

Indigenous Education Council Meeting Notes
Thames Campus - Chatham
May 29, 2024 – 10:00 a.m.

Attendance:

- Art Barron, Director of Student Services
- Tina Jacobs, Indigenous Learning Advisor
- Muriel Sampson, Indigenous Councillor
- Donna Grayer – IEC Member
- Debbie Dolson – IEC Member
- Laura Spero – IEC Member
- Darlene Marshall – IEC Member (Online)

Regrets: Jody Noah

Welcome and Introductions – 10:35 a.m.

IEC Retreat Minutes – Dated March 6, 2024

- Motion #1 - Approved of Minutes
- Motioned by Donna Grayer, seconded by Debbie Dolson

Business Arising from Previous Minutes

- None

Reports

- Indigenous Counsellor Report – accepted
- Indigenous Learning Advisor – accepted

Terms of Reference

- Tabled to next meeting
- Everyone to read it over and make any recommendations for changes for a full decision at the next retreat.
- Group Discussion:
 - Language changes.
 - Indigenous vetting process, responsible for Indigenous.
 - IEC members must be Indigenous, attached to the terms attached to local First Nations.
 - Chiefs of Ontario & Manitoba Metis
 - IEC to create a workplan for Employees/Students
 - Simple Respect Advocacy Role
 - To benefit all Indigenous Students have supports in place
 - More conversations with Nations, First Nations are comfortable with who our IEC members.
 - Ministry requirements need to be reviewed for the language
 - Self I.D. process, guidelines etc.
 - Indigenous Affirmation Policy
 - Indigenous Self ID Policies from other institutions

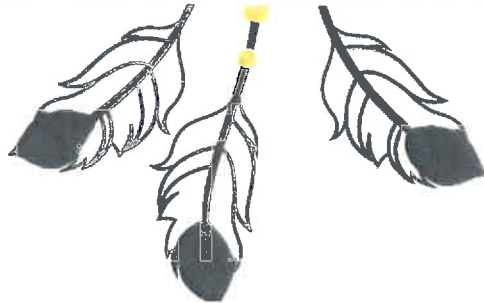
College Updates

- 2024 Pow Wow at St. Clair saw 81 dancers on Friday and 89 dancers on Saturday, by the attendance and feedback the nations accepted this Pow Wow, Tina did an excellent job, discussion on the police presence (explained)
- New construction: Welcome Centre at South Campus to open next month for new school year
- New President – Patti France's last day is May 31, 2024, her last day, shared Presidents report and farewell event at Sportsplex at 1-3pm

12:30 p.m. Adjournment



ST. CLAIR COLLEGE
INDIGENOUS
STUDENT SERVICES



Counsellor Report

WINTER/SPRING 2024

Muriel C. Sampson M Ed | Indigenous Counsellor | May 29, 2024

Indigenous Services

SCHEDULE

The Counsellor and Learner Advisor rotate between Windsor and Chatham Campuses.

ENROLLMENT

Spring 2024 – 92 Students (85 with duplicates removed)

SCCA- 5

Mediaplex- 1

South- 69 (7 duplicates removed - 62)

Chatham- 17

Total 92 (85 with duplicates removed)

STUDENT CENTRE USAGE

Students are accessing the Student Centres daily. The Indigenous Centres have student monitors to assist at both Campuses when we are away from the office.

COMMUNICATIONS

I have individually assisted FNMI students requesting assistance this semester in person, via TEAMS, email, and phone. I email students as a group providing scholarship and bursary information, Indigenous Services events, college updates, FNMI community updates etc.... I share Indigenous PD opportunities with faculty, students, and staff.

EVENTS

OCAS APPLICATION SESSION WIFN HUB

On Wednesday January 31 along with the Hub Partners, Indigenous Services hosted an OCAS Community Application session at the Walpole Island Post Secondary Hub. This was geared to meet the February 1 equal consideration deadline.

FNMI FAMILY SKATE DAY WINDSOR

Indigenous Services partnered with SOAHAC, the University of Windsor and local FNMI Organizations for the Annual FNMI Family Skate Day in Windsor. This was held on Friday February 16th at Lanspeary Park. About 100 FNMI Community Members attended.



