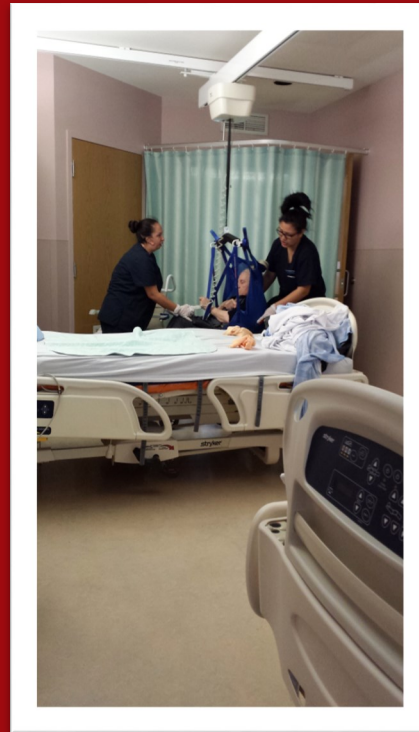




NATIVE EDUCATION COLLEGE
HEALTH CARE ASSISTANT CARE PROGRAM



Shatasha Wesley from Native Education College Health Care Assistant program is brushing the resident's hair and getting her ready for breakfast.



Julia Stephens uses ceiling lift to transfer the resident.

The Native Education College Health Care Assistant Program uses a culturally sensitive approach and Aboriginal wellness model to prepare students to provide appropriate assistance to elders, Aboriginal families, and people of various cultures and backgrounds in residential care facilities. The students will receive a clinical practicum and obtain Standard First Aid, CPR Level C, WHMIS and FoodSafe Level 1 Certifications.

Students will receive individualized support and preparation in gaining essential employability skills, job search techniques, resume preparation support, and interview skills workshops to better prepare them after they have successfully completed the HCA program.

For more information on upcoming programs see Native Education College website at www.necvancouver.org

ACCESS Mission Statement

To increase Aboriginal participation in the labour market.

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URBAN SPIRIT NEWSLETTER

Aboriginal Community Career Employment Services Society
108-100 Park Royal
West Vancouver, BC V7T 1A2

May 2016

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Essential Skills for Aboriginal Futures

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ACCESS envisions an urban Aboriginal Community empowered through culture, wellness, achievement and self-sufficiency.



ACCESS COMMUNITY FORUM APRIL 8, 2016

The ACCESS community forum was held on April 8, 2016 at 250 Powell Street at the new BladeRunners Place, a housing project in partnership with The Bloom Group. The theme of the community forum was *People, Partnerships and Passion*. Guest speakers included Ian Gillespie from Westbank Corp, William Clewes from Seaspans, and ACCESS success story participants. A rope access demonstration followed by Pacific Ropes. Attendees had an opportunity to visit booths and ask questions or share information and resources. The guests also were treated to a roof top BBQ lunch. They had an opportunity to win door prizes and listen to some local entertainment (continued on Page 2)

Register now for the 4th Annual Charity Golf Tournament July 8, 2016



ACCESS COMMUNITY FORUM



BladeRunners Staff



MC Jerry Adams, Executive Director of Circle of Eagles Lodge Society, Garry Jobin, BladeRunners Manager, Ian Gillespie, Westbank Corp, and John Webster, ACCESS President and CEO



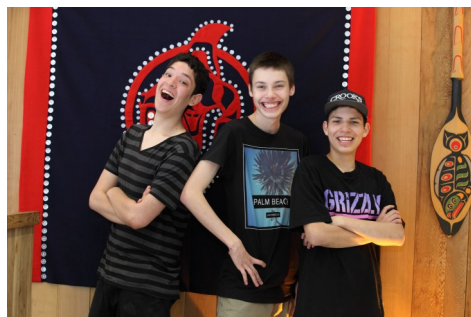
ACCESS Trade Job Coach Buddy Cardinal



ACCESS Trades job coach Buddy Cardinal, Administrative Assistant Yumi Tanaka, John Webster, Finance Assistant Maria Ntarda, and ACCESS Trades Counsellor Larry Webster



Elder, Doris Fox



BladeRunners youth



BR Administrative Assistant Chasity Simeon and son, Dante



Pacific Ropes group



Pacific Rope demonstration



URBAN SPIRIT FOUNDATION

Urban Spirit Foundation provides opportunities for urban Aboriginal people on their journey to success with employment and training, scholarships and short term assistance. USF supports the Children's Back-to-School Backpack Program in partnership with the Vancouver Aboriginal Friendship Centre. This initiative is geared toward providing school supplies for Aboriginal children in need in East Vancouver.

USF also supports the VAFCS Children's Christmas Program.



