

NATIVE STUDENTS COMPLETE UNIQUE COURSE

A group of Native Indian students from Bands throughout B.C. will be attending graduation ceremonies on November 19 to mark the end of a unique 2½ year Band Social Service Worker Program at Capilano College. The students have been travelling from their homes to the College monthly to attend a total of 14 intensive one week courses in the Principles and Practices of Social Service Work, Psychology, Sociology and English Composition.

"We are very proud of these students," said Program Coordinator Paul Avery, pointing out that it was not easy for the students to adjust to an educational institution and academic courses. "They have learned a lot, sacrificed a great deal to become better social service workers to their bands, and have shared an exciting learning process with the instructors in the program at the College."

The students have organized their own graduation ceremonies with some assistance from Avery, and as well as presentations from the College Principal, Dean of Career/Vocational Programs and Registrar, there will be a distinct Native Indian flair to the proceedings. The ceremonies will open with traditional dancing performed by school children from Chilliwack, and the M.C. will be a Band representative, Glen Newman.

The following students have completed and passed all modules of the Social Service Worker Program:

Glenda Campbell, Tzeachten Band
 Dorothy Francis, Chehalis Band
 Linda George, Squamish Band
 Carol McIntyre, Seabird Island Band
 Barbara Joe, Sechelt Band
 Rose Point, Musqueam Band
 Shirley Wallace, Mount Currie Band

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In addition, two students, will receive a certificate for attending all of the program:

Vera Edmonds, Mount Currie Band

Mary Hall, Heiltsuk Band

Finally, some students will receive a certificate from the Department of Indian Affairs for completing a significant amount of the program.

College Principal, Paul Gallagher, also expressed his pleasure with the results of the program. "We are certain that these graduates will continue to make an important contribution both to native people and the province as a whole," he said.

The graduation will take place at the Avalon Hotel in North Vancouver on Friday, November 19, with the ceremony beginning at 8:00 pm.

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