GECD SB SKILLED TRADES INFORMATION EVENT

On Tuesday February 27th, Indigenous Services participated in the GECD SB event held in the Classic Gym at South Campus. There were over 750 students that attended the event for Skilled Trades.

LAMBTON COLLEGE POW WOW

On Thursday April 4th we attended the Lambton College Pow wow. Indigenous Services set up a St. Clair College information booth. This event was well attended, and many individuals visited the booth.

STUDENT LUNCH AND LEARN - WINDSOR POLICE SERVICES

On Wednesday April 10th, Matt Davis the Diversity Officer came to provide a presentation to students in the centre regarding career opportunities with Windsor Police Services.

BLANKET EXERCISE

Tuesday February 27th for 43 SSW Gerontology students in Windsor.

Friday February 23rd for 46 ECE students in Chatham.

Monday March 18th for 41 students at South Campus.

Wednesday March 20th for 17 CYC students in Chatham.

Thursday March 28th for 14 BASJ students at South Campus.

Thursday April 18th for 33 Border Services students in Chatham.

MAAMWI HUB LUNCH AND LEARN

On Tuesday March 5th, the Library Maamwi representative came to give a presentation to the Students regarding the Maamwi Hub. This is the new Colleges Ontario Indigenous Learning Online Portal.

ABORIGINAL YOUTH CAREER AWARENESS FAIR

Aamjiwnaang hosted the Career Fair this year. Indigenous Services attended the Secondary student day on Thursday May 7th. Students from the local First Nations and School boards attended the event.

POP UP WITH LIBRARY SERVICES

On Monday May 6th, Indigenous Services partnered with Library Services to have a student information booth “pop up” for MMIWG2S Day which was on May 5th.

ALUMNI POW WOW

St. Clair College hosted the Alumni Pow wow on Thursday May 9th, Friday May 10th and Saturday May 11th, 2024.

BKEJWANONG KINOMAAGEWGAMIG TOUR

On Wednesday May 15th, the Grade 6/7/8 classes from Walpole Island came to tour South Campus in Windsor. There were 39 students in attendance. Indigenous Services provided a quick presentation in the Indigenous Centre for the students.

POP UP WITH LIBRARY SERVICES

On Wednesday May 15th, Indigenous Services partnered with Library Services to have a student information booth “pop up” for the Moosehide Campaign Day on May 16th.

MOOSEHIDE CAMPAIGN

On Thursday May 16th, Indigenous Services participated in the Moosehide Campaign event held at Windsor Regional Hospital. Indigenous Services set up an information booth and participated in the walk.

Meetings

ONTARIO COLLEGE COUNSELLORS AGM

This meeting was held virtually on Monday January 22. It provided updates from the OCC and the OCC elections were held. The PD component focused on international students and supports. The CICMH International Toolkit was shared.

WOMEN BUILDING FUTURES

On Monday January 29th Indigenous Services met with Joanna Cloud from Women Building Futures. She shared information about her organization and opportunities that are available to Indigenous Women. Indigenous Services will share the information with students and invited Women Building Futures to set up a booth at the Alumni Pow wow.

INDIGENOUS THOUGHT LEADERS CIRCLE

I was invited to become a member of the Indigenous Thought Leaders Circle for OCQAS. OCQAS is the Ontario Quality Assurance Service. This is an Indigenous Circle that gathers to discuss incorporating Indigenous Knowledge/Ways of Doing into the Ontario College Quality Assurance Process. OCQAS are looking at incorporating narrative into the QA process. I attended a zoom meeting on Wednesday March 13th. Discussion continued for quality standards of service for Indigenous Services. SPIEQAA- Standards of Practice for Indigenous Education Quality Assurance Audit. There was discussion on developing a survey and gathering student stories for quality assurance. A draft was shared for review. This included four new requirements: 1. Indigenous Action Plan, 2. Teach faculty and staff how to work with Indigenous students – Indigenous Ways of Teaching and Learning, 3. services for professional development for faculty and staff to work with Indigenous Students and 4. report on activities of Indigenous Centres in the college. St. Clair College is one of the first colleges tentatively scheduled to go through this audit of Indigenous Services for 2025. More information will be forthcoming in June.

