

SHINGWAUK KINOOMAAGE GAMIG

Quarterly Report



A Recognized Indigenous Post-secondary Educational Institute

Our vision in creating Shingwauk Kinoomaage Gamig (Teaching Lodge) will preserve the integrity of Anishinaabe knowledge and understanding in cooperation with society to educate the present and future generations in a positive, cooperative and respectful environment.



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The artwork showcased throughout this publication were created by SKG students who took the Woodland Art Special Topic course at Algoma University in 2022. The Student Exhibit displays a 3-panel acrylic on canvas painted by the class entitled ‘Balance’, along with additional student pieces.



Get to Know Us

Board of Directors



Chair | Chief Dean Sayers Chief of Batchewana First Nation

Shingwauk Kinoomaage Gamig (SKG) is an implementation of a promise made to Indigenous people. An obligation to Anishinaabe education, and it's up to us to see this vision come to full fruition. We have an incredible opportunity at SKG to provide and give back culture and language from an Indigenous lens. Working together is a key tool that enhances our ability to advance Indigenous education; to break new ground, establish new bars, and provide a worldview unlike any other that's been presented in a post-secondary institution. The ancestors are smiling.

Vice-Chair | Thomas Kakapshe Retired

Responsible for assisting the Chair with difficult decisions, and if the Chair is unavailable, will stand in to preside at all meetings. Other duties and powers may apply as specified by the board.

Treasurer | Justin Marchand
CEO Ontario Aboriginal Housing
Responsible to maintain effective governance of affairs, ensuring its financial viability and ensuring that proper processes and procedures exist for assuring all financial records, decisions and delegations are maintained.

Secretary | Cathy Syrette
Executive Director,
SSM Indigenous Friendship Centre
Responsible for documenting all meetings of the Board of Directors and / or members, as well as all books, papers, records, or documents and other instruments belonging to SKG.

SKG Directors



Dianne Roach Director of Operations

Dianne is from Ketegaunseebee (Garden River First Nation). The proud daughter of Shirley Roach-baa who was a Survivor of the Shingwauk Indian Residential School. She sees this role as a way of carrying on her mother's legacy in ensuring that the next generation will learn our language, traditions and culture — this is what was taken away from Survivors of Residential Schools.

She is responsible for providing operational management including finance, governance, human resources and policy development. Dianne provides leadership and guidance on a wide range of projects and initiatives with staff, Board members and our community partners.



Lauren Doxtator Director of Academics

Mno-Nodin n'dizhnikaaz. Mukwa n'dodem. Kanienkeha:ka minwaa Ojibway Anishinaabe Kwe ndo. Ohswe:ken minwaa Wikwemikoong n'doonjibaa. Lauren is a registered Social Worker and a member of Six Nations of the Grand River, Bay of Quinte Mohawk band — she has dedicated her life to the betterment of her Indigenous communities, striving for economic and social justice.

Her responsibilities are centered around SKG's academic programs, student services and research. Lauren's inspiration is deeply rooted in achieving community and social equity for Indigenous peoples through education.

Featured Faculty



Dr. Andrew Judge
Mkomose (Dr. Andrew Judge) is Assistant Professor of Anishinaabe Studies. He has lectured at Sir Wilfrid Laurier University, the University of Waterloo, and Coordinated Indigenous studies at Conestoga College where he established a network of Indigenous leaders to restore land. Mkomose specializes in Anishinaabe cultural knowledge, ethno-medicine, and land-based learning.



JP Chalykoff
John-Paul Chalykoff (Michipicoten First Nation) is an Assistant Professor in Anishinaabe Studies. He previously taught Anishinaabemowin and Intro to American Indian & Indigenous Studies at Michigan State University. He also taught Anishinaabemowin for Michipicoten First Nation and Algoma District School Board. He was an elected councilor for Michipicoten First Nation's Chief and Council for two terms. He specializes in Anishinaabemowin revitalization, working to combine language, music, and education.

