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Melvin Losh

Leech Lake Band member Melvin Losh is a self-taught quillwork artist who has gained local and national renown for his beautiful creations. He lists Michigan artist Kathryn Baldwin as a primary influence, and his work is also influenced by Mi'kmaq and Ottawa artists of eastern Canada and Michigan.

Leech Lake Tribal College is proud to add these intricately designed quill boxes to its Indigenous art collection. If you would like to contact Melvin to see more of his creations, you can reach him at:

Melvin Losh P.O. Box 51 Bena, MN 56626 phone 218.665.2534



Faron J. Blakely

As a young man, Faron was very aware of his surroundings and often took to nature to find ideas for his drawings. His uncle gave him the name "Northwind," which helped him identify and inspire the man he is today. Faron, along with his wife and five children, live in Fargo, ND. He has earned a growing reputation in the area for his art as well as his drumming, dancing and singing. His art has been showcased throughout the United States and Canada.

Faron honored Leech Lake Tribal College by creating this striking painting, which is based on the LLTC logo. To see more examples of his beautiful work, please visit Faron's website at www.myspace.com/northwindart

Indigenous Artist Spotlight

On July 5th, Leech Lake Tribal College hosted our first Indigenous Artist and Artisan Fair. While an extremely windy day made for a lower than expected turnout, several talented artists braved the breezes to showcase their work.

Here are profiles of two of the artists who participated, Melvin Losh and Faron Blakely, along with photographs of some of their incredible creations. As part of our commitment to Indigenous culture, we hope to make the Fair an annual event.

Any Native American artists/artisans interested in participating in next year's event are encouraged to contact Kyle Erickson at 218.335.4286 or kyle.erickson@lltc.edu for more information.



NEW STUDENT Q&A



Roselynn Jones, Recruiter

Are you interested in attending college or know someone who is? Do you know what degree program you want to pursue? If you are undecided, would you like to speak with an advisor to find out what degree program works best for you? Would you like to receive the necessary information or materials in order to apply or register for classes?

If you have answered yes to any of these questions, then Leech Lake Tribal College is the key to your educational future! With classes beginning September 3, you still have time to apply and register for fall semester! If you are a new student, you have until August 15 to submit your admissions application. If you are a returning student, August 22 is the last day to register for fall semester classes.

Are you ready to begin the process?

Follow the list below to ensure that you are on the right path to success.

1. Campus Tour

- Schedule a tour of our beautiful new campus by calling Roselynn Jones, LLTC Recruiter, at 218-335-4270.
- If you are unable to visit, request information and/or forms via email, phone, fax, or online at www.lltc.edu
- Talk to our Student Services Staff (Registrar, Financial Aid, Academic Advisors, TRiO)

2. Admissions

- Complete application and forms.
- Return application and forms to the Admissions Office located in Student Services Department, in the B-Wing
- Send official copy of high school transcript or GED certificate of completion and/or transcripts from previous institutions. Students who already have copies of this information will be admitted immediately.
- Complete the COMPASS Assessment test

3. Financial Aid

- Complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at www.fafsa.ed.gov
- Complete the Minnesota Indian Scholarship Application, tribal scholarship applications, and other supplemental applications.
- Submit any other information requested by the financial aid office.
- If you need help stop in to the financial aid office or contact them at 218-335-4224.
- Tuition for 2008-2009 is \$125/per credit, among the lowest anywhere in Minnesota!

Frequently Asked Questions:

1. What types of housing is available to students?

Although LLTC does not yet have campus housing, off-campus housing is available throughout the surrounding community. Speak with your Academic Advisor who can help you find housing that meets your needs.

2. Does LLTC provide Job Placement Services?

Job postings and listings are available in the new Learning Center. Instructors have industry connections and help place students into internship programs during the summer and academic year that provide valuable work experience and can lead directly to jobs.

3. How does your transfer process work?

LLTC has articulation agreements with the following colleges: Bemidji State University, Metropolitan State University, and the University of North Dakota-Grand Forks. Students are encouraged to speak with their Academic Advisors regarding transfer credits to or from other institutions.

LLTC offers the Minnesota Post-Secondary Enrollment Option to junior or senior high school students at no cost to you as a student. Start by talking with a high school guidance counselor or Indian Education Member. Counselors or Advisors will be able to help determine if you are ready for PSEO.

