

ST. CLAIR
COLLEGE

Indigenous

Student Guide

Welcome | Biindigen | Wiingu-neew
Wakatshanu:ní tsi' weswake:tóhte | Anushiik el puyaana
Tân'si, pihtikwî tawâw | Tunngasugit | Tawâw | Pjila'si



The Messengers

Mural by Jessica Cook

While we have dominant symbols in today's pop culture, Indigenous peoples have been creating pictographs for centuries. Through these symbols whole stories can be told. In our mural, **The Messengers** we appreciate and honor iconic Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee, Métis and Inuit symbols in a way that embraces key figures in each culture where our beliefs meet together in the Great Lakes region.

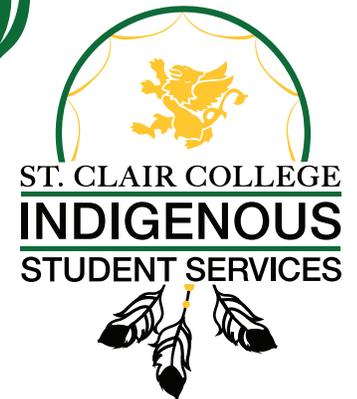


Indigenous Student Centre



The Indigenous Student Centre offers a welcoming, stress-free environment where Indigenous students can learn, connect, and grow together. Led by Indigenous staff, the Centre provides cultural programming such as one-on-one and group crafts and activities, access to Traditional Medicines for smudging, and opportunities for appointments with an Indigenous Counsellor or Elder.

Students have access to language resources, peer support, life coaching, assistance with scholarship applications, community presentations, and referrals to additional College and community services when needed. The Centre also offers practical tools such as computers and photocopying, supporting students academically and personally in a space grounded in culture and community.





Celebrating Indigenous Heritage

Our Indigenous Learner Advisor and Counsellor work closely with students and staff to create a vibrant, supportive community through a wide range of social and cultural activities on and off campus. They partner with First Nations and Indigenous organizations to host meaningful events throughout the year, including the annual Student and Alumni Pow Wow, and community gatherings that honour important days such as Orange Shirt Day and Indigenous Peoples Day.

In addition to these large events, the team offers traditional teachings, craft nights, socials, and visits from guest speakers—creating many opportunities for connection, learning, and cultural celebration.

More than just participants, students are invited to take an active role in planning and volunteering at events, sharing their stories, strengths, and cultural knowledge with the broader community. This collaborative spirit helps build a space where students feel valued, empowered, and deeply connected to one another.

Learn more about the annual
Student & Alumni PowWow at
powwowwindsor.ca





Home

AWAY FROM HOME



Indigenous Residence Rooms

\$2650
per semester

Units have 4 rooms with
2 beds each, plus a shared
kitchen, lounge, and two
bathrooms

At St. Clair College, we know how important cultural connection is, especially when you're living away from home. That's why we offer specific supports for Indigenous students in residence.

If you self-identify, you can choose to live in the **GEM Residence** with fellow Indigenous learners—an inviting space where you can unwind, make friends, and join events hosted by Indigenous Services.

- Fees grouped with tuition for Sponsor payments
- Room with other Indigenous students
- Ability to smudge
- Connection to Indigenous Services
- Monthly Events & Activities

**Contact us for more
information or a tour:**

519-972-2727 ext. 4734

indigenousservices@stclaircollege.ca



**VIRTUAL
TOUR**

Paying FOR COLLEGE

Indigenous students have access to many of the same funding options as other students such as OSAP, scholarships, bursaries and grants, and they can also get funding specific to their band or community. **To determine your eligibility, you'll need to contact your First Nation or Indigenous organization.**

If you don't receive First Nation or Indigenous organization funding, you still have options! There's a number of First Nation, Métis and Inuit bursaries, grants, scholarships and tools to find funding for your education.

We are here if you need help to find funding sources for your education!

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Here are some links to some of our local First Nation, Métis & Inuit Post Secondary Program websites:



Caldwell

caldwellfirstnation.ca/post-secondary-education.html



Walpole Island

walpoleislandfirstnation.ca/post-secondary



Aamjiwnaang

aamjiwnaang.ca/education/education-post-secondary



Southern First Nations Secretariat

for Oneida & Kettle & Stony Point
www.sfnson.ca/psoverview.html



Delaware Nation

delawarenation.on.ca/post-secondary



Inuit

itk.ca/projects/inuit-post-secondary-education/



Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO)

metisnation.org/programs-and-services/education-training/post-secondary-education/



“ The cultural support of the Indigenous Student Services Centre and the staff makes me feel at home when I am away from my community. My instructors are encouraging, the administration staff are very helpful, and Student Services counsellors have assisted in the success of my educational journey.

Bradford Yesno ”

ONTARIO

We're Closer Than You Think



Mississauga

Nipissing First Nation

Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nation

Saugeen

Six Nations of the Grand River

Chippewas of Kettle and Stony Point

Chippewas of the Thames
Aamjiwnaang

Oneida Nation of the Thames
Munsee-Delaware

Moravian of the Thames

Walpole Island

Chatham

Windsor

Caldwell



Chatham-Kent is home to some of Canada's Top 100 Employers



Windsor's pizza has been voted as some of the best pizza in Canada

Approximate Driving Time to St. Clair College

| | Windsor | Chatham |
|-------------|-----------|-----------|
| Caldwell | 3/4 hour | 1 hour |
| Walpole | 1.5 hours | 1/2 hour |
| Six Nations | 3 hours | 2 hours |
| Saugeen | 4.5 hours | 3.5 hours |
| Algonquins | 7 hours | 6 hours |
| Nipissing | 7 hours | 6 hours |
| Mississauga | 9 hours | 8 hours |



ADMISSIONS



Browse open programs at
stclaircollege.ca/programs

Step 1 | Apply by February 1st at ontariocolleges.ca for equal consideration. Follow the prompts to complete the process. There is a \$150 fee to apply for up to three programs.

Step 2 | Once your application is processed, you'll receive a letter in the mail to let you know if you are accepted into your program of choice or if there is anything missing.

Step 3 | The most important step is going back to ontariocolleges.ca by May 1st to confirm your offer once we've accepted you into your program.

Step 4 | Pay your tuition fee desposit or provide sponsorship letter by **June 1st** to secure your spot. OSAP applications should be submitted at ontario.ca/osap by this date.



Scan to apply at
ontariocolleges.ca



Scan for financial aid
stclaircollege.ca/financial-aid



Land Acknowledgement

St. Clair College would like to recognize and acknowledge that it sits on the Three Fires Confederacy's Traditional Territory of the Ojibwe, Odawa, and Potawatomi Nations. We would also like to acknowledge the many other Tribes and Indigenous Nations that call this beautiful land home.

We give thanks to the Land and surrounding Water for sustaining us.



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INDIGENOUS
STUDENT SERVICES



Discover SAINTS NATION

Our Indigenous Services staff visit numerous schools and First Nations throughout the year. For many of our students, they are the first point of college contact. We provide opportunities to learn about the College through presentations, campus tours, and one-on-one appointments.

We can help you explore programs, match you with the ones that are right for you, and introduce you to **Saints Nation**. We are more than happy to meet to discuss program options, what life at St. Clair College is like, and answer any questions you may have!

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Take a Virtual Tour

discoverstclaircollege.ca/take-a-virtual-tour/