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Education

Programs & Courses

A holistic approach to education and learning provides an emphasis on: cultural values, respect for tradition in contemporary society, a responsible approach toward life, respect and concern for the beliefs and rights of others, and a willingness to act in the best interests of family and community. At present, Shingwauk Kinoomaage Gamig, through the accreditation of Algoma University, offers degree programs in Anishinaabe Studies and Anishinaabemowin — as we work to complete the application process through the Indigenous Advanced Education and Skills Council for independent accreditation.

Anishinaabe Studies Program

This program explores the enduring history of the Anishinaabe, the original peoples of this part of the world. Graduates will understand the relatively recent influence of colonization, consequential social issues, and significant contemporary movements in Anishinaabe society. They will further develop broad cross-cultural understanding, and experience both traditional and contemporary Anishinaabe research methodologies, as they relate to other research paradigms. This culture-based education relies on strong ties with the traditional Anishinaabe community. Traditional community involvement is a priority. Students will also learn the philosophy and foundations of Anishinaabemowin.

Anishinaabemowin

A unique program, offering basic to advanced-level instruction in the Ojibwe language and culture. Students will gain a functional level of fluency in the language and will thoroughly investigate the challenges posed by the written word. Individual and collective examination of social structures and values within Anishinaabe society and will also study the Anishinaabe worldview and philosophy. By examining the culture's oral and written history, students will come to understand the grammar and sound of Anishinaabemowin through various written exercises. Shingwauk Kinoomaage Gamig offers the only undergraduate degree in Anishinaabemowin in Canada.

Algoma
UNIVERSITY

This year's recipient of the Ozawa D'Bik Giizis Ikwe Scholarship



Scarlet Scott

Waasaanoonde Mawkoons (little cub helper)

From Wabaseemoong Independent Nations in Treaty Three, Scarlet graduated from the Anishinaabe studies program in spring 2023. As the first of her family to attend university, and the first generation not required to attend residential schools, she faced many different obstacles. Both through her own personal healing journey and educational journey.

Together it assisted her growth into the person and mother she is today. Although often triggering to learn about the effects of colonization and the residential systems; it helped to gain an understanding and provided the tools to unpack her own trauma — ultimately becoming a better support to those in her community.

Being the first recipient of the Shirley Roach-Baa Scholarship was an honor, especially after learning about Shirley's own educational journey. The funds received greatly assisted Scarlet with her young family, along with contributing to her continued education at Sault College. She is inspired by the strong women around her who exemplify what it means to be an Anishinaabe ikwe. Scarlet hopes to instill inspiration and hope to those in her community, the way Shirley has for her.

"It is not without the footprints left behind from our grandmothers and mothers, that we find our way. It is not without the blood of those who walked before us that we continue to stand strong and resilient. Through many years of trauma, and darkness . . . we rise. In honor of our grandmothers before us, we rise and take back all they have stolen from us. We rise!"



Bursaries & Scholarships

Indigenous Student Bursary

Funded by the Ministry to award self-identified Shingwauk Kinooamaage Gamig (SKG) students who have demonstrated financial need. Students need to be registered in either Anishinaabemowin or Anishinaabe Studies with SKG.

Rose Nolan Scholarship

This Memorial Scholarship Fund was established by the Ted Nolan Foundation in 2004. The Fund aims to assist First Nations women in achieving their educational and training goals, while maintaining strong community involvement.

Ozawa D'Bik Giizis Ikwe Scholarship (Shirley Roach-Baa Memorial)

The Memorial Scholarship will assist Indigenous Students in achieving their educational goal and future pursuits, while maintaining strong community and cultural involvement. This scholarship will be awarded to students enrolled in the Anishinaabemowin and / or the Anishinaabe Studies programs in Shirley's honour.

Congratulations to this year's recipients!