A New Kind of Alchemy

by Susan Butler, Technology Coordinator

Centuries ago, the pseudoscience of alchemy was pursued in the effort to find a way to change common materials into gold. Today, Leech Lake Tribal College has a new version that is perhaps a little less exotic, but still extremely valuable: a new document management system called Captaris Alchemy (CA), part of our overall Enterprise Resource Management (ERP) project.

CA is a combination of software and hardware that allows us to store, secure, and easily retrieve documents in a variety of formats. This system will be an invaluable tool in our day-to-day work sharing information by keeping it in one place, and making it readily accessible for those who need it.

Another valuable aspect of CA is its ability to manage photographs and other historical archival documents, allowing students, staff and community members to view the irreplaceable photos and texts without risking damage to the originals.

The new document management system will not only allow the LLTC Library and Archives to electronically preserve culturally-, historically-, and institutionally-significant documents such as texts of treaties, photographs of the campus and surrounding community, and transcripts of Anishinaabe elders' spoken histories, but will also make searching for information faster and more accurate for LLTC's students, staff, and the communities we serve.

Leech Lake Tribal College's resource room which contains, in addition to documentation of college history and practices, materials that demonstrate the college's fulfillment of its Higher Learning Commission accreditation requirements.

Part of the long-term vision for the Leech Lake Tribal College campus is a stand-alone library and cultural center, with a large space for archives. Having all our documents stored and protected electronically now will simplify the eventual transition to the new facility, and will help to ensure LLTC's preservation of its past, to encapsulate what's happening at present, and to envision and prepare for the future.

Story Time

by Melissa Pond, Director of Library Services

On Wednesdays during the month of July, seven young children from the Leech Lake community have gathered at the Cass Lake Community Library for themed activities and story times as part of the "Reclaiming Roots" grant, coordinated by Liz Aitken and Amy Erickson of Leech Lake Tribal College's Office of Community and Continuing Education. In addition to Liz and Amy, readers from LLTC have included registrar Christine Fineday, counselor (and balloon artist) Lori Hilmer, library assistant Becky Pennington, and librarian Melissa Pond. The themes have included gardening and planting, during which the kids planted carrot seeds in a cup and learned what plants need to grow; carnivals and fairs, when Lori taught everyone how to make balloon dogs and the kids got to make caramel apples; and camping, in which everybody made s'mores outdoors. Some of the stories read to the children include "Turtle and Snake Go Camping," "Maisey at the Fair," and "Messey Bessey's Garden," each book a part of that day's theme.

One of the most important things we can do for our children is to share stories with them. Positive adult-child interaction through storytelling and reading aloud stimulates brain development and instills literacy (including pre-literacy and oral literacy) skills, interpersonal skills, and a lifelong love of learning. It has been a joy and a privilege to watch the children at library story time gather together to listen to and to identify with concepts and characters in stories, to connect what they can read in books to what they can do in their lives, and to engage in playful learning, which is so good for their hearts and minds.



2008 Leech Lake Tribal College

Golf Classic

By: Kyle Erickson
Director of Institutional Advancement

Despite a gloomy weather forecast that kept a few teams away, the 2008 Leech Lake Tribal College Golf Classic turned out to be a great success! 29 teams and 33 sponsors combined to raise nearly \$9,000 in support of student success at Leech Lake Tribal College.

The morning of June 30th brought the threat of thunderstorms to Long Bow Golf Club, host once again to the LLTC Golf Classic, but other than a few showers early in the morning and late in the afternoon, everyone stayed mostly dry and had a great time.

Two exciting new additions to the event this year were the \$10,000 hole-in-one contest, sponsored by Global Cash Access, and the \$10,000 Putting Challenge, sponsored by Frito Lay.

None of the 116 golfers came closer than six feet on the hole-in-one contest hole. But in the Putting Challenge, Rob Baird, playing on the Palace Junction/Cass Lake Mini-Mart team, generated some excitement by holing a 10' putt, then a 30' putt, and narrowly missing the final putt, a 50' try that would have netted him \$10,000 cash!

The rain-softened course made for good scoring conditions, and the winning team of Ray Pemberton, Scott Jackson, Joe Jackson and Rich Robinson took full advantage, firing a sizzling 54 (-18), setting a new mark for lowest score in the event's history.

Of course the biggest winners of all are the students attending Leech Lake Tribal College. Thank you to each of the sponsors, and all the businesses who donated door prizes, for making the event a success, and for supporting the mission of Leech Lake Tribal College. We look forward to seeing you all out there next year on June 26th, 2009 for next year's 4th Annual LLTC Golf Classic!

