

Aboriginal Post-Secondary Information Program

Presentation for ONECA
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Who is APSIP?

- The Aboriginal Post-Secondary Information Program began in 1998 as an informal collection of Indigenous student counselors and recruitment staff with a goal of enhancing Indigenous student recruitment
- Today, APSIP is a collective of Indigenous staff from Colleges, Universities and Indigenous Institutes from Ontario and Quebec
- Each year, APSIP members work to plan, organize, and coordinate yearly recruitment activities for urban and rural Indigenous learners and their communities

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Our Objectives

- 
- Help Indigenous learners connect with Indigenous Support Staff, explore the variety of programs and courses available and discover their passions;
 - Coordinate with Indigenous communities and school boards to plan the annual tour, whether in person or virtual;
 - Develop engaging educational path-finding and post-secondary awareness programming to inspire Indigenous learners to pursue post-secondary education;
 - Work collaboratively across post-secondary institutions to provide targeted recruitment and outreach to Indigenous learners, their families, and communities.

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APSIP Tours

Virtual Tour

- Virtual recruitment tour where APSIP members deliver a variety of presentations with key information for Indigenous learners, educators, and community members
- Promote post-secondary education to Indigenous learners
- Encourage them to connect with recruiters, explore academic and applied programs, and discover their passions
- Online meeting platform used such as Zoom, Microsoft Teams & Google Classroom

In-Person Tour

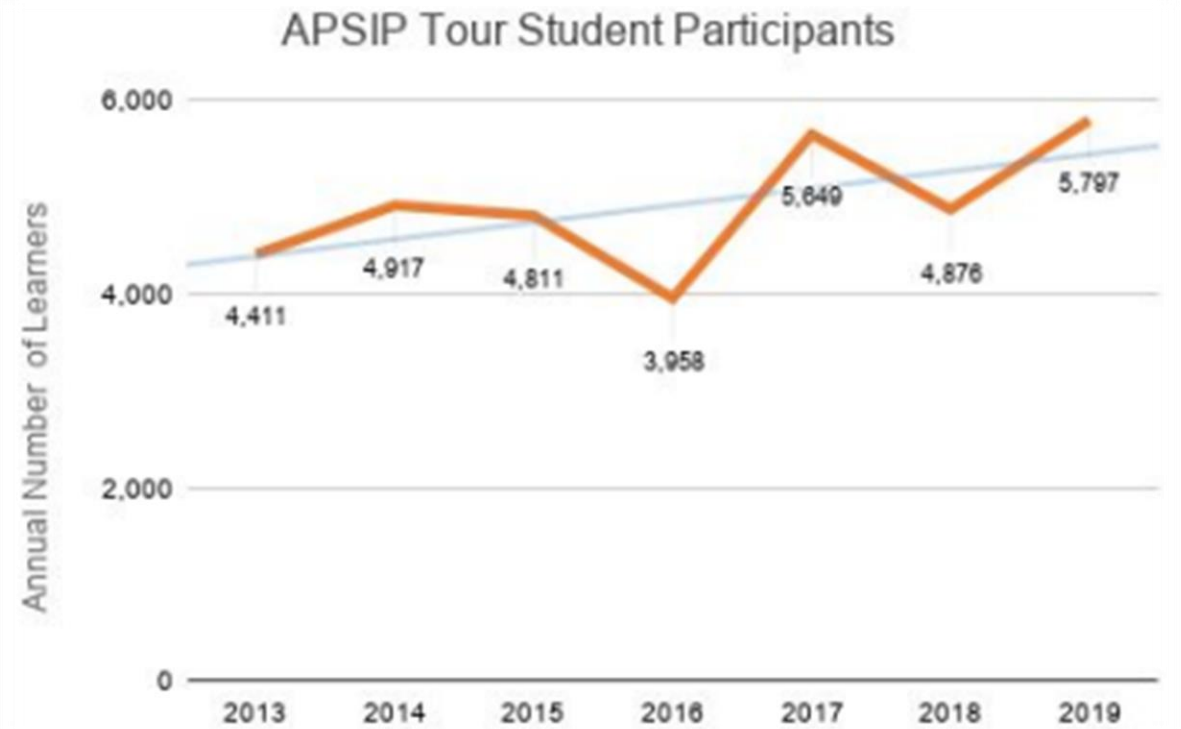
- 12-week recruitment tour that includes over 85 individual recruitment events across Ontario and Quebec ranging in presentation styles
- Promote post-secondary education to Indigenous learners
- Encourage them to connect with recruiters, explore academic and applied programs, and discover their passions
- In-person events like Career Fairs, community events and school visits