Deadline to apply is March 31st 2023

Contact Cheryl Jamieson at cjamieson@shingwauku.org



Shirley Roach-baa

A wife, mother, (great) grandmother, auntie and Nookamis in residence to many students, faculty and staff over the years. She was a survivor of the Shingwauk Indian Residential School which is now Algoma University. Over many years, she sat on the Boards of SET, SKG, CSAA, SSM-IFC and AU where she had significant roles and frequently advocated for healing and reconciliation. She was tremendously supportive of Indigenous students and took great pride in her role as an Elder. She continued sharing her knowledge with others at every opportunity and was often asked to open gatherings with her powerful words of prayer. She was a passionate advocate for Shingwauk Kinooamaage Gamig — she believed deeply in the right and responsibility of Anishinaabe people to take charge of their education and the education of their children and youth.



Student Services

Students have been enjoying many events offered by our Student Services. SKG has had full moon ceremonies in conjunction with Shingwauk Anishinaabe Student Association (SASA), Anishinaabe language tables, as well as workshops related to scholarship and financial grant availability. Drum making, ribbon skirt making (with overlay), beading workshops (red dress pins), leather moccasin making, Nishaabe bingo / social luncheon are just a few of the other activities happening at SKG.

Efforts are also underway to offer micro-credential courses for students through Sault College. Stay tuned for further developments and the types of courses we plan to offer.

What is the role of student services in a school?

Our Shingwauk Kinoomaage Gamig student services offers safe and culturally supportive academic guidance and promotes campus involvement while fostering inclusion and community. Counseling is also available to assist students in dealing with a variety of challenges.

Our Student Services Include

- CAREER COUNSELING
- NETWORKING TRAINING AND EVENTS
- LANGUAGE CENTER
- STUDY TRAINING AND WORKSHOPS

Recent Events



DRUM MAKING & BIRTHING

Oct 29th & 30th, 2022

Learning about the importance of the drum and making one, then birthing the drum.



ROCKS OUR MOCKS

Nov 13th to 19th, 2022

A weeklong celebration to be united and celebrate Indigenous individuality by wearing moccasins.



SOAP STONE CARVING

Feb 18th, 2023

Guided instruction session, utilizing different tools to create an Eagle soap stone carving.

Join Us For



ADIZOOKAAN ANISHINAABE WINTER STORYTELLING

Feb 22nd, 2023 | starts at 5:30pm

Virtual traditional Anishinaabe winter storytelling series with Michael Migizi Sullivan, in Ojibwemowin



RIBBON SKIRT MAKING

Feb 26th, 2023 | 10am to 4:30pm

Learning about Ribbon Skirts and how to make them



DOPWIN TABLE

Every Wednesday | 12pm to 2pm

Learn and practice everyday conversational Anishinaabemowin, in a safe, non-judgmental space.





Grand Opening & Truth and Reconciliation



September 2022 was the first year SKG was able to open their doors to students following the pandemic. What better way to celebrate than with a Grand Opening held on September 30th 2022, on the National Day Truth and Reconciliation.

The press and public were welcomed to attend and participate in honouring and supporting the growth of Anishinaabe culture and education through a day focused on the resiliency of Indigenous Peoples; learning about the impact of the residential school systems and gaining actionable tools for reconciliation and the path forward.



The day began with a Sunrise and Water Ceremony where the pipes were lifted. Followed by guest speakers, beautiful singers and dancers, panel discussions, workshops and a blanket exercise. In addition, guided tours were offered of the SKG Building which included the National Chiefs Library, the Medicine Garden and the Teaching Lodge. A continental breakfast and a traditional Indian Taco lunch were enjoyed by guests.

Hosted in partnership with Indigenous Tourism Ontario's Weekend for Truth and Reconciliation, the evening concluded with a spectacular Truth and Reconciliation Drone Show at Silver Creek Golf Course which showcased over 200 drones in the night sky.



Gitigaan Mashkiki

Shingwauk Kinoomaage Gamig Indigenous Medicine Garden, or Gitigaan Mashkiki, grows the four sacred medicines of the Anishinaabek people of the Great Lakes and throughout Turtle Island.

