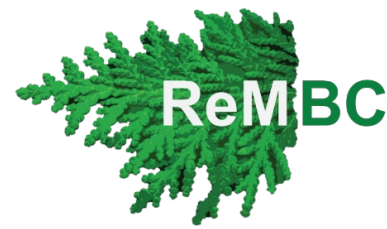


# Rural eMentoring BC



## ReMBC Monthly Newsletter- June 2024

Welcome to the final installment of ReMBC's monthly round of updates for the 2023-2024 school year! Check out this last-minute program info, along with a roundup of events and opportunities happening over the summer.

### Program Updates:

- Everyone is welcome to keep using the platform and working with their match over the summer! If you were participating as part of a class and you would like keep your account active, please send us an email: [e.mentoring@ub.ca](mailto:e.mentoring@ub.ca)
- Resources for rural students: website and newsletter launch. This summer ReMBC is launching a newsletter and website just for rural students, both in high school and college/university! We will have articles, opportunities, resources and supports all specifically geared towards rural students like you! [Send us an email to get added to our mailing list](#) – it's free and we promise not to spam you!
- High school students – nominate your mentor for the Star Mentor Award! This award recognizes one outstanding mentor for their dedication and mentoring skills. If your mentor was awesome, please email us at [e.mentoring@ubc.ca](mailto:e.mentoring@ubc.ca) to tell us what they did so well and why they deserve to win. This year's winning mentor will receive a \$100 gift card to their school's bookstore.
- Save the date: eMentoring's first annual get-together – July 15<sup>th</sup> from 4-5pm at City Square (tentative). We are inviting all mentors, mentees and teachers past and present to a free get-together at the Medical Student Alumni Centre at Vancouver's City Square. There will be prizes, food, swag and the opportunity to gather IN PERSON! **RSVP by July 8<sup>th</sup> by emailing [e.mentoring@ubc.ca](mailto:e.mentoring@ubc.ca)**

### Events and Opportunities:

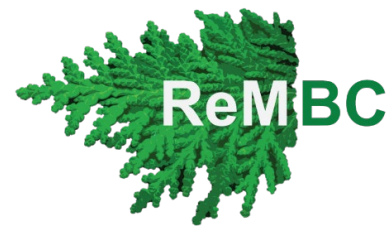
- **High school students - Get \$100 to show off your town:** Make a short video, photo journal, or anything else you can think of to show off your town - and we will pay you \$100! We will share what you make with next year's mentors as part of their training. Contact us for more details: [e.mentoring@ubc.ca](mailto:e.mentoring@ubc.ca)
- **What are your hopes and dreams for education in BC?** The Institute for Public Education is asking high school, college and university students, as well as teachers and parents for their thoughts on school and education in BC. [Visit their website to make your voice heard.](#)
- **The Dream Fund** offers scholarships and funding three times a year for anyone ages 14-24 in, or formerly in, care. [Learn more and apply for their July round of funding.](#)

### Indigenous Opportunities

Each month we showcase learning opportunities for Indigenous and non-Indigenous mentors and mentees, and events and supports for Indigenous high school and college/university students.

June is National Indigenous History Month. This is an optimal time to honour the cultures, traditions, stories, achievements and resilience of Indigenous Peoples. The summer solstice

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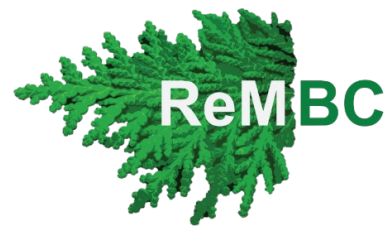
(June 21) is National Indigenous Peoples' Day. As the longest day of the year, the solstice has been celebrated within Indigenous communities for generations. The month encourages people to learn about, appreciate and acknowledge the rich history, heritage, resilience, contributions and diversity of First Nations, Inuit and Métis Peoples across the country.

- **Find an event in your area and get involved!** Here are a few in Vancouver:
  - [Vancouver Public Library: Saturday Showcase: Indigenous Voices – June 8:](#) Celebrate Indigenous Voices at this special author reading showcasing the Indigenous Voices Awards. Learn more about the awards from Deanna Reder and hear from guest readers, Brandi Bird, Selina Boan, and Samantha Nock.
  - [UBC's Museum of Anthropology Reopening Night – June 13:](#) Be the first to visit the museum following its seismic upgrades!
  - [Wellbeing Walk & Roll – Decolonization Tour – June 25th:](#) The Decolonization Tour guided by the [Belkin Art Gallery](#) highlights site-specific artworks by Indigenous artists and raises questions around issues of place, space and identity.
  - [Land Acknowledgement Experiential Exercise – June 26<sup>th</sup> UBC Farm:](#) Learn to deliver personal and meaningful land acknowledgements in this immersive experience at UBC's Farm.
- **Scholarships**
  - Indspire: Scholarships and Bursaries for Indigenous high school and post-secondary students. [Learn more and apply by August 1st](#)
  - [The Government of Canada's Indigenous Bursaries Search Tool:](#) an easy-to-use search tool for bursaries, scholarships and incentives for Indigenous students.
- **Resource Spotlight:** Since this is the last spotlight of the school year, we are showcasing a bunch of wonderful resources – think of it as a summer reading list!
  - [Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action](#)
  - [United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples](#)
  - [Coalition for the Human Rights of Indigenous Peoples: resources](#)
  - [National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Final Report](#)
  - [Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples report](#)
  - [Columbia University's Indigenous Peoples' Rights course on edX](#)
  - [Article: 5 Arts courses you can take to learn about Indigenous history and culture \(UBC\)](#)
  - [Article: Supporting the International Decade of Indigenous Languages](#)

## To our mentors:

- Thanks for a wonderful year of mentoring! Every year I am so grateful and impressed by how hard working, dedicated and passionate you all are, despite being busy and important college and university students. I really hope you take a minute to think about how much of an impact you make and how truly special you are for dedicating your time to this program.
- If you would like to return as a mentor next year: unless you are actively working with a mentee, we will deactivate all mentor accounts over the summer (you will be notified prior to account deactivation). We will send an email in September asking if you would

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like to return as a mentor next year, with instructions on how to do so. Until then, no further action is required 😊

For any questions or concerns, please reach out to us at [e.mentoring@ubc.ca](mailto:e.mentoring@ubc.ca)

Thanks everyone for a wonderful year!

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