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES EDUCATION CIRCLE

I attended the meeting held at Fleming College in Peterborough on Thursday February 8th and Friday February 9th. Discussion was held on OPSEU/CEC Kaplan Award and Indigenous Knowledge decision. The TRC Gathering was discussed and will be deferred until 2025. The last TRC Gathering was just before lockdown in March 2020. The OCAS Data Pilot Project was discussed, and all colleges should have access to the data.

It was also discussed that IPEC needs a full-time Coordinator. The Universities and the Indigenous Institutes have a funded Coordinator position, however, the Colleges do not. More discussion is needed, and a proposal needs to be drafted and submitted. IPEC

outreach and partnerships have grown tremendously over the years and requires a dedicated person full time to do the work. This is ongoing.

An Indigenous Institutional Capacity review was undertaken. St. Clair participated in this review. The review was discussed at the IPEC meeting in Toronto at Centennial College on Thursday May 9th and Friday May 10th.

I did not attend the last IPEC meeting due to the dates conflicting with our Alumni Powwow. I will need to find out when the next meeting is held and the location.

CBSA OUTREACH

On Tuesday March 5, Tina and I met via Teams with Peter Mayhew – Regional Indigenous Affairs Advisor for the Southern Region. Discussion focused on outreach and recruitment initiatives for students interested in a career in Customs and Border Services. There was a virtual session on Tuesday May 28 from 1pm to 2pm shared with the students.

IEC RETREAT

An IEC retreat was held on Wednesday March 6th at the Delaware of the Thames Community Room. Local First Nations were invited to discuss moving Indigenous Education Forward. The next Community meeting is tentatively in July. Caldwell First Nation has offered to host the next meeting.

CICMH INDIGENOUS MENTAL HEALTH COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE

This meeting was held on Monday March 18th. An Indigenous Student survey will be coming out. Indigenous Mental Health Supports were discussed.

Niagara College shared their Indigenous resources:

<https://www.niagaracollege.ca/hwas/resources/indigenous/>

Georgian College also shared Culture for Life: <https://cultureforlife.ca/>

A professional development opportunity called Just Get Over it offered by Trent University was also shared: <https://www.trentu.ca/news/story/33587>

Indigenous Counsellors were discussed. Not all colleges have Indigenous Counsellors. It is important that Indigenous students have Indigenous staff in place to support them. The next CICMH Conference is November 13th, 2024.

NEXT DIMENSION

I was invited by Pete Needham the President of Next Dimension to partner on an initiative to increase FNMI Women in Careers in IT. I initially met with Pete on Tuesday March 26th at Next Dimension. I am assisting with creating a local FNMI network of Partners to support this initiative.

APSIP SWO WEEK PLANNING

On Tuesday April 30th, Indigenous Services had a meeting with the University of Windsor regarding APSIP SWO week in the Fall. Tentative schedules needed to be forwarded to APSIP.

SOUTHERN FIRST NATIONS POST-SECONDARY COLLABORATIVE

The SFNS PS Collaborative meeting was held on Tuesday May 7th. The Institutional Spotlight was on Fanshawe College. Fanshawe's Indigenous Education Framework was shared with the Collaborative. Discussion was held on how each institution could assist SFNS Nations regarding economic leakage on post-secondary education. What impacts each institution is having on SFNS Nations. How could each institution enhance its positive impacts for SFNS Nations. How each institution could reduce any negative impacts for members of the SFNS Nations. The next meeting is scheduled for July 24th.

Student Supports

COUNSELLOR

I continue to provide support in person, via Teams, email, and phone.

ELDER/CULTURAL CONSULTANT

We are currently seeking an Elder/Knowledge Keeper. We would like to offer students access to Traditional Elders and Knowledge Keepers. We would welcome suggestions from the IEC Committee.

TRADITIONAL MEDICINES

Students can request traditional medicines for self-care. They can be picked up in person or mailed to the students upon request.

WALPOLE STUDENT HUB

The Hub continues to be accessible to students by contacting Employment and Training.