Creator gifted us with the four sacred medicines - Tobacco, Sage, Cedar, and Sweetgrass. These beautiful medicines help us to live a good life - mino bimaadziwin.

Mshkodewaashk (Sage)



Beautiful Sage is used to smudge. Her smoke helps us to cleanse our thoughts, our energy, our space, and our hearts. As she ushers out the negative, she brings in the positive, and with it comes clarity and new beginnings. Powerful sage can be used whenever you want to feel better or reconnect with your spiritual side.

Giizhik (Cedar)



Cedar is a protector in many ways. She watches over us physically and spiritually. When burned with other medicines, she crackles and sparkles, letting the Spirit World know that thoughts and prayers are on their way. Cedar can be found all around us, reminding us that often, what we need is right there.

Wiingaashk (Sweetgrass)



Ah, the sweetness of life . . . Creator made Sweetgrass to bend and sway beautifully and elegantly as the winds blow. Sweetgrass teaches us to be resilient and graceful even in trying times. The sweet smell of Mother Earth's hair reminds us to be kind and gentle with each other, ourselves, and all Creation, that the life that Creator made is beautiful.

Asemaa (Tobacco)



Tobacco is the first plant gifted to us by Creator. Through her, we communicate with Creator, Ancestors and the Spirit World. She collects our worries and hurts and carries our prayers and good intentions to Creator. Asemaa helps us to establish good relations with each other and all our relatives.

The Gitigaan Mashkiki was built in the summer of 2022 and opened with a beautiful planting ceremony. A sacred fire was lit and the ceremony began with smudging, songs, and prayers in the teaching lodge. Pipe Carriers invited the good spirits to be in the space of the Gitigaan Mashkiki and teachings on the medicines were shared. Everyone then shared in a feast and those who wanted to, helped plant the medicines.

Our Medicines, Our Gifts

Most of our four sacred medicines were gifted to SKG. Whether started as seed or seedling, the medicines loved the garden. The Cedar, Sage, and Sweetgrass – all perennials – really established themselves well and even started to spread. The amount and size of the Tobacco, an annual, that grew was astonishing, especially since planting happened a little bit later in the season.

Harvesting, drying, processing, and packaging has kept the gardeners busy while the snow is on the ground! Students, community, and Elders helped in these activities. The good thoughts and energy is in the medicine that will be shared with those who need it.



SKG has developed a strong partnership with the Ministry of the Solicitor General in building a Medicine Garden intended to assist parolees in their path from the penal system back to their communities. SKG staff have established a 60' diameter Medicine Garden that was planted, cared for, harvested and has packaged the four sacred medicines for our most vulnerable population. The Ministry is prepared to fund the expansion of the garden to include other native medicines once used by our ancestors. This is an opportunity to create our outside classroom as we move towards more land-based learning opportunities for our children and their children.



Community and Spirit

The Gitigaan Mashkiki is more than just a garden. It has become an integral part of SKG, becoming a source of teachings and bringing a strong sense of community.

People are naturally drawn to its space and often feel very emotional in its vicinity. It is a great opportunity for learning and cross-cultural teaching. There are so many teachings around the medicines. It's just another way that the medicines help to heal.

Growing organically from the spirit of the garden, SKG staff realized how important it is to act on this teaching opportunity. It was something teachers and students were asking for. Beginning in January 2023, SKG now offers school field trips. Students of all ages, and their teachers, spend a couple of hours learning about the seven grandfather teachings and how Chief Shingwauk exemplified them all as a leader of the people of Bawating. They also learn about local history and geography, treaties, wampum belts, art, the changing Indigenous-settler relationship, residential schools, and more. They also learn about the Medicine Garden and the four sacred medicines. Students are welcome to smudge and make their own tobacco ties.

Each student and teacher through the SKG field trip act as another form of reconciliation. January saw over 140 students and staff visit and we anticipate over 475 in February, while March will see more than 200 attendees. And that is just the beginning.



