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Mi'kmaq History Month

October is Mi'kmaq History Month, a time to honour Mi'kmaq history, culture, and traditions, celebrate the enduring presence of the Mi'kmaq Nation, and reflect on the importance of peace, friendship, and treaty relationships.

Mi'kmaq History Month

WHEREAS the Government of Nova Scotia recognizes that the Mi'kmaq have the inherent right to self-government within Canada;

WHEREAS the Province of Nova Scotia and the Mi'kmaq Nation recognize their mutual need to live in peace and friendship in accordance with the spirit of their treaty and nation-to-nation relationship;

WHEREAS the Government of Nova Scotia recognizes all Treaties which were signed in good faith between the Crown and the Mi'kmaq;

WHEREAS the Province of Nova Scotia and the Mi'kmaq Nation recognize that their mutual peace and friendship requires the public awareness of the history, values and the diversity of cultures;

WHEREAS the Government of Nova Scotia and the Mi'kmaq Nation wish to promote public awareness for all citizens of Nova Scotia;

NOW THEREFORE we, John Savage, Premier of Nova Scotia, and Ben Sylliboy, Grand Chief of Mi'kmaq, do hereby proclaim the month of October as Mi'kmaq History Month.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF we have hereunto set our hands in peace and friendship and caused our seals to be affixed at Halifax on this 1st day of October, 1993.

(Signed)
John Savage
Pri'miir wjit Nopa Sko'sia

(Signed)
Ben Sylliboy
Kji-Saqmaw wjit Mi'kmaq

Proclaimed in **1993** by the Government of Nova Scotia and the Mi'kmaq Nation, this month recognizes Mi'kmaq history, values, and cultures, while raising public awareness of the longstanding relationship between the Mi'kmaq Nation and the Crown.

It is also an opportunity to reflect on the Mi'kmaq people's inherent right to self-government and the importance of upholding the spirit of peace, friendship, and treaty relationships.

16th Annual Dalhousie Mawio'mi — Sharing Culture, Building Community



Photos by: Kayler Mutyabule



Dalhousie's **16th annual Mawio'mi** took place on Tuesday, September 29. This year, we welcomed approximately 30 vendors, two drum groups; **Smokey Point** and **Skyview Eagles**, as well as the *Northern Lights Drum Dancers & Throat Singers*.

Elder Gary Joseph served as our MC, with **Simon Nevin** as Arena Director. Several student leaders also helped facilitate the event this year, supporting the day and contributing to its success.

The Grand Entry featured opening remarks from Elder Ann LaBillois, John R. Sylliboy, Vice-Provost Indigenous Relations, and Rick Ezekiel, Vice-Provost Student Affairs.

As always, the Mawio'mi was a wonderful opportunity to bring people together, with students, staff, faculty, and community members from off campus including students ranging from preschool to high school joining us for the day.

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Indigenous Student Orientation



Photos by: Alexa Cude

The rain came down heavily that day, but it didn't stop new students from joining **Starting Strong: Indigenous Student Orientation** on September 4. The full-day event began at the Dalhousie Indigenous Student Centre before moving to the Ko'jua Okuom.

The day opened with a smudge led by Elder Ann LaBillois, followed by icebreakers designed by our student supports. Students were welcomed by John R. Sylliboy, Vice-Provost Indigenous Relations, and Rick Ezekiel, Vice-Provost Student Affairs, before learning about leadership opportunities and navigating Dalhousie through Indigenous Dal 101.

A student panel provided an opportunity for senior students to share their experiences and journeys. The day ended with a self-guided scavenger hunt around Studley Campus. While this was our first orientation event of its kind, we're excited to build on it in the years to come!



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A Place to **Indigenous Student** Connect: **Centre – Sexton Campus**

Meet **Charlotte Muise** – Supporting Indigenous Students in Engineering



Charlotte Muise is a woman of mixed European and Mi'kmaw ancestry from Ktaqmkuk who brings her passion for community, water, and engineering to her work at Dalhousie.

After moving to Halifax in 2020, Charlotte completed her Bachelor of Environmental Engineering in 2025 and is now pursuing a PhD in Civil Engineering with the Centre for Water Resources Studies. Her research explores risks within wastewater treatment lagoons and what these risks mean for First Nations across the Wabanaki Confederacy.

