

Gikendaasowin Department

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Mission

The Mission of Gikendaasowin (knowledge) is to guide and support community members on their lifelong path to success.

Vision

Through creative partnerships, Gikendaasowin, will provide learning opportunities to promote and enhance the education and cultural growth of the LDF community.

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- LDF College Fair
- College Goal Wisconsin
- Business Development
- WINTER GALA

W.I.A



Workforce Investment Act
Indian & Native American
Programs

The program serves unem-
ployed or underemployed adults
actively seeking employment or
employed individuals looking to
improve their employment situ-
ation.

WIA focuses on developing em-
ployability by providing various
types of services such as assis-

tance with resumes, obtaining
ID's, driver's licenses and work
clothing.

Federal quarterly reporting in-
cludes participants providing
once a month updates to ensure
they are being successful and if
needing to receive continuous
services.

**Contact: Lorraine Smith
Career and Technical
Education Coordinator**

The Workforce Investment Act is a needs-based federally funded program providing training and employment services to tribal members.

GED/HSED HOURS

- ◆ Monday 8-12
- ◆ Wednesday 8-12 & 5:30-8:00
- ◆ Thursday 5:30-8:00

Cultural Responsive Lit-
eracy Training for Lake-
land Area School Staff
Saturday, FEB 9th
9-2 PM
Lake of The Torches
INFO: 715-588-7925

HIGHER EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION

The Higher Education program provides enrolled tribal members grants to pursuing a degree at a college or university. Grants are available for students who complete an application and meet eligibility requirements.

If you are interested in starting school during the spring semester, come into the Education Office now to start the application process to ensure everything in is order by the time you wish to enroll Its is a good idea to allow yourself 4 months to complete the process.

The Education Department can help students fill out applications, file for federal financial aid, assist with scholarship searches, and help students make contacts at their future schools.

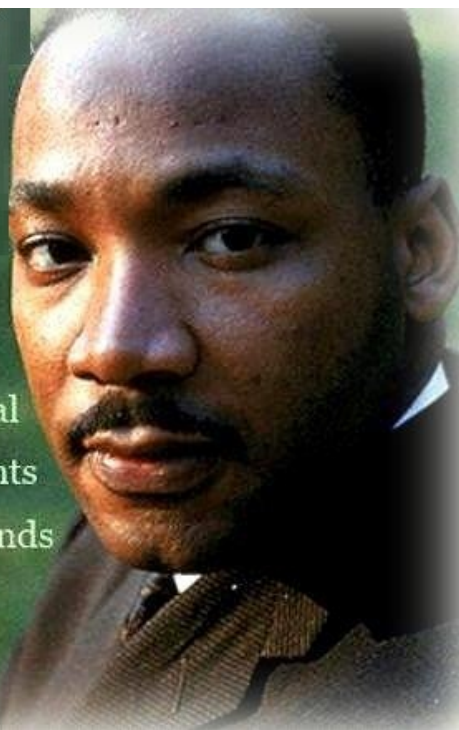
To set up an appoint, please call 715-588-7925 and ask to speak with Christin.

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Martin Luther King
1/18/2013

Never, never be afraid to do what's right, especially if the well-being of a person or animal is at stake. Society's punishments are small compared to the wounds we inflict on our soul when we look the other way.



Dental Assistant and Dental Hygiene Classes

In partnership with the Nicolet College, the new Peter Christensen Dental Campus will house both Dental Assistant and Dental Hygiene courses. These two programs are new to Nicolet and couldn't have been possible without the building of the new campus. If you are interested in learning more about the programs, please contact the Education Department or Nicki Flannery, Academic Advisor for Nicolet College.

Lac du Flambeau College Fair

A college fair will be held on Wednesday, February 20, 2013 from 4-7pm in the Lac du Flambeau Education Department. This event will showcase various colleges and universities from around the area and give the community a chance to meet with representatives. For the most up to date list of schools who will be in attendance, please contact the Education Department.

College Goal Wisconsin-Saturday, February 23, 2pm

Mark your calendars and get your taxes ready!! College Goal Wisconsin is a statewide event that provides and opportunity for continuing students a chance to complete their (FAFSA) with assistance from trained staff. As a reminder to be eligible for funding through the Education Department or to receive a high school graduation incentive, students must have completed their FAFSA.

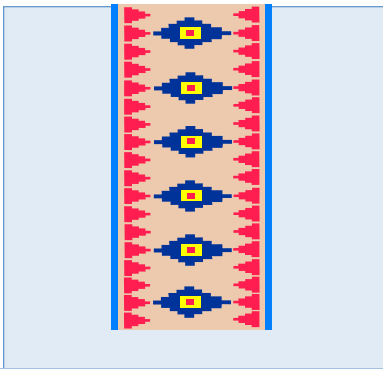
SIGN LANGUAGE CLASS

Nicolet College's Community Ed. program is offering two sign language classes this spring in the Education Center. These classes will run on Mondays and Thurs from 6-8pm. Pre-registration is required.

Sign Language I-
March 14-April 15;

Sign Language II-
April 22-May-23.

Please contact the Education department for more information or to register.