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Overview of Participant's from 2013-2019

- Our increased exposure to number of students
- Encourage learners to apply
- Continuously share knowledge on Post-Secondary
- Trying new ways of engaging community that is beneficial for the learners
- In 2020 held a Virtual Tour and continued to reach out to students



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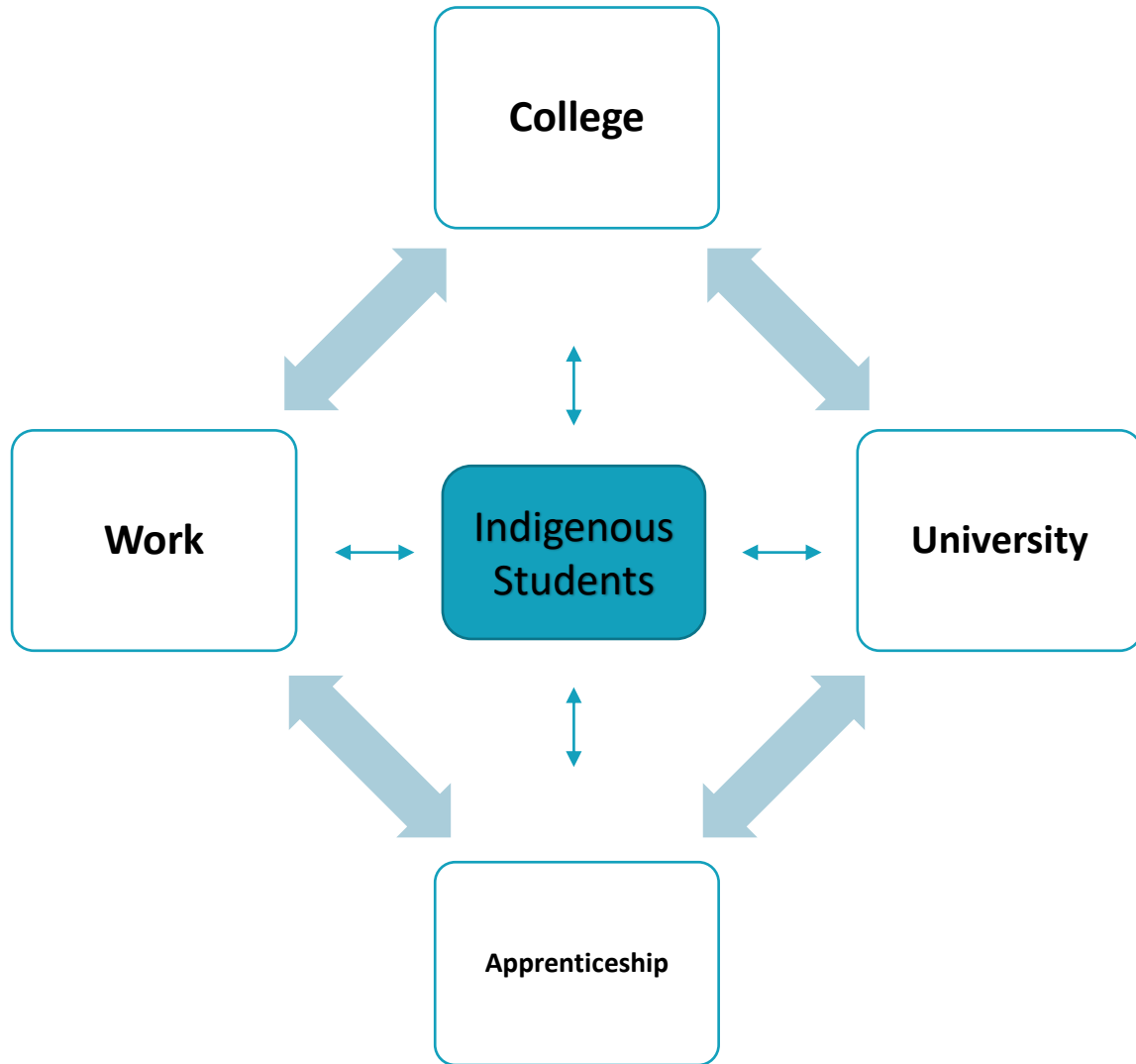
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Connect Explore Discover Presentation