Respectfully Submitted,

Muriel C. Sampson

Muriel C. Sampson M. Ed



Learning Advisor Report

WINTER 2024

Tina Jacobs | Indigenous Learning Advisor | May, 2024

Schedule – CHATHAM - Thames Campus Indigenous Centre

January 9, 10, 11, 16, 30, 2024

February 22, 29, 2004

March 5, 13, 20, 26, 27, 2024

April 2, 9, 17, 18, 30, 2024

May 1, 21, 23, 29, 2024

Student Centre Usage

WINDSOR 2024

DETAILS:	January	February	March	April	May
Study/Computer/Printer	46	20	57	31	7
Visit "Hangout"/Break	6	7	7	2	3
Food/Water/Coffee	30	18	43	22	7
Counsellor/Advisor	2			2	
Guest(s)					
No Reason Stated		3			
Other: H&S Check, IT		1			37 (Walpole)

NOTE: number of visits monthly taken from sign in book

CHATHAM 2023

DETAILS:	October	November	December
Study/Computer/Printer	16	19	16
Visit "Hangout"			
Food/Water/Coffee	14	13	9
Counsellor/Advisor			
Guest(s)			1
No Reason Stated	4	2	4
Other: H&S Check, Visit			

CHATHAM 2024

DETAILS:	January	February	March	April	May
Study/Computer/Printer	37	16	16	29	
Visit "Hangout"					
Food/Water/Coffee	23	8	11	9	
Counsellor/Advisor					
Guest(s)	1	4	3	15	
No Reason Stated	3	1	1	3	
Other: H&S Check, Visit					

Student Events

National Ribbon Skirt Day – January 4TH

- Power Point Created for St. Clair College

Caldwell First Nation Career Fair – January 27th

- Information Booth Set Up

Education Hub — January 30th & 31st

OCAS Application Info. Session

- Kettle Point Site - Cancelled Due to Weather
- Walpole Island Site – 8 Students



GECD SB Virtual Information Session – February 6th

- Partnered With the University of Windsor

FNMI 3rd Annual Family Day Skate Day – February 16th

- Partnered With Various Indigenous Organizations

FNMI GECD SB Event – Classic Gym – February 27th

- St. Clair College Booth

Aamjiwnaang First Nation Career Fair – March 7th

- St. Clair College Booth

St. Clair College Open House – March 23rd

- St. Clair College Booth

Indigenous Language Day – March 31st - Power Point Created for St. Clair College

Sarnia Lambton College Pow Wow – April 4th

- St. Clair College Booth

Lunch & Learn with Windsor Police Services, Matthew Davis – April 10th

- 7 Students Attended

N'Amerind Friendship Centre Post-Secondary Information Fair – April 27th

- St. Clair College Booth



End of Semester Outing – Escape Room & Dinner – May 3rd

- 5 Students Attended

MMIWG2S, Red Dress Day – May (5th) 6th

- Posted Information, Provided Red Dress Pins



Alumni & Student Pow Wow – 3rd Annual – May 9, 10, 11th

- Thursday – Entertainment Night with Sebastian Gaskin and DJ Brent Scudder – 50
- Friday – Student Pow Wow – School Boards and Public Attendance - 1500
- Friday – 2nd Grand Entry – Public Attendance - 300
- Saturday – Community Attendance – 2000



2D3D Walpole Island Student Tour – May 15th

- 38 Students visited the Windsor Indigenous Centre

Moose Hide Campaign Day Event – May 16th

- Partnered With Indigenous Organizations

Meetings/Training

1. **Indigenous Student Services** – January 10, 19, 23, 26, February 23, April 29
2. **Indigenous Education Committee (IEC)** – January 10, March 6 (Retreat)
3. **Elizabeth Revenberg (She/Her) M.A., Professor**, Sociology/ Criminology, Department of Community Studies – January 15 RE: Blanket Exercise
4. **WECD SB (Indigenous Lead)** PS Information Session Planning – January 16, 23, 30, February 6th (Rehearsal)
5. **CORE Pow Wow** – January 22, March 4, 18, April 1, 8, 15, May 6, April 5, 29
6. **Logistics/Media, Entertainment** etc. Pow Wow – March 11, April 16, 17 (x2)
7. **Community Pow Wow Circle** – January 29, February 26, March 25, April 29, May 27 (Debrief)
8. **School Boards Pow Wow** – May 7
9. **FN Busing Pow Wow** – April 16
10. **Family Skate Day Planning** – January 23
11. **APSIP, AGM** – January 24, 25, May 1, April 18
12. **Women Building Futures** – January 29
13. **Indigenous Education Advisory Committee (GECD SB)** – May 1
14. **Support Staff** – May 1
15. **R&R Faculty Planning** – April 18, 23
16. **Indigenous Solidarity Day Planning** – May 17
17. **Accessible Learning** – March 13