National Chief's Library

Integrating culture-based learning and preserving Anishinaabe knowledge. The home of Shingwauk Kinoomaage Gamig is a \$12million combined education, research, and cultural centre designed to support the mission of post-secondary education initiatives.

The building is funded by Government of Canada's Strategic Innovation Fund in response to a resolution passed at the Assembly of First Nations (2009). Its signature feature is a state-of-the-art National Chiefs' Library, a library, archives, and gallery designed to provide a repository for Anishinaabe created information and related research and scholarship within an accredited, culture-based, Anishinaabe controlled, postsecondary environment.



Recruitment & Student Programming

As one of nine recognized Indigenous Post Secondary Institutes in Ontario, SKG aims at providing and developing academic, land-based programs and workshops which reflect the Anishinaabe worldview, distinguished by Anishinaabe ways of learning and knowing.

SKG is working with the education leads in the Algoma region to immerse students of all ages in land-based Indigenous educational programming. The team also attends and participates in student recruitment initiatives for our Anishinaabe Studies and Anishinaabemowin Programs.

Our **ELEMENTARY AND HIGHSCHOOL PROGRAMS** meet many expectations across all grades and subjects, especially those that some teachers may not have comfort in covering. Each Student Program will provide valued teachings and experiences pertaining to:

- Chief Shingwauk's Vision of Cross Cultural Learning
- Our Gitigaan Mashkiki (Medicine Garden), the four Sacred Medicines and making a tobacco tie
- Educate about and uphold the 7 Grandfather Teachings:

Nbwaakaawin (wisdom)
Zaagidwin (love)
Mnaadendimowin (respect)
Aakdehewin (bravery)

Gwekwadziwin (honesty)
Dbaadendizin (humility)
Debwewin (truth)

BOOK TODAY

Pricing options include
\$5 per Student or \$15 per Student
(\$15 includes an Elder or Knowledge Keeper)

Contact Lindsey Ackland to schedule your student programming at 705-998-2496 or marketing@shingwauku.org





ANISHINAABEWIN MAAMNINENDIMOWIN: PANE GII-BITE

(Indigenous Ingenuity: Timeless Inventions) Northern Tour

Come celebrate the ever-evolving world of Indigenous Ingenuity with this traveling exhibit! Brought to us by Science North, Indigenous Tourism Ontario, and the Montreal Science Centre. Come check it out until March 19th, 2023.



Indigenous peoples from North America have long demonstrated a great sense of ingenuity, using nature as inspiration. The world we know today is influenced by their innovations and scientific knowledge. The exhibition invites visitors to experience the innovative processes that give rise to Indigenous knowledge by:

- OBSERVING** nature as a source of inspiration
- LISTENING** to bearers of knowledge
- EXPERIMENTING** with scientific principles
- SHARING** acquired knowledge by passing it on to others

This exhibition presents a clever and novel mix of science and culture intended to stir a sense of pride among First Nation, Inuit and Métis communities. It celebrates the diversity, interconnectedness, and resourceful ways of knowing and being, that Indigenous knowledge and innovations provide in the global community.



Anishinaabe Star Knowledge Planetarium

On Campus March 3rd and 4th
Living in Balance: Anishinaabe Star Knowledge highlights Anishinaabe stories of constellations and moons in relation to contemporary insights about environmental changes.

Teachings shared by Native Skywatchers' Carl Gawboy, William Wilson, and Dr. Annette S. Lee, are narrated by Aarin Dokum with Anishinaabemowin translations by Alphonse Pitawanakwat recorded by John-Paul Chalykoff and set to art by Elizabeth LaPensée.

Registration required, scan the QR code below to get started.



Shingwauk Kinoomaage Gamig was founded to fulfill the vision of Ojibwe Chief Shingwauk. Chief Shingwauk belonged to the crane clan, he signed documents with this symbol.



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