As the **Indigenous Pathways Program Coordinator in Dalhousie's Faculty of Engineering**, Charlotte supports Indigenous students throughout their engineering journey, helping them navigate and find connection within the field.

Outside of her work and research, Charlotte serves her community as a water warrior and shares teachings through beadwork and smudging. She is also a long-distance runner who enjoys textile crafts, reading, and cooking.

To read more on the Faculty of Engineering: [Click Here](#)

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Indigenous Engineering Mentorship Program

Looking for a mentor? Become part of the ISC Community.

The Indigenous Student Centre on Sexton (ISCoS) is launching a mentorship program to connect Indigenous Engineering, Architecture, and Planning students with Indigenous engineers and role models across Turtle Island. ISCoS is seeking an **Indigenous engineer** with experience in industry, academia, or another area of the profession who can commit to a one-hour session every six weeks during the **2026–27 academic year**.



In search of
**INDIGENOUS
MENTORS
FOR STUDENTS**

How will you support and guide
Indigenous students in Engineering at
Dalhousie University?

-  Be First Nations, Metis, or Inuit.
-  Have a one-hour with the student
every 6 weeks.
-  Be available from September 2026–April 2027.
-  Share knowledge between community
leaders of all backgrounds.

IF INTERESTED PLEASE SCAN QR CODE OR FOLLOW
MS FORM LINK



Complete the Microsoft Form in the poster or contact Charlotte Muise at charlottemuise@dal.ca to learn more.

A Look Around Campus

At some of the people, conversations, gatherings and events shaping Indigenous engagement across Dalhousie.

The Indigenous Student Centre on Sexton (ISCoS) hosted a successful **open house**, bringing together students and staff for food, conversation, and connection. The event introduced new students to the centre and gathered feedback on additional supports to be implemented this academic year.



On **September 17**, John R. Sylliboy, Vice-Provost, Indigenous Relations, presented "**L'nu Wisdom and Sustainability**" to approximately 350 students, faculty, and community members as part of the **College of Sustainability's ESS Lecture Series**. The presentation explored Mi'kmaw concepts including Netukulimk and Etuaptmumk (Two-Eyed Seeing), and how language and culture shape approaches to sustainability.



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Elder (Sukwis) in Residence

Meet Elder Ann LaBillois

Elder Ann LaBillois is Dalhousie's Elder (Sukwis) in Residence, offering a welcoming space for those looking to connect with an Elder for knowledge sharing, listening and cultural support.

Elder Ann is available for smudging, sharing circles, opening ceremonies, and other cultural gatherings.

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📍 Indigenous Student Centre

For Virtual



Monday: 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

For In Person



Tues–Thurs: 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

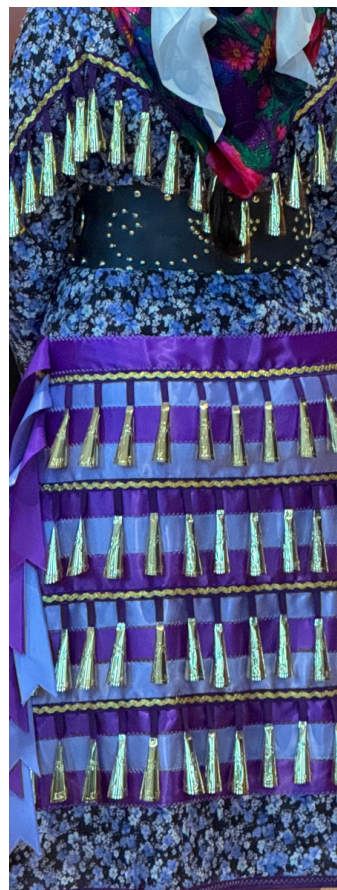


For Elder requests or to connect with Elder Ann, contact elderann@dal.ca or kayler.mutyabule@dal.ca.

Indigenous Student Enrollment 2025/26

In the 2025–2026 academic year, Dalhousie had **745** Indigenous students, including **280** Mi'kmaq students out of total 21,103 students.

Enrolment data shared here is an unofficial snapshot and may change. Official enrolment reports are released by the university annually in December and should be used as the final source of record.



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