title WĀPIKWANIY: A Beginner's Guide to Métis Floral Beadwork

Visit here for the full article bit.ly/3j1mlf2

Visit www.gdins.org/news for all the latest news about the Gabriel Dumont Institute!

DTI HEALTHCARE GRADUATES

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Métis healthcare workers are a vital part of today's healthcare team. Within the Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA), it is important that healthcare workers represent the communities they serve in a variety of settings including, long-term care facilities and acute care settings.


Métis healthcare workers at DTI are trained to provide proper client care in a culturally reaffirming way and are culturally sensitive to the needs of the Indigenous clients and community. Having this cultural awareness and training helps patients feel at ease during their experience.

DTI is proud of all its healthcare students. Our students have worked very hard this past year

and overcame many challenges during the pandemic. We are happy to report that despite these challenges, our students continued to have successful outcomes.

This year, DTI graduated 26 CCA students and 31 Practical Nursing students. Congratulations to all 2021 graduates!


Healthcare workers make a positive difference in the health and well-being of individuals, their families, and our communities. We know our new DTI graduates are not only going to make a positive impact on the patients they care for; but also will be able to build a brighter future for themselves and their families thanks to their education. 🌐



PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

Métis Nation Post-Secondary COVID-19 Relief Program still accepting applications.
www.gdins.org/covid-19

DTI Testing Center is open every Friday. For detailed booking instructions please visit →
www.gdins.org/saskatoon-testing-center-now-open

 **Check out new DTI Programs announced!**
www.gdins.org/programs

Upcoming Application Deadlines
Educational Assistant - Ile-à-la-Crosse **AUG 15**

THE NEW NATION: LA NOOVEL NAASYOON SUMMER 2021 EDITION OUT NOW!

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Since the revival of the *New Nation: la noovel naasyoon* magazine in July 2020, GDI has released five editions. The public's response to the magazine has been very positive with many online views, demand for print copies, and engagement on social media platforms.

COVID-19 UPDATE

Although Saskatchewan has lifted all public COVID-19 health restrictions, the virus itself still exists, and GDI's priority remains the health, safety, and wellbeing of our students, faculty, and staff. As an organization, GDI will continue to implement precautionary safety protocols throughout all facilities across the province. These safety protocols include:

GDI is pleased to offer free online access to the magazine on our website at www.gdins.org/metis-culture/the-new-nation. The magazine is also available on the *Virtual Museum for Métis History and Culture* at www.metismuseum.ca/resource.php/149728 🌐

- Masks required in all common indoor areas until Sept 30th
- Group visits/tours on hold. Will be re-evaluated Sept 30th
- All GDI buildings & facilities open to public Aug 3rd
- Safety signage, masks and hand sanitizer remain at all entrances

Visit www.gdins.org/COVID-19 for the latest GDI updates





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 - Download the My SSP App
 - Call 1.844.451.9700

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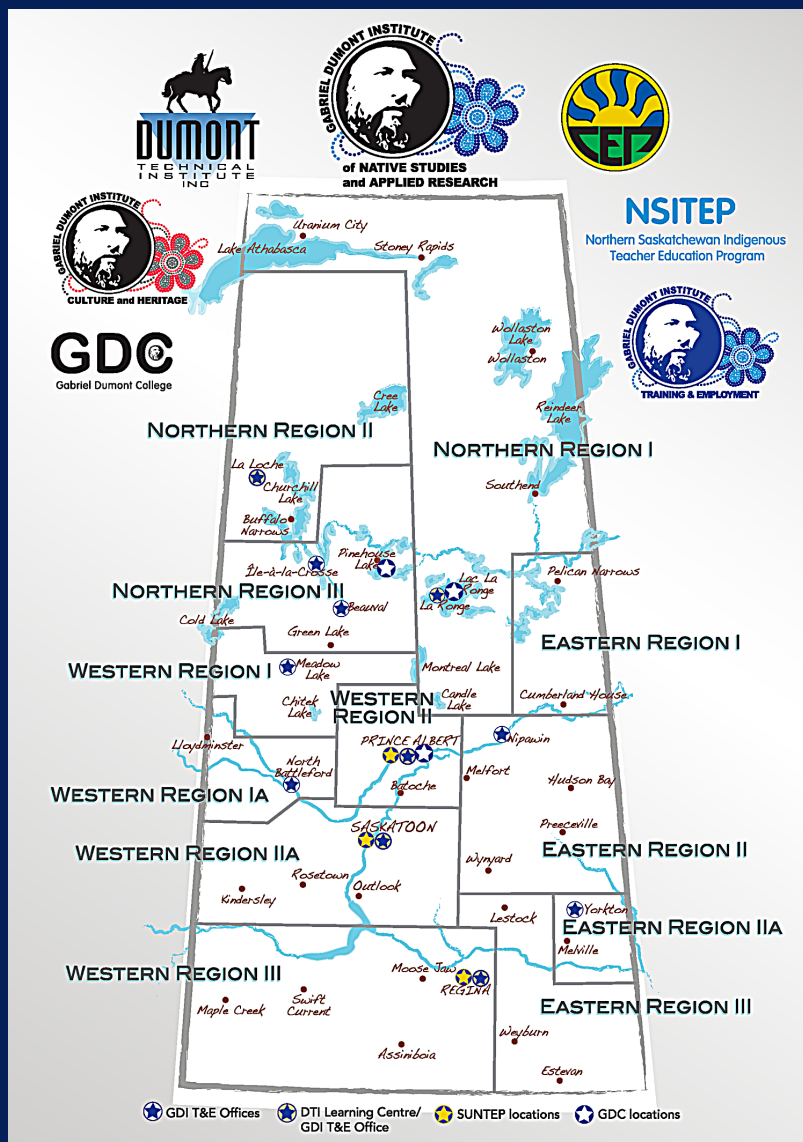
AUGUST 2021 FINANCE & PAYROLL CUTOFF CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Heritage Day Stat Holiday	Finance Cutoff @ Noon for Aug 13 Student Payroll		Accounts Payable Cheque/EFT Run	Cutoff @ 4:30 for Accounts Payable Invoices	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	Cutoff @ 4:30 for Timesheet & Payroll Revisions for Aug 13 Payday	Cutoff @ 3 pm for Stop Payments on Student Aug 13 Direct Deposits		Accounts Payable Cheque/EFT Run	Staff Payday Cutoff @ 4:30 for Accounts Payable Invoices	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	Finance Cutoff @ 4:30 for Aug 27 Student Payroll			Accounts Payable Cheque/EFT Run	Cutoff @ 4:30 for Accounts Payable Invoices	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
		Cutoff @ 3 pm for Stop Payments on Student Aug 27 Direct Deposits	Cutoff @ 4:30 for Timesheet & Payroll Revisions for Aug 31 Payday	Accounts Payable Cheque/EFT Run	Student Payday Cutoff @ 4:30 for Accounts Payable Invoices	
29	30	31				
	Finance Cutoff @ 4:30 for Sep 10 Student Payroll	Staff Payday				

EMPLOYEE CONTRACTS DUE AT PAYROLL UPON JOB ACCEPTANCE
PAYROLL MUST RECEIVE CONTRACTS PRIOR TO PAYROLL CUTOFF DATE
IF RECEIVED AFTER THE CUTOFF DATE, THE EMPLOYEE WILL BE PAID ON THE FOLLOWING PAY PERIOD MRTS DUE BY THE 15TH OF EVERY MONTH



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