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Our artist uses splashes of lighting. Check out our Arts and Lit page.

President’s Corner

Boozhoo Hello

Larry Anderson President

Every day I get to talk with students who attend Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College. Our students are a remarkable group who face difficult challenges in completing college. I am truly one of the luckiest people in the world to be able to work at the President at this college because of our students, staff, and faculty.

My role to serve our campus community is to continue to work hard, be kind to each other, and don’t be afraid to ask for help. Please respect each other. I believe respect is about all people and being human. Respect is a 24-hour a day activity. Respect is about showing kindness for all. It’s about saying hello and smiling at all people. It’s about listening to each other’s point of view and not about just shouting at each other without listening. It’s not about their reaction to you. It’s about appreciating all people to find that spark of goodness in them. Respect is about saying I am proud of you. I care about you. I am sorry. It’s about embracing our humanity, and each other every day.

Respectfully,

Larry

Meet Our Vice-President, Don Carlson

by Heather Ojibway

Don Carlson started as FDLTCC’s Vice-president of Academic Affairs on July 1, 2014. Before coming here, he was the Dean of Business, Education and Professional Programs at Skyline College in San Bruno, College, a suburb of San Francisco. Before that, he worked in the Minnesota State Colleges and University System as Dean of Business and Technology at North Hennepin Community College in Brooklyn Park, MN. He has twenty-five years of working in higher education, mostly at community colleges. He has a home both in Cloquet and in Minneapolis. His family is in the Twin Cities. He is a Cloquet during the week and in Minneapolis during the weekends.

Don grew up on a farm outside Omaha, Nebraska. His oldest brother’s family still lives there. The farm has been in the family since 1901. He has a BA in History from the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO) and a MBA from UNO. He teaches a business course as an adjunct professor still through the Metropolitan Community College in Omaha online to keep current in his teaching field even he is administrator.

His past work with Native Americans included work at Metro Community in Omaha with hospitality management, how to manage hotel, restaurant, and casino employees. He did training with the Omaha Reservation in 1998 and worked both with the Omaha and Winnebago tribes in the community college system in Nebraska.

As vice-president, Don supervises faculty and all academic programs at FDLTCC and assists faculty with curriculum development processes. He maintains FDLTCC’s accreditation with the Higher Learning Commission (all colleges and universities are accredited by this organization in a nineteen-state area). Don meets with students on any concerns that relate to our college and he manages the budgets for the Academic Programs at our college.

Don’s impressions about FDLTCC is that it is an outstanding college that is extremely unique being both a tribal college and a community college combined. It is a place that provides a very positive educational experience with our small class sizes (with access to our faculty and staff) and our Anishinaabe cultural values which are important for both native and non-native students. The respect for the diversity of all people here is very meaningful for him and makes this an incredibly special place.

He concluded by talking about the future. “FDLTCC will continue to provide outstanding instruction to students and serve the community. We have an important role in serving the FDL community through both educational programs and the cultural activities we provide. The college is looking at new programming for the future including an American Indian Elementary Education program.”

2015 Job Fair

As part of our reaffirmation of our accreditation, the college has completed a self-study document showing how we meet the standards and accreditation of this commission and provide excellent instruction and service to our students and community. Team members will be visiting some classes that week and meeting with students. More information on that process will be coming out in the near future, and he encourages students to speak with any of the commission representatives when they are here and answer any of their questions.

This process helps us to be a better college with the feedback we get from the Higher Learning Commission.

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The Ethel M. Curry American Indian Resources in Social Work program to complete a college degree. We hope our two scholarship recipients will continue to show academic excellence and professional promise," said Elizabeth Jones, Instructor, at 218-879-0729 or ejones@fdltcc.edu.

The Minnesota Academic Excellence Foundation is a non-profit organization that promotes excellence in Minnesota public and nonpublic schools and communities through private partnerships. The MAIF Board of Directors selected the Ethel Curry Scholars based on specific scholarship criteria, including academic record and progress toward completion of a college degree.

Several teams and individuals at Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system institutions were recently recognized for excellence in financial management leadership during the 2014 Budget Committee at Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College, and he is involved in various Geographic Information Systems and Land Information Systems programs at Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College, contact Elizabeth Jones, Instructor, at 218-879-0729 or ejones@fdltcc.edu.

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In 1837 Bonga was a large, imposing man. According to those who knew him, Bonga “loved to relate his adventures to newcomers and would ask that folks take time to learn about our culture and our way of doing things in an effort to put a different perspective on the assumptions that are prevalent outside of the reservation.”

