

FSA Statement on National Indigenous Peoples Day

Today and every day we celebrate the resilience and courage of the Indigenous peoples of British Columbia and across Canada. We particularly want to recognize the work of all First Nations, Inuit and Métis FSA members and staff and students at BCIT.

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) made access to post-secondary education and the Indigenization of the sector an integral part of the reconciliation process. The TRC called for the widening of Indigenous language courses, the integration of Indigenous knowledge into the academy, and an expansion of access and opportunity for Indigenous students. Much work clearly remains to be done at BCIT but the FSA is proud to continue this work and to fight for justice for Indigenous peoples while reckoning with the past and the ugly truths of colonization.