Blanket Exercises

1. February 23rd – ECE – 17
2. February 27th – Social Services – 43
3. March 18th - Sociology/ Criminology – 32
4. March 20th – Child & Youth – 17
5. March 28th – Victimology – 14
6. April 18th – Border Services – 23



Upcoming Events:

- AIAI AGM – June 4, 5, 6, - Information Booth
- APSIP AGM – June 12, 13, - Virtual
- SWAC Graduation – June 12
- Indigenous Solidarity Day – June 21
- R&R Faculty Event – June 21
- Indigenous Month Pop Up w/ Library – June 19, 26
- Orange Shirt Planning – July 24

Thank you, Anushiik – Tina Jacobs

Lunch with the ladies!



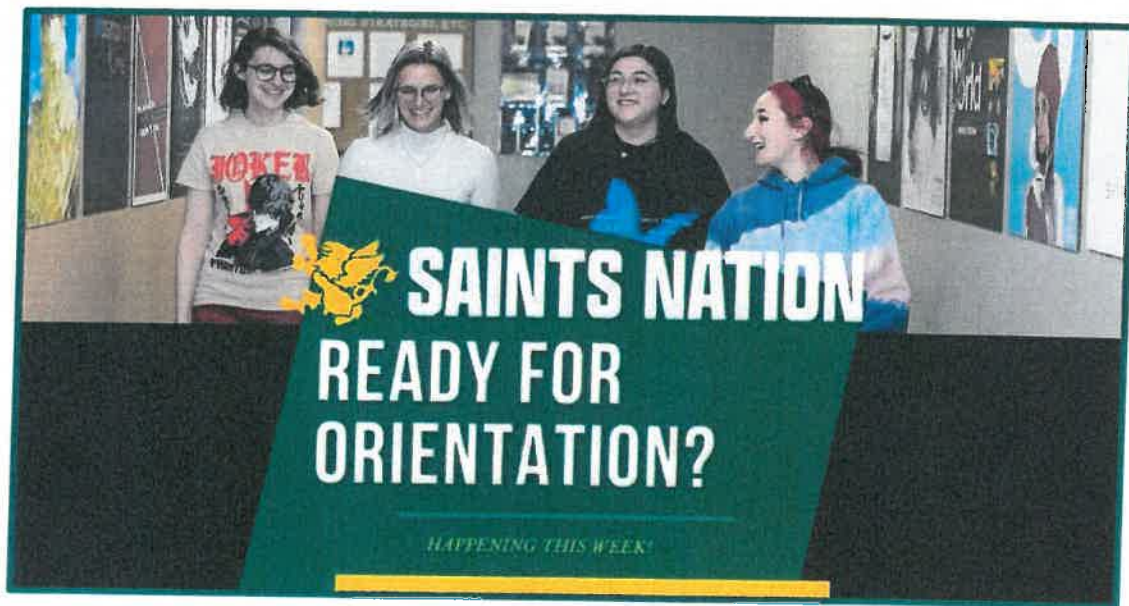
Meeting Jody Wilson-Raybould!

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Meeting of the Board of Governors
Tuesday, May 28, 2024

1. Spring Orientation Week

Spring Orientation sessions took place the week of May 6, 2024. New students were able to meet their program faculty, fellow classmates and learn important information prior to classes starting. Sessions were held at the Downtown Campus on Wednesday, May 1st and the Main Windsor Campus on Thursday, May 2nd. St. Clair College welcomes the newest members of Saints Nation!