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Thoughts about FDLC

from Wally Dupuis

District 1- Croquet Representative

Fond du Lac Reservation

Business Committee

By Francis Mortimer

Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College has brought opportunity and education to the community folks, specifically, the members of our reservation. It is close to home for our folks to be able to come to any Fond du Lac member wanting further education. I hope to see the college as a four-year degree granting entity as well as other technical training courses. My advice to students, in general, is not to overlook yourself with school work. So, carefully select your courses and spend as much time getting as much as a 1.0 grade point as you can. I would like others to know that Fond du Lac Reservation supports higher education unstintingly. Also, our reservation is a major contributor to all areas of this community as well as the surrounding communities. I would ask that folks take the opportunity to learn about our culture and our way of doing things in an effort to put a different perspective on the assumptions that are prevalent outside of the reservation.

George Bonga was born near McGregor, Minnesota, in 1812 to an African- American father and an Ojibwe mother. George was the grandson of a man named Bonga, who is believed to be the first Black to settle in the Leech Lake area (1820). He was an experienced guide, a fair and honest man. The Rev. Palmer Paul, author of Che-Ga-Wa-Skung, noted about Bonga's character: “He was well known in the Lake Region. Bonga was well educated, as he attended school in Montreal and spoke English, French, and Ojibwe.”

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ANDREW KORBY NAMED THUNDER SOFTBALL HEAD COACH

Andrew Korby has been named the new head coach of the Thunder Softball program. Korby will begin his first season as head coach of the Thunder Softball program on February 14th. Korby takes over the program as Head Coach of the Thunder Softball program at Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College.

Korby, a former player at Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College, has been a part of the Thunder Softball program since 2009. Korby played four seasons at Fond du Lac, helping the team to a 111-63 record during his time with the program.

"We are excited to welcome Andrew Korby to our Facilities and Athletic Department," said Tylin Rust, Vice President of Facilities and Athletics. "Andrew has a strong background in softball and has been a part of the Thunder Softball program for a number of years. We look forward to seeing him lead the Thunder Softball program to new heights."
What FDLTCC Means to Me

The atmosphere at Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College is one of diversity. “Ernie is a diverse person,” said one of the senators. Halle Hi! I am Jeremy Wilson, member of The Grand Circle of Diversity. As one of over five hundred students here, I have always wanted to try doing. I was able to come out of this experience with a new perspective about pre-judged against someone you know! Have a positive attitude and work hard at that. I care for people who will need us worldwide. We need to use these talents and services to help others. The best way to get to know the people who make our college what is education, my ability to uphold a word find that celebrates the change to warmer weather to come. Finding the ability to...
It was a great Campus Visit Day this afternoon! About 100 prospective students were here to learn more about the programs we offer and take a tour. Students came from across a wide geographic range...Hill City, Virginia, Duluth Denfeld, Hermantown, Cromwell, and Duluth East, to name a few. Thanks for visiting!
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The movie Jupiter Ascending looks like a good film from its reviews even though in my opinion it wasn’t as good as what the pers...
The Sanctuary
by Matthew Ivery
Faces frozen in stone
Unempt broken weathered
Made by no one seen by everyone
One brick moved all will tumble
Gone forever the unblinking eyes
Always watching, glaring, staring
A sanctuary only for the dead
Ghosts of the forgotten
Specters of the past
Soon to crumble
Regretting nothing

Cutting Through
Cancer is a knife.
It cuts through the body like butter.
Sickness.
Tiredness.
Pain and sadness.
Cancer is a knife.
It leaves scars in your life forever.

Written By Sarah Eggebraaten
This poem is dedicated to my brother, Christopher, who won the fight, my family and friends who have either lost their lives or survived, and to all the people in the world suffering from this horrible disease.

Blood Moon
(Below)
Lightning (Left)

Baby, We Got What It Takes
by Timothy Calhoun
Baby, we got what it takes to create a love nobody can taste.
They can chase and copy and paste,
but they’ll never love like we do,
never make love like we do. Every time I kiss you and leave you, I miss you.
Believe me, I was made to be with you.
It’s simple, me and you against the world,
my one and only girl.
I love you till death do us part.
We’ll never be apart because you’ll always be in my heart.
I promise to never lose you, abuse you or lose you.
I’ll do whatever I have to and I’ll always choose you,
cause no girl can compare to the way you care for me only, never leave me lonely.
You’re my best friend, my homie.
You’ve been here even when I had nothing, this love so strong,
been loving you for so long.
I’ll probably love you till I’m gone and even then our love will live on.
I think about you always, in the store, in the hallways.
I know you’ll be by my side always, do or die.
We thrive together and we’ll survive together, even after our spirits are in the sky.