CHILDREN'S BACK-TO-SCHOOL BACKPACK PROGRAM

ACCESS PRESENTS

THE 4TH ANNUAL URBAN ABORIGINAL CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT 2016

A Chance to Win \$25,000 Hole-in-One Prize

Sponsored by **FORTIS BC**

Men's and Ladies Longest Drive | Men's and Ladies KP Chipping and Putting Contest | Dinner, Silent Auction, prizes

Place: Country Meadows Golf Club, 8482 No. 6 Road Richmond, BC
Date: 8 July 2016
Time: 1:00 shotgun Registration begins at 10:00 AM
6:00 Dinner and Silent Auction and lots of Prizes

Proceeds go toward **Urban Spirit Foundation**
Entry Fees: \$225 per person, includes 18 holes of golf, dinner and door prizes!

Presenting **BC Lions JR LaRose as Keynote Speaker**

For registration please see our website at www.urbanspiritfoundation.com or contact **Elaine Clare** at elaine@urbanspiritfoundation.com or 604-913-7933 ext. 229
Lucie Lacaille at lucie@urbanspiritfoundation.com or 604-913-7933 ext.225

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Artwork by Julie Fleet

Register now for the ACCESS 4th Annual Urban Aboriginal Charity Golf Tournament on July 8, 2016 at Country Meadows Golf Club in Richmond.

Proceeds go toward Urban Spirit Foundation. To register contact Elaine Clare at elaine@accessfutures.com or Lucie Lacaille at llacaille@accessfutures.com. Or call 604-913-7933.

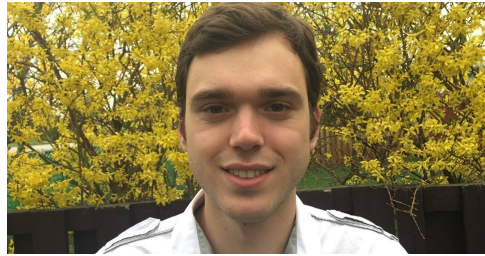


Please visit us online at www.urbanspiritfoundation.com or to make a donation you may contact the Foundation directly at (604) 913-7933.



ABORIGINAL LAW

Jesse Donovan



I am a member of the BC Métis Federation (BCMF) and I grew up on the Lower Mainland. I obtained my undergraduate degree from the University of Toronto where I majored in Aboriginal Studies. I am currently in my second year at the University of Saskatchewan College of Law.

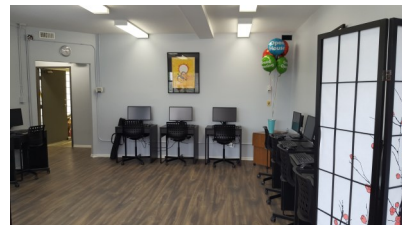
After graduating from the University of Saskatchewan, I plan to enter into the field of Aboriginal law. Specifically, I would like to help resolve outstanding Métis and claims in the prairies. I am also interested in the continued development of Indigenous self governance. ACCESS has helped prepare me for these future roles.

“The ACCESS summer student program has provided me with a valuable learning experience which would otherwise have been unavailable. I am deeply grateful for the opportunity provided by ACCESS.”

TSEIL-WAUTUTH SKILLS CENTRE GRAND OPENING



On May 16, 2016 Tsleil - Waututh Nation held a grand opening for their New Skills Centre located at 817 West 1st Street in North Vancouver. The community was invited to share in the celebrations which included traditional dancing. For more information about upcoming training programs contact Lisa Cyr at lcyr@twnation.ca



MACHINIST

Chelsea Barron



Chelsea Barron a Level 3 machinist. Pictured with former ACCESS Trades Job Coach, Donna Baron

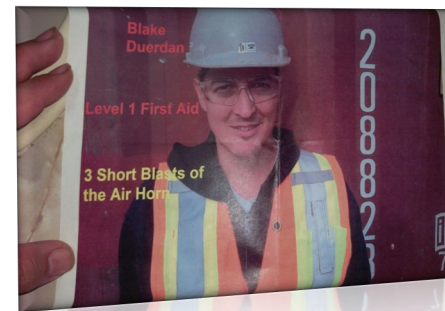
Chelsea Barron is a Level 3 machinist. Chelsea went through the ACCESS Machinist Foundation training program at BCIT. She is now employed at Sicom

Industries. Chelsea recently entered the Skill Canada Precision Machinist contest at the Tradex Centre in Abbotsford on April 13, 2016 and brought home the silver medal in her division. BCIT instructor Marte Arreola selected Chelsea from the class to participate in the competition. Congratulations Chelsea for being a great role model for women in trades.

Thank you very much to ACCESS for giving me this opportunity in Trades. It has helped shaped the person I am today and I appreciate all they've done for me, especially Larry Webster.