2. MPP Lisa Gretzky Visit

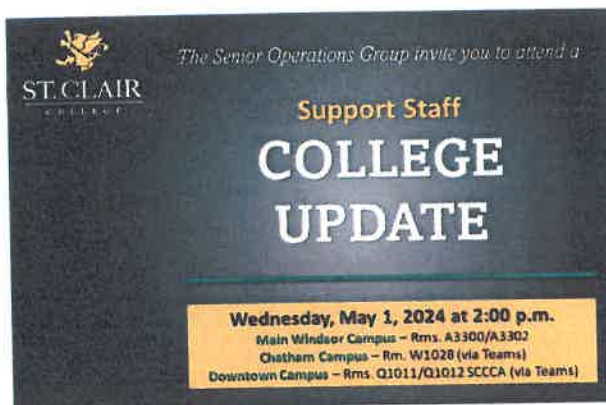
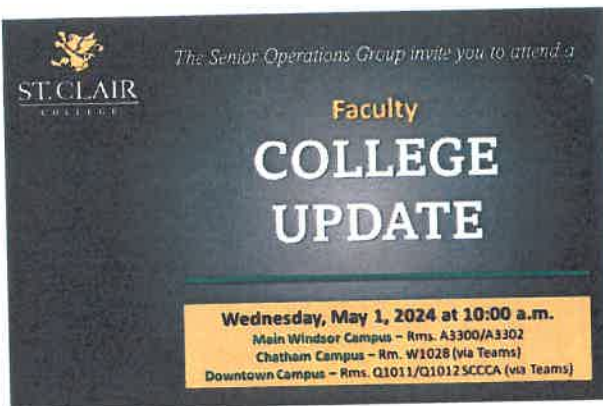
St. Clair College was happy to host Windsor-West MPP Lisa Gretzky on Monday, April 29, 2024 during her Constituency Week. Senior Administration welcomed MPP Gretzky for lunch and gave her a tour of our world-class facilities. Needless to say, she was very much impressed with the growth of our campus since her time here as a student in our Dental Assisting program.

The Senior Team thanked MPP Gretzky for taking the time to visit our campus and for her advocacy and support of public education.



3. Campus Update Meetings

The Senior Operations Group held College Update meetings on Wednesday, May 1, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. for Faculty and 2:00 p.m. for Support Staff. Staff were provided with updates on Strategic Planning, Provincial Attestation Letters, Standards of Practice for International Students, the Blue-Ribbon Panel, the 2023-24 Preliminary Financial Results, the 2024-25 Budget, KPI's and the status of the new Welcome Centre. Both sessions were very well attended and the feedback received was positive. A copy of the PowerPoint Presentation that was given has been posted to the College's Intranet site under "Corporate Updates".



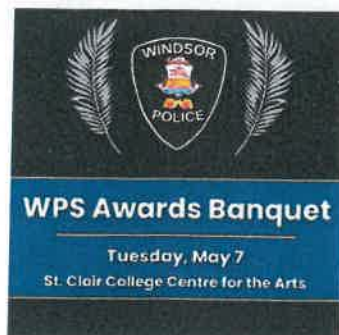
4. Ford Innovation Showcase

On Friday, May 3, 2024, our students showcased their research projects to a panel of top executives at our Annual Ford Innovation Showcase Competition. The competition, held at the Main Campus of St. Clair College, also included speed networking opportunities with top industry professionals for our students. Thanks went out to all of our industry partners for coming out and supporting our students as they continue to Rise Above the Ordinary.



5. Windsor Police Service Awards Banquet

The Windsor Police Service (WPS) held an Awards Banquet on Tuesday, May 7, 2024 at the St. Clair College Centre for the Arts. At this event, the Windsor Police Service honoured President France with the Alton C. Parker Community Hero Award. This award is presented to a member of the Police Service or the community who nurtures leadership and dedication to serve the community and fosters an environment of inclusion, empowerment and potential while breaking down barriers. The Alton C. Parker Community Hero Award is awarded to an individual who consistently practices bravery, respect and a reflection to achieve a greater good within our community. WPS felt that President France embodies all that this award represents. This signature event also honoured the many sworn officers and civilian professionals who demonstrated exemplary service in 2023.



6. Skills Ontario Competition

St. Clair College had amazing success at the 2024 Skills Ontario Competition which took place on May 6 and 7, 2024 at the Toronto Congress Centre. The Skills Ontario Competition offers a unique opportunity for top students to demonstrate that they are the best of the best in their field. Over the two and a half days, they turn the heads of their educators, family, friends and prospective employers. Winners are awarded with Gold, Silver or Bronze medals – and some with monetary awards, too – and the opportunity to compete at the Skills Canada National Competition. Several St. Clair College students took part in the competition and produced 4 Gold medals, 3 Silver medals and 2 Bronze medals!