OJIBWEMOWIN

IMMERSION PRESCHOOL CLASS TO BEGIN MARCH 2013

What is Immersion? Immersion is a classroom that provides a single language (Ojibwemowin) as a basis for communicating with children. Research shows that children in the early years have high capability to adapt to a language through this method and the ability to use the language more fluidly than adults.

HEADSTART will begin accepting applications from families with children 15-24 months for enrollment in the spring Immersion program.

To be eligible: parents/families must be actively involved in Ojibwemowin classes (documented from Jan-March), have an updated Headstart application on file. Selection will be held in early March. For more information-contact Headstart. Informational meetings will be held in the near future.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

It's getting to be that time of year again-Scholarships season is almost upon us. In order to have a great scholarship application, students are advised to start writing practice essays. These essays should have a couple paragraphs about your educational goals, your career aspirations, and why you think education is important. Hopefully these starter paragraphs will make applying for an winning scholarships easy as pie!

LINKS:

<http://www.wiea.org/index.php/About/Scholarships/>

<http://www.fastweb.com/>

JOB CENTER

Did you know....The Lac du Flambeau Job Center Offers FREE Workshops to Job Seekers??

Workshops focus on topics critical to job seekers such as: Employment Counseling, National Career Readiness, Social Media, Application/Resume Writing, Disability Resources, Computer/Email Skills Certificate, Workplace Skills and Interviewing.

Workshops

December 5th and 19th 10:00am to noon.

ONE on ONE Counseling with Linda Larsen-Schlitz from The Job Center of Wisconsin 12:30 pm till 3:30 pm.

Contact Lorraine Smith @ 715-588-7925 at the Education Center

CONGRATULATIONS TO WINTER GRADUATES!!!

Maurissa BigJohn - Bachelors - Economics and Public Administration

Melissa Doud - Bachelors - Business

Deja Sero - Bachelors - Criminal Justice

LEAD SUMMER BUSINESS INSTITUTE

Attention High School Juniors!!! LEAD summer program applications are due on January 15th. This program would allow you to study at one of four prestigious universities throughout the country for 3-4 weeks and tour industry leading organizations while participating. If you are interested, please contact Christin at education or view their website at www.nafoa.org and click on the education link.

TRIBAL AMERICORPS

The Education Department, works in collaboration with the Positive Action Coalition (PAC) to support tribal member volunteers who work with tribal youth for a duration of one or two years. This year Ryan Young and William Youngbird were chosen to help foster and build mentoring relationships with youth through youth council and after school cultural activities.

Upcoming Events/Activities

LGBT Safe Zone Training, dates will be announced soon

WINTER GALA & FUNDRAISING EVENT

SATURDAY—FEBRUARY 23RD 6-9 PM

LAKE OF THE TORCHES

TICKETS: 715-588-7925

Join us for an evening of delightful entertainment & refreshments....



OTHER TRIBAL DEPARTMENT NEWS.....

BDC

The LDF Business Development Corporation was created by the Tribal Council on August 27, 2012. The goal of the BDC is to create new business opportunities, jobs, and income for the benefit of the tribe as a whole. We are separate arm of the Tribe but wholly owned by the tribal members.

Brent McFarland, Director
Business Development Department
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TRIBAL ECONOMIC SUMMIT

JANUARY 15th & 16th
Lake of the Torches

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

The Tribal Council accepted the nomination of our first Board of Directors. They are as follows: Bill Beson Jr., Randy Soulier, Shawnee LaBarge, Gary Christensen and Melissa Doud.

Our department has been working the Tribal Council for the last year to create the BDC, and expand the non-gaming businesses of the tribe. To date we have completed following:

- Created a 21 point “Due Diligence” profile. This is an extremely complete process for looking at potential business opportunities and partnerships to verify they are legitimate and viable.
- Established a Strategic Plan for the BDC. This is a road map for the BDC to move forward in the coming years. It will be reviewed and updated annually.
- Created an Advisory Board of Tribal Members to help create the BDC in the best interest of the Lac du Flambeau Tribal membership.
- Established the LDF Business Development Corporation. The entire focus of the BDC is to remove politics from business and provide a firm structure for the new businesses to operate under.

We looked at over 200 business proposals and found 3 meet the criteria set in the Strategic Plan. At this time we have moved all three of those into the BDC and are getting each of them off the ground. They are **Tribal Office Solutions** an Indian owned office supply company (CADD0 Solutions), **Whole Trees Engineering** and **Internet Consumer Loans**.

Waswaagoning Youth
Council
MEETINGS
SUNDAYS
1:00
Education Building

The Waswaagoning Youth council is moving into it's second year and has been actively involved in various community service projects, fundraising events and volunteer youth activities.

The youth council was formed to provide leadership training and skill development to youth ages 14-24. They are actively involved in cultural activities & events, examining community issues, development that are of concern for youth in our community. In addition, leadership development includes providing needed volunteer services to the community. In the next month, students will travel to Washington to meet with other tribal youth from across the country. More than 60 tribes are represented at the National Indian Education Association & Close-up foundation training. Together, they collectively discuss youth concerns, experiences Indian education & tribal governance awareness and meet with Native leaders from across the nation. Recruitment is on-going and is open to all students who want to enhance their learning opportunities.