A special thank you goes out to our largest sponsors this year:

- Leech Lake Gaming
- Frito Lay
- Global Cash Access

Thank you for your strong continued support of the Leech Lake Tribal College mission, and thank you for helping us make the 2008 LLTC Golf Classic a great event for everyone!

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Leech Lake Gaming

Palace Junction/Mini-mart

Bank Forward

Bemidji Family Chiropractic

Lucky Moose

North Country Health Services

Frito Lay

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Country Insurance & Financial

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Global Cash Access

Tangram Consulting

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Country Kitchen

Shooting Star Casino

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INTERNSHIP

Important Dates 2008

July							August							September						
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JULY Writing & Reading Skills
8:00AM-11:00AM
Room 100
July 1-4, 7-11,

College Study Skills
11:00AM-12:00PM
Room 100
July 1-4, 7-11,

Computer Apps I
2:00PM-5:00PM
Room 111
July 1-4, 7-11

Leech Lake Foster Parent Training
8:30AM-4:00PM
Drum Room
July 12th

Summer Institute
8:00AM
Room 100, 110, 204, 212, 215
July 14-18

Gearing up for College
6:00PM-8:30PM
Room 100
July 21-25

Gearing up for College
7:00PM
Lab 118
July 24th

Ethnobiology
9:00AM
Room 100
July 28- August 1

OPEN HOUSE
10:00AM
Drum Room & Room 215
July 29th

AUGUST Ethno biology
9:00AM
Room 100
August 1st

Law Enforcement Training
8:00AM
Drum Room
August 4th & 5th

LLBO American Lung Association
8:00AM-4:00PM
Room 100
August 6th

FLETC Analyst program
8:00AM-5:00PM
Room 111
August 11-15

Last day to register for
Fall Semester
August 22nd

GREAT Law Enforcement Training
8:00AM-5:00PM
Room 109
August 25-29

Community Ed calendar

8/22 Herb Walk 9am LLTC
8/23 Bike Walk Run 10am-noon,
Cass Lake Rest Area
8/23 Herb Walk 1:30pm, Cass
Lake Rest Area
8/30-31 Star Island Walk – Con-
tact Liz Aitken for details

Ongoing/current classes are:
Tues/Th, Indigenous Art Class,
Oak Point, 4:30pm
Thurs, Indigenous Art Class, Ball
Club, 6pm

SEPTEMBER New Student Orientation
September 2nd

Fall Semester begins
September 3rd

Final day to add/drop a class
September 10th

LLTC Community Education will
also be offering the following
classes and activities in September
(contact Liz Aitken for dates &
details):

- Herb Identification/Medicine Making
- Campfire Stories
- More classes will be added—call the OCCE office for more information



LLTC Students Participate in Summer Internships

The following STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) students at Leech Lake Tribal college are participating in summer internships:

Organization of Tropical Studies
(partnership with Duke University),
Costa Rica
William David Davis II
Leann Dick

NASA, Silicon Valley, California
Mary Jo Frazer
Andrea Goodwin
Tallie Large

Local agencies:
DRM, US Forest Service
MCT Water Quality Laboratory

Wanda Bebeau—USFS, Walker
Raven Bunge—Heritage Sites
Ashley Cloud—WQL
Michael Cloud—USFS, Deer River
Brenda Fairbanks—USFS, Norway Beach
Charles Goodwin—Environmental Office
Patty Graves—USFS, Norway Beach
David Hare—LL Forestry
Roger Hare—Environmental Office
Randall Stangler—Heritage Sites

Participating in a summer internship has been a life-changing experience for each of our LLTC students, whether they were working on the Leech Lake Reservation or in far-away Costa Rica.

Mentors in the various Leech Lake agencies have praised the work ethic and dependability of students in their respective programs, and several have asked their interns to return as full-time employees when they graduate from LLTC.

During their 10-week summer internship, personal crises that might have caused less determined students to give up and return home, have not deterred William David Davis II and Leann Dick.

Leann writes, "I'm really enjoying the research that I'm doing; this is definitely what I want to do with my life!"

And from David, "I am starting an individual research project where I am studying the population densities and range of an indigenous crab that live here in the rain forest. Who would have thought that crabs live in the forest?!"

These internship opportunities are a valuable tool for students to assess potential career paths as well as broadening their field of practical knowledge. Thank you to all the organizations who partner with us to provide these life-changing opportunities, rewarding the hard work and perseverance of our students.