- ✓ **CONNECT** – Connect with Indigenous representatives to learn how we can support you throughout your post-secondary journey!
- ✓ **EXPLORE** – Explore the many programs and pathways to reach your career aspirations and find a program that is right for you!
- ✓ **DISCOVER** – Discover your potential!
 - The presentation also includes an overview of information pertaining to Housing, Financials, Academics, Student Services, and much more
 - We also include a section about the available Pathways/Transfer Opportunities, How to Apply, Conversation Starters and a Q & A

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Pathways

Post-Secondary is flexible and easily changeable

Everyone's pathway into education is different

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APSIP'ers Pathways in Education

Phil "Macho" - Carleton University

- 2011 - 2013 I went to Algonquin College for the General Arts and Sciences – Environmental Stream.
- 2013-2014 I went to Carleton University for Indigenous Enriched Student Program (IESP)
- I took a year and a half off to work at Algonquin College.
- In 2016 – 2018 I moved to North Bay to attend Canadore's 2 for 2 program in Environmental Technician Program
- Then completed the last 2 years of my Environmental Biology Degree program from 2018- 2020 at Nipissing University.
- Each course that I took before going to Canadore/Nipissing allowed for me to transfer courses that allowed me to lighten up my course load.



APSIP'ers Pathways in Education

Hope Kooses – Northern College

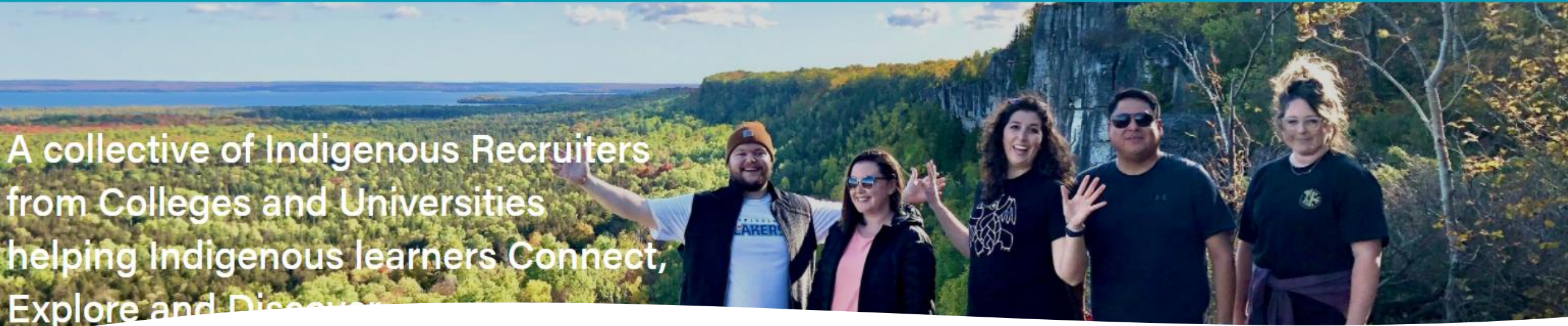
- Graduated from Northern Lights Secondary School
- Police Foundations/ Social Service programs at Northern College
- Worked with Kunuwanimano Child and Family Services and District School Board Ontario North East (Child Protection Services and Youth in Transition)
- Transition into Indigenous education and work as an Indigenous Recruiter and Pathways Navigator for Northern College
- Currently obtaining a Bachelor's Degree in Indigenous Social Work!

The Benefits of Self-Identification

- We can connect students to Indigenous Services and be able to receive more support in the beginning of their journey
- Self-identifying can look different at each school
- OCAS/OUAC/OTHER applications
 - Their information will go to admissions and to an Indigenous representative at the school
- Facilitated Admissions
 - Some programs have policies and applications specific for Indigenous students
 - Some schools hold spots for Indigenous applicants (ie – Queen's University & McGill University)
 - Contact each school for specifics
- Access to bursary, grant, and scholarship opportunities
- OSAP
 - The baseline of funds is different for Indigenous students
 - Additional grants and bursaries available

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We have a website!!

- www.apsip.ca
- Our yearly tours are updated under the “Tour” tab
- You can find member contact information and social media pages
- More resources to come!!

Social Media

- Give us a “LIKE”
- Follow along for updates on upcoming events, opportunities, etc.
- We are on Instagram - @apsip.tour
- Share with your family, friends, and students



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Next Year

APSIP will be doing a Virtual Tour for 2021-2022

- We will gladly bring APSIP to your community!

Schools Learning Plans

- Each school is different
- Hybrid Model of learning is the majority

What that means for new Post-Secondary Students

- Reaching out to the school and talk options for students
- Deferring offers and/or looking at other options

Continue to support our learners

- Internet supports
- Support services



Let's Chat

Questions and
feedback welcome!

Thank You!

