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Laurier holds events at its Waterloo campus to showcase Aboriginal culture

WATERLOO – Canoe making, a soup-and-fry bread lunch, a hypnosis show and “drumology” are a few of the events taking place during Aboriginal awareness week, March 12 to 16 on Laurier’s Waterloo campus.

“This is our 2nd annual Aboriginal awareness week and we are excited to bring the events back,” said Melissa Ireland, Aboriginal student support coordinator at Laurier’s Waterloo campus. “We are continuing the momentum of growth and knowledge-sharing at Laurier and look forward to strengthening connections with Laurier students, staff, faculty and community members.”

Aboriginal awareness week begins Monday, March 12 with Marcelle Labelle, Métis Elder and master birch canoe-maker, who will share canoe teachings from 10 a.m. to noon in the amphitheatre outside Laurier’s dining hall.

The Aboriginal Student Centre will welcome guests to 187 Albert Street for a soup-and-fry bread lunch Tuesday, March 13, from noon to 2 p.m.

On Wednesday, March 14 at 1 p.m., the Aboriginal Student Centre will host a talking circle, “Living Away from Home” with Hilton King, a Laurier MSW Aboriginal field of study student. Wednesday evening, Seneca Nation comedian Darren Thomas will deliver a comedy hypnosis show, “The Power of the Mind,” from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in room 2C16, Arts C Wing.

A cross-cultural Aboriginal and African participatory drum workshop, “drumology,” will run from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, March 15 in the main lounge of the Bricker Academic building. Sheri Longboat, a Laurier PhD candidate in Geography, will deliver a talk entitled, “Concerns and Challenges for First Nations Water Security” at 7 p.m. in the Aboriginal Student Centre.

On Friday, March 16, King will deliver a self-care workshop, “I Care for Me,” from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Aboriginal Student Centre.

For more information and to register, please visit www.wlu.ca/aboriginal and click on events or contact mireland@wlu.ca. All events are free and open to the public.

For information about Aboriginal awareness week events taking place at Laurier’s Brantford campus, please visit: www.wlu.ca/aboriginalawareness.