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OFFICE OF INDIGENOUS INITIATIVES

2021 ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT

OFFICE OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT, PEOPLE, STRATEGY, EQUITY & CULTURE
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PROGRESS ON ANSWERING THE CALL *WECHEEHETOWIN*

This year has been yet another year of growth, celebration, challenges, and sadness. We experienced another year of navigating COVID, while ensuring Indigenous students were supported and well taken care of.

Key themes identified in the report:

- Institutional Support and Guidance
- Indigenous Spaces
- Indigenous Faculty and Staff
- Indigenous Curriculum
- Ethical Conduct and Community Relationships
- Indigenous Students and Indigenous Co-Curricular Education



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Institutional Support and Guidance



- Office of Indigenous Initiatives
- UTM Indigenous Sharing Table
- UTSC Truth, Reconciliation, and Indigenous Initiatives Advisory Committee

"In 2021, over 2,700 members of the U of T community participated in one of four different trainings:

- *Speaking Our Truths: The Journey Towards Reconciliation (Part 1 and 2);*
- *Reconciliation: Walking the Path of Indigenous Allyship;* and
- *Reflecting on Land Acknowledgments."*



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Indigenous Spaces



- “Tree Protection Zone” Art Project, Hart House, UTSG
- Indigenous Creation Studio, UTM
- Daniels Mural Project, John H. Daniels Faculty of Architecture, Landscape, and Design, UTSG
- Medicine Gardens, UTM, UTSC, UTSG



Indigenous Faculty and Staff

- UTSG has hired new Indigenous faculty and staff members, including First Peoples Leadership Advisor to the Dean, John. H. Daniels Faculty of Architecture, Landscape, and Design; Indigenous Health Lead, Dalla Lana School of Public Health; Elder-in-Residence, Faculty of Law; Coordinator, Indigenous Community-Engaged Learning, Centre for Community Partnerships; and Indigenous Mentor and Community Partnership Specialist, Woodsworth College



In Memoriam: Si'Yam Lee Maracle (Stó:lō),
Instructor, Advisor, Elders Circle Member, Traditional
Teacher-in-Residence,
1950-2021



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Indigenous Curriculum

- Indigenous Health Nursing Working Group, Lawrence S. Bloomberg Faculty of Nursing, UTSG
- First Story Toronto Course Credit, Woodsworth College, UTSG
- Indigenous Learning Sub-Committee, Academic Success, Student Life, UTSG



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Ethical Conduct and Community Relationships

- Indigenous Research Network
- “Personalizing Your Land Acknowledgement”
Workshop, Centre for Teaching Support & Innovation,
Academic Success, First Nations House, UTSG
- Indigenous Research Grant, Lawrence S. Bloomberg
Faculty of Nursing, UTSG
- Indigenous Volunteer Pilot Program, Centre for
Community Partnerships (CCP), UTSG



Indigenous Students and Indigenous Co-Curricular Education

- Orange Shirt Day/National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, Tri-campus
- 2021 Indigenous Community Gathering of staff, faculty, and librarians, UTM
- Virtual Residential School Tours, Faculty of Arts & Science, UTSG
- Pow Wow Vaccine Clinic, Well-Living House, UTSG



- Roundtable with Indigenous Artists, School of Cities, UTSG
- U of T Virtual Pride Concert Featuring Jeremy Dutcher, Sexual and Gender Diversity Office



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Next Steps, Looking Forward



- Council of Indigenous Initiatives
- Renovations at First Nations House and Centre for Indigenous Studies, UTSG
- New Office for the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, UTM
- Construction of Indigenous House, UTSC
- Virtual Living Archive, UTM
- Indigenous Landscape Project at Taddle Creek