CARPENTER

Blake Duerden



Blake Duerden is a member of the Musqueam First Nation. The Musqueam Education and Employment & Training Departments hosted a career fair on Thursday, March 31, 2016. The Employment & Training Department team invited Blake to be a guest speaker to talk about his career path as a journeyman carpenter. Blake gave a slide show presentation about his workmanship as a carpenter doing residential renovations. He started his carpentry apprenticeship in 2009 and worked with Musqueam Employer Partners in major projects such as the Gateway Highway 1 project with Kiewit/Flatiron assembling viewing decks for the Fraser River archeological sites. He also worked for FTG Constructors as a Lead Hand Skilled Laborer in Build SSL and MSE wall construction operating a skid steer. Blake completed his final year at BCIT and is now a fully qualified Journeyman Carpenter. He wants to undertake their carpentry project management program. He aspires to become a self-employed carpenter. Blake's last words in his presentation were "Dream big and work safe!" Blake says he is forever grateful for the support afforded to him from Musqueam and ACCESS.



ACCESS TRADES SUCCESS STORIES

WELDER

My village is Skidegate and my Haida name is Kelunugas. It means the one with the voice or the one that speaks very well. I've been living in Vancouver for the past 11 years. I went to culinary arts to become a chef. I succeeded and love cooking but in this city it is so hard to survive on \$12 to \$15 per hour. I'm married now and I need to provide for my wife and myself. I enjoy welding and decided to further my career. I have big plans to do Haida steel sculptures. I heard about ACCESS and contacted them. They were nothing but helpful in every way. They gave me an option when I had an initial interview with them. They said I can start the welding course in two months with the ACCESS all native class or I

can start tomorrow in the regular class. I thought about it and I decided I'll start tomorrow. I really appreciate everything ACCESS has done for me as they helped me to get to where I am now. They still contact me to see how I'm doing and check up if there's anything they could help me out with. My goals are to further my education and get my Level B & A welding ticket. I just want to say thanks again to ACCESS for helping me on my journey to success.

James Moody



EAS SUCCESS STORY

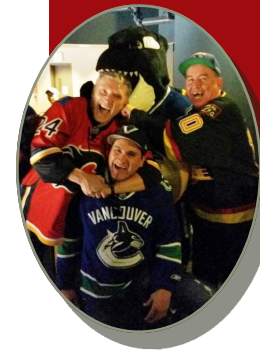
Alyssa Duke



My Grandmother on my mom's side was adopted when she was a baby. We didn't know much about her real family until several years ago. Her adoption papers told us she was Russian because back then it was easier to adopt out than a First Nation child. But when she finally got release of the sealed adoption papers, it turns out her mother was Cree and her father was Iroquois. Since then our family has started to learn more about our real heritage and we continue to try and find more information on our family. I contacted ACCESS to assist me, help me with funding my schooling. Animals are my passion, and now I'm working full time, just a month after I finished school. I wouldn't have gotten this far in life without the help of ACCESS I couldn't be more thankful and blessed!

Alyssa attended the Veterinary Office and Assistant Certificate Program at Douglas College

BLADERUNNERS SUCCESS STORIES



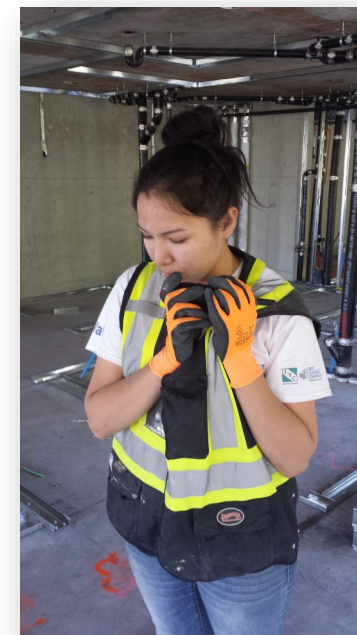
DRYWALLER

Linnea Smallboy



Left to right: Rachel Gautier, Dallas Smallboy and Linnea Smallboy

"BladeRunners has provided me with the tools and opportunities to succeed"!!!



Linnea speaks into her microphone. She stays in communication on the job with her coworkers and supervisors.

Linnea Smallboy was born in Ermineskin, Alberta where she lived with her family and was doing well up to the age of 16 when she fell into some hardships and life as she knew it became unstable. Linnea went to live with her brothers and sisters in Vancouver and although it wasn't easy she managed to keep a strong outlook. It was there and then that she came across the BladeRunners program.

Through the BladeRunners training program Linnea found work with Power Dry-wall in August of 2015 and has taken on full responsibilities with labouring, insulating, deficiencies and taping. Linnea has been a role model to her sister, Dallas with whom she works with. Both sisters have gotten high praises from their bosses in regards to their work ethic and reliability. Linnea is currently staying in BladeRunners Place and has been a model tenant. She is considered very responsible and trustworthy. She feels very grateful for the opportunities and supports that she has received through the BladeRunners Program.

