



Partnerships/ Guest Lecturers

Aboriginal Studies is a growing program and it would not be expanding as fast as it is without help from inside and outside of the school community. We have two important partnerships that contribute to our programming and also provide opportunities to students when they graduate from Centre High.

University of Alberta, Faculty of Native Studies: The Faculty of Native Studies provides us with guest lecturers that come right to classroom. They also provide us with opportunities to visit the University and attend lectures there. Every semester we have students that decided to apply to the Faculty of Native Studies. The Faculty knows that our students are well prepared to take on a degree in Native Studies and provide our students with individualized help and guidance in the application process. We are also working on a program that will allow Aboriginal Studies 30 students to receive University credits in Native Studies while taking Aboriginal Studies at Centre High.

Amiskwaciy Academy: Amiskwaciy is an Edmonton Public First Nations school that is located about 10 minutes from Centre High. We make several trips each semester to Amiskwaciy to attend Feasts and visit with their Elder.

Bent Arrow Healing Society: Bent Arrow is local organization that provides supports to Aboriginal people leaving in and around Edmonton. They are very important to the urban Aboriginal community. As an inner city high school we are happy to have a relationship with this organization. They send guest speakers to our classes and provide support to many of our students.

Jodi Stonehouse: Ms. Stonehouse works at the Faculty of Native Studies at the University of Alberta. She gives two guest lectures per semester to our students. She offers a feminist Indigenous perspective on issues like government, environment, culture, and education. She also helps many of our students apply to University.

Aaron Paquette: We are extremely lucky to have a relationship with Mr. Paquette. He is world renowned Aboriginal painter, artist, activist, and author. He comes to our school often and inspires our students with his motivational talks.