- **Nikolai Zriachev** – Gold Medal (IT Networking);
- **Tam Nguyen** – Gold Medal (Office Systems Applications);
- **Ray Redmund and Dryden Williams** – Gold Medal (Powerline);
- **Aiden Bacarro** – Gold Medal (Refrigeration);
- **Cheyenne Myers** – Silver Medal (Office Systems Applications);
- **Shirline Nyumbila** – Silver Medal (Restaurant Service);
- **Santio Yousif** – Silver Medal (Web Design);
- **Gurkirat Singh** – Bronze Medal (Landscape Design);
- **Irish Olive** – Bronze Medal (Automation and Controls).

Three of the students have qualified to represent Ontario at the nationals in Quebec City in two (2) weeks.
Way to go, Saints!



7. St. Clair Jr. Saints Check Presentation

The St. Clair Jr. Saints basketball program raised \$10,000 this past season for athletic scholarships. Over the past year, there have been over 100 youth participating in the house league, basketball camps and tournaments in our region and across the province. The St. Clair Jr. Saints Basketball organization was founded in 2019 and run by St. Clair College Basketball Alumni – Jimmy Parsons, Steve Brnardic and Greg Layson.

The purpose of the organization is to give St. Clair College Basketball Alumni the opportunity to remain in the game of basketball in the community and/or with their kids. The St. Clair Jr. Saints Basketball Organization has a total of 4 teams in the boys and girls divisions, ranging from 10 – 17 and are looking to expand, allowing for youth in the community to experience the greatness that St. Clair College has to offer their top-notch athletic facilities.

The St. Clair Jr. Saints Basketball Organization runs a Summer basketball camp, house league and skills sessions for kids in the community of all ages and is also a member of the OBA (Ontario Basketball Association). *Way to go, Jr. Saints!*



RISE ABOVE THE ORDINARY

8. Alumni and Student Pow Wow

The College co-hosted a Pow Wow for Alumni and students, in conjunction with the University of Windsor, from May 9 – 11, 2024 at the SportsPlex. A Pow Wow is a sacred gathering of Indigenous peoples to honour the past, renew friendships and celebrate with music, song, food, dance and storytelling. Attendees were able to experience brilliantly coloured regalia representing Indigenous legends and lore, and listen to the grounding beat of the drum with songs about warriors, respect and social life passed down by the elders. Attendees were also able to visit many vendors, sample Indigenous cuisine and browse authentic Indigenous artwork, crafts, carvings, beadwork and jewelry.

Attendance over the three (3) days was approximately 3,550 and consisted of the following:

- Thursday, May 9, 2024 – 50 attendees (for the Contemporary Performance in the Student Life Centre).
- Friday, May 10, 2024 – 2,000 attendees (including 900 students bussed in from local School Boards) with 69 dancers.
- Saturday, May 11, 2024 – 1,500 attendees with 87 dancers.
- 53 volunteers over the 3 days.
- 33 vendors including 4 food vendors.

These statistics are outstanding and show that the Indigenous Community has truly embraced this event.



9. City of Windsor's "Strengthen The Core" Plan

On Friday, May 10, 2024, the College provided the City of Windsor with a Letter of Support offering the College's endorsement of the recently announced "Strengthen The Core" plan to revitalize Windsor's downtown. St. Clair is eager to collaborate in any way it can with the City of Windsor and Windsor Police Services to contribute to this plan's successful implementation, so that we can continue to welcome both students and staff to our downtown campuses; and to have them enjoy a safe, activity-filled atmosphere in a community core that provides an ideal mix of residential, commercial and institutional property uses. We're confident that the Downtown Core can be vibrant once more, and we encouraged the adoption of the strategies contained in the City's Strengthen The Core plan.

10. 2024 Business Excellence Awards

The Business Excellence Awards (BEAs) were presented at the Chrysler Theatre on Wednesday, May 15, 2024 with many high-profile members of the community present. The award show was followed by an elegant dinner in the Skyline Ballroom of the St. Clair College Centre for the Arts. A total of twelve (12) Award winners were announced.

