# **Rural eMentoring BC**



### **ReMBC Monthly Newsletter- October 2024**

Welcome to ReMBC's monthly round of updates, where we bring you up to date on what's going on in the program, share useful events and opportunities, and provide some ongoing training for mentors.

#### **Program Updates**

- Units: Program Activities access these by clicking on "Courses" on your MentorCity dashboard.
  - Visit our <u>program tutorials</u> (must be logged into MentorCity) to see where to find these, and to learn more about how they work.
  - Tip for mentors: help your mentee out by copy/pasting the link to the unit/activity into your chat on the message hub. \*a note for returning mentors: you do not need to "unlock" units this year, mentees have access to all the units.

#### **Events, Opportunities and Supports**

- **SHAD Program**: Science, technology, engineering, arts, math and entrepreneurship program for grades 10-11 students. Participate online or at a university campus. scholarships available. Learn more and apply here by December 1<sup>st</sup>.
- EducationPlannerBC is hosting a Online Live Learning session Tuesday, October 29, 2024, from 6:30-7:30 pm (Pacific time zone). Learn about post-secondary education, career planning, and using the EducationPlannerBC website. Learn more and register for free.
- **Rural Rounds:** Get a glimpse of what it's like to be a rural doctor. Students can drop into Rural Rounds sessions, which provide rural healthcare providers with up-to-date and relevant medical education through interactive Zoom presentations. <u>Dates/times, topics, and registration.</u>
- UBC Centennial Scholars Entrance Awards: Financial support for students who are transitioning to UBC from secondary school or another post-secondary institution to financially support academically qualified students who show an interest in joining and contributing to the UBC community, but who would not be able to attend without significant financial assistance. Learn more and apply by December 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### **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.

- Folil Trafun (Joining Roots) Festival: Nov 8<sup>th</sup> (UBC) and 14<sup>th</sup> (Robson Square, Vancouver) 4-8pm. Showcases films, photography and dialogue to discuss themes of Indigenous Contested Lands and Rights of Nature. Learn more and register for free.
- UBC First Nations House of Learning presents: Confronting Indian Residential School Denialism: Nov 14<sup>th</sup> 4:30-8pm: Hear from panelists Dr. Sean Carleton, Associate Professor of History and Indigenous Studies at the University of Manitoba,

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Michelle Good, author of *Five Little Indians*, and Dr. Andrew Martindale, Professor at the UBC Department of Anthropology on the subject of confronting Indian residential school denialism. Learn more and register for free.

- Upcoming Scholarships
  - Indspire: bursaries and scholarships for full and part time studies in college, university, skilled trades, apprenticeships, and technology programs. <u>Learn more</u> and apply by Nov 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - Post-Secondary Student Support Program: provides eligible First Nations students with funding to access education opportunities at the post-secondary level, including university and college entrance preparation programs. <u>Learn</u> more and apply by Nov 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Indigenous Mentors and Mentees: Get involved with ReMBC's Indigenous initiatives: We invite Indigenous mentors and mentees to help us develop our Indigenous initiatives. You will be compensated for your time and for any other expenses that will help you with this work. If you are interested in joining us, please reach out to our Indigenous Initiatives Manager, Ms. Angela Nash: <u>angela.nash@ubc.ca</u>
- **Resource Spotlight:** Each month we feature a resource for Indigenous students. Up this month:
  - UBC First Nations Hours of Learning: Based at UBC Vancouver's First Nations Longhouse, provides resources, support, spaces and events for Indigenous students at UBC. Among the things they offer are:
    - Indigenous Student Lunches: Weekly free lunches at the Longhouse for Indigenous