

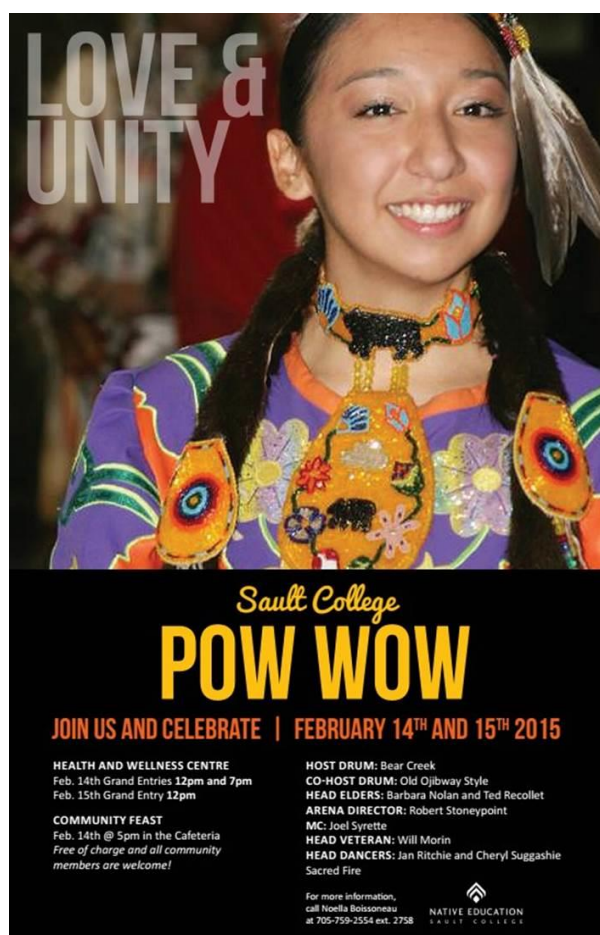


Sault College News Release

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Sault College Hosts Annual Pow Wow on Campus

Dance-off with Mr. Bon Soo and Corby the Sault College Cougar in regalia



(Sault Ste. Marie, ON February 10, 2015) Sault College is pleased to carry on the tradition of hosting its annual Pow Wow on campus. On Saturday, February 14th and Sunday, February 15th in the Student Health and Wellness Centre, the Native Student Council and the Native Education Department at Sault College will come together to host a weekend of celebration, Anishinaabe style. This year's theme is based on love and unity of all nations and the importance of working together for a stronger and healthier future for our generation and generations to come.

On Friday, February 13th, a Sacred Fire will be lit and will continue to burn until Sunday, February 15th. The Grand Entry will begin at noon on

Saturday February 14th, and a free delicious feast for the community will take place at 5:00 p.m. in the cafeteria that evening followed by the evening Grand Entry at 7:00 p.m. On Sunday, February 15th, the Grand Entry will also take place at noon.

The Pow Wow will feature the Host Drum group Bear Creek from local First Nations and Old Ojibway Style from Michigan and Wisconsin will be the co-host drum for the weekend. Other special guests include Barbara Nolan and Ted Recollet as Head Elders, Robert Stonepoint as Arena Director, Joel Syrette as Emcee, Will Morin as Head Veteran and Head Dancers Jan Ritchie and Cheryl Suggashie, both of whom are Sault College Alumni. New to this year's event, a dance-off with Mr. Bon Soo and Corby the Sault College Cougar in regalia will take place on Sunday, February 15th at 2:30 p.m.

"Pow Wows bring the community together and are an opportunity to give thanks and reflect on the importance of family, friends and neighbours," says James Scott, Native Student Council President, who is helping to organize the event. "All are welcome to attend the Pow Wow and are encouraged to participate in this amazing cultural experience."

The Pow Wow will feature Aboriginal drums, as well as dancers in full regalia who will share their skill and cultural expression through dance. There will also be many Aboriginal craft vendors with a wide variety of handcrafted leatherwork, beading, moccasins, and jewellery. Food vendors will be offering a wide selection of traditional Aboriginal foods and will operate throughout the event.

Parking is free anywhere on campus. For more information, please contact Noella Boissoneau at 705-759-2554 ext. 2758.

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About Sault College Native Education

Sault College continues to enrol, educate, and graduate Native students from programs across the College. The Native student population has grown rapidly over the past few years, and we are committed to serving ever-larger numbers of Native learners during the years ahead. Dedicated to Native student success, our Native Education Department offers a unique learning environment which embraces language, culture, and traditions with an emphasis placed on student success strategies that will assist students in achieving excellence both academically and in their chosen career. Sault College,

located in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario is one of 24 community colleges in Ontario. Visit our website at www.saultcollege.ca for more information.

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