

Loyalist College:

Striving for Excellence in Aboriginal Education and Training

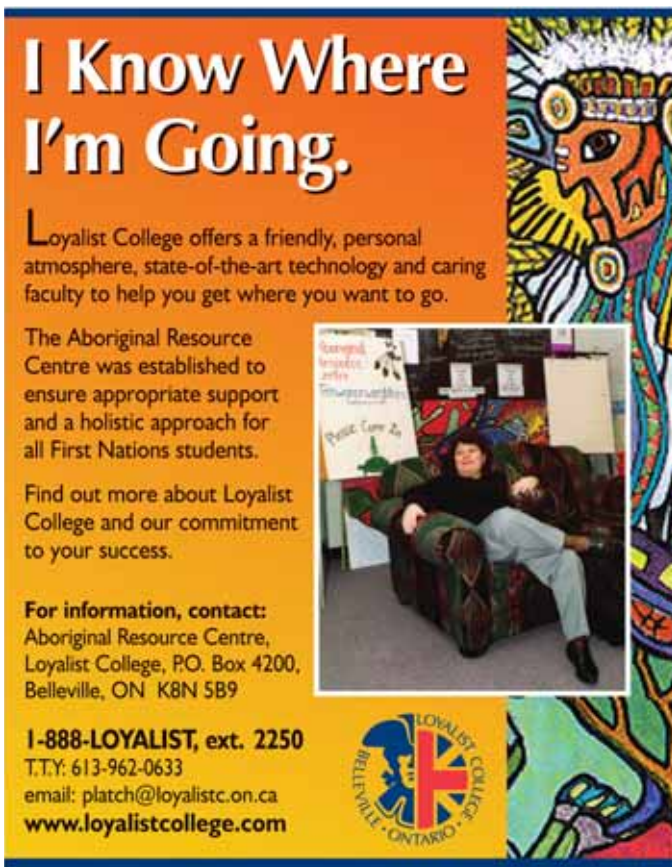
Our vision is a College ... where First Nations students will feel comfortable, valued, satisfied, and will be more successful in their academic and career pursuits.

Loyalist College wants to pro-actively address the learning needs of students of First Nations background.

Our goal is to become better at including, welcoming, supporting, assisting, educating, training, developing, graduating, and placing students.

Our vision is a College with a culturally sensitive and culturally diverse environment where First Nations students will feel comfortable, valued, satisfied, and will be more successful in their academic and career pursuits.

Loyalist College wants the fundamental issues that these students experience to be addressed with targeted resources. These issues include sponsorship, funding, adapting to a culturally different environment while retaining and developing their own cultural identity, housing, health, social activities, and adaptation to academic and career demands within a Euro-Canadian setting.



I Know Where I'm Going.

Loyalist College offers a friendly, personal atmosphere, state-of-the-art technology and caring faculty to help you get where you want to go.

The Aboriginal Resource Centre was established to ensure appropriate support and a holistic approach for all First Nations students.

Find out more about Loyalist College and our commitment to your success.

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Underlying our thrust in both support services and academic programming is an emphasis on the development of student leadership skills, knowledge, and values.

There is some irony in the emerging opportunities for First Nations students in the workplace. While more opportunities are available for aboriginal people than ever before to participate in both aboriginal and non-aboriginal institutions as employees and as leaders, often First Nations students don't have the necessary extra-curricular experience.

More opportunities for aboriginal students to develop their leadership and other abilities are needed for them to gain experiences that go beyond the classroom and regular academic programs.

We wish to focus on staff development and training. This would include such elements as the provision of resource materials, guest speakers, workshops, and special events.

There is also an important role in providing support, resources, and direct assistance in the development of components of academic programs that address the knowledge, awareness, and attitudes of non-aboriginal students regarding aboriginal people and culture.

These efforts would be targeted first at programs in Human and Health Services. Later these efforts could be focussed on students in other academic programs.

Part of our vision involves developing a larger aboriginal student population at Loyalist College. The roughly 150 students that we have at present do not give us the critical mass to run the programs and create the success environment that we wish to have.

The Aboriginal Education and Training program can provide funding for these initiatives; after that, institutions are expected to carry the services within their regular budget. Our goal would be to significantly increase our base of aboriginal students, thus allowing us to eventually fund these services from within our regular funding envelope.

Our vision includes a physical space where students can gather, meet, socialize, work on academic projects, and receive assistance and support within a culturally appropriate environment.

Loyalist already has such meeting places where "majority

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