St. Clair College was the proud sponsor of the 2024 Company of the Year (over 26 employees) Award. Senior Vice President, Academic and Career Supports, Michael Silvaggi, presented the award to Canadian Protein and is shown in the photo below with the President of the company, Dan Crosby.



11. Chatham Academic Awards Luncheon

The Spring 2024 Chatham Academic Awards Luncheon was held on Wednesday, May 22, 2024 at the Everest Convention Centre. *Congratulations to all our award recipients!*

The Windsor Awards Banquet is scheduled for Thursday, May 30, 2024 at the St. Clair College Centre For The Arts.



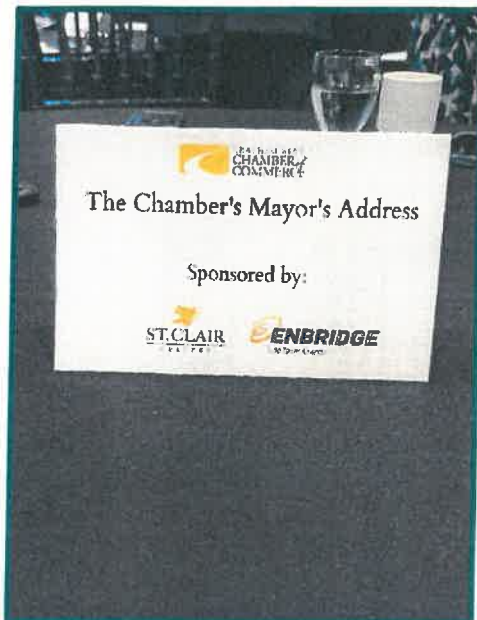
12. Jill of All Trades Event

The College hosted our first-ever Jill of All Trades Event on Wednesday, May 22, 2024. Since 2014, Jill of All Trades (JOAT) has been providing hands-on experiences to young women in grades 9-12 to introduce them to the possibilities of a career in the trades. These events provide a safe and engaging learning environment where female mentors, faculty and students engage in trades workshops. Through this introduction to non-traditional roles, we aim to increase post-secondary enrolment in the trades to address Canada's skilled trades shortage.



13. Chatham Mayor's Address

The Chatham-Kent Chamber of Commerce hosted the annual Chatham Mayor's Address on Thursday, May 23, 2024 at the Retro Suites Hotel. President France was honoured to introduce Mayor Darren Canniff to a full house. Mayor Canniff shared his future visions for the Municipality of Chatham-Kent. St. Clair College was, once again, proud to sponsor this event.



14. PAC and Placement Reception

The College hosted a "thank you" reception on Thursday, May 23, 2024 at the St. Clair College Centre For The Arts for all of our Program Advisory Committee volunteers and student placement sites. The "real world" education delivered by the College provides rewarding careers for our graduates and will build the economy and social well-being of our community for decades to come. In large part, we have these volunteers to thank for that. Their contributions are deeply appreciated by the entire St. Clair family of faculty, staff and alumni.



15. Spring 2024 Enrolment Update

The following is a year-over-year comparison of the College's enrolment on Day 10 of the Spring 2024 semester as compared to Day 10 of Spring 2023. In total, the College has seen a year-over-year increase of 1,151 students this Spring semester over last.

Spring 2024 - Day 10	AAL01	Returning	Total
Domestic	37	1,170	1,207
International	672	2,316	2,988
Ace Acumen	1,238	3,244	4,482
Total	1,947	6,730	8,677

Spring 2023 - Day 10	AAL01	Returning	Total
Domestic	21	1,166	1,187
International	1,002	1,714	2,716
Ace Acumen	683	2,940	3,623
Total	1,706	5,820	7,526

16. Mayor's & CAO's Breakfast Meeting

A breakfast meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, May 29, 2024 with the local Mayors and CAO's of Amherstburg, Chatham, Essex, Kingsville, Lakeshore, LaSalle, Leamington, Tecumseh and Windsor to give them an update on the College's operations, to discuss community/student needs, and to provide support for community outreach activities. This marks the fifth event of its type and has been a welcome event amongst the leaders of our local communities.