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MEDIA TIPS AND LEADS

ACTIVITIES MARK NATIONAL ABORIGINAL DAY:

June 21 is National Aboriginal Day. The University of Victoria has a number of programs and partnerships that promote First Nations culture. The following are items that provide story opportunities for National Aboriginal Day in Victoria and across British Columbia.

UVIC HOSTS GROUP OF INDIGENOUS STUDENTS FROM ACROSS CANADA: The Office of Indigenous Affairs and First Peoples House is hosting an Indigenous student orientation program from June 18 to 21. This program is aimed at providing adult learners from across Canada the opportunity to travel to UVic to learn about programs and services. National Aboriginal Day marks the completion of the orientation and participants will be honoured at a ceremony at First Peoples House from 1:30 to 3:00. UVic is actively involved in recruiting and retaining students from diverse communities, helping to remove barriers to admission and building on its unique relationships with First Nations in Victoria and across Canada. UVic offers more than a dozen degrees, diplomas and certificates serving Indigenous learners.

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UVIC, CAMOSUN TO MARK NATIONAL ABORIGINAL DAY: On Thursday, June 21 National Aboriginal Day, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 at the Aboriginal Gathering Place - Na'tsa'maht, on Camosun College's Landsdowne Campus a traditional welcome will be followed by performances from Victoria's Unity Drummers, the Ahousaht Drummers, a traditional medicine workshop with Della Rice Sylvester, a kids market and a smoked salmon BBQ with bannock. The event is a collaboration between UVic's Office of Indigenous Affairs and Camosun's Aboriginal Education Community Connections Office and CUPE 2081 with the support of TD Bank and VanCity.

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