



Photo by Heather Waldron

Tewatahá:kwa Jennifer Maracle stands in front of the A'no:wara Learning Circle at Loyalist College. Maracle looks forward to the many activities that will be held at the Learning Circle during Truth and Reconciliation week.

Big plans for Indigenous services to better serve the needs of students

By Heather Waldron

Loyalist College has a new director of Indigenous Services, Tewatahá:kwa Jennifer Maracle, and she has big plans to incorporate indigenous knowledge, teachings, and language into student life.

“What we are doing right now is looking at, first of all, the education of the Indigenous students, faculty, and staff, because a lot of us have a break in our history because of residential schools and the public school system,” Maracle said.

She is already working on incorporating Indigenous knowledge into everything from welding to the social service work program at the college. The director says her primary focus is to make sure that everyone has a safe place and ethical space where Indigenous faculty and students feel supported.

For those wanting to learn more about Anishnaabe, Métis, and Haudenosaunee history and traditions, the college hosted educational events and activities during Truth and Reconciliation week during the last week of September.

“There’s going to be someone talking about the importance of the drum to the Anishnaabe Nation. There’s a Métis elder coming in to talk about artifacts and share stories there’s going to be a Haudenosaunee Auntie here all week to support and we’ve got a tobacco burning, that’s Haudenosaunee at the firepit. We have smudging happening throughout the week. That’s Anishnaabe. The executives at Loyalist are going to be participating in a KAIROS blanket exercise. So that’s more about learning the truth part. And then Friday is about us in here. That’s our

day of mourning. And that’ll be a day that we band together and support each other.”

The cafeteria also served Indigenous foods throughout the week.

Maracle also highlights the importance of self-identification for Indigenous students. Any student that has Indigenous ancestry can register online by filling out the Indigenous Student Self-Identifications form. According to the web page, self-identification empowers students to share their perspectives, to join the strong Indigenous community at the college, to learn from elders and knowledge

keepers and to participate in cultural and academic events. The website emphasizes that the process is “easy, voluntary, and confidential.”

“We’re trying to find out our demographics so that we can provide services to support [students] so if the majority of our students are Anishnaabe, we’ll work to provide more Anishnaabe,” Maracle said.

Maracle is excited about how Loyalist College has been supportive of these initiatives and remarks that this is only the start of the educational process.

Lancers soccer team loses close game in first game of season

By Tuan Minh Nguyen

The Loyalist Lancers women’s soccer team had an unfortunate 0-2 loss to the George Brown Huskies in the first game of the 2022 season recently at Loyalist.

The Loyalist Lancers team had a big advantage in the first minutes of the match. They had some possession time and plenty of scoring opportunities.

“Kate Marois was excellent in the midfield for the Lancers, along with Kelsey Lawrence. Taylor Andrews and Kyla Fallow were great on the wings, and Hannah Cole had a very good game up top in the #9 role,” said head coach of the Loyalist Lancers Women’s soccer team Robert Terry.

However, 24 minutes into the game, Brianna Samuels-McLaughlin from George Brown Huskies opened the first goal of the game against the Lancers.

The Lancers returned in the second half of the match with a strong counter-attack formation. However, in the 55th minute of the game, the Huskies scored a second goal by Samuels-McLaughlin. The Lancers controlled the ball for the last 20 minutes but

failed to score.

“I think we were unlucky. We were caught out on the first goal and the speed forward got to the goal alone,” Terry shared after the game about why the Lancers lost to the Huskies.

“We were unfortunate in that we generated many scoring chances and were simply unable to put the ball in the net. Loyalist hit the goal post twice and the crossbar once, and late in the game had a glorious chance to score, when Kelsey Lawrence received a pass in from Taylor Andrews and was unlucky to hit the well positioned goalkeeper with her shot.”

He also noted that the Lancers are missing “our top striker Kennedy Bardawill in this game.”

Lancers’ athletes trained every day for a week before the game against the George Brown Huskies.

“Focusing on positional play defending and attacking,” Terry said. “We will continue to train our attacking patterns playing through the thirds of the field system.”

“We expect to continue to grow and improve throughout the season and obtain results in our final seven matches to make a push for a playoff spot,” Terry said.



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Emily Postma (left) is competing for the ball with her rival Madison Hadeed on the soccer field at Loyalist College. The Loyalist Lancers women’s soccer team opened the season with a hard-fought 2-0 loss to the George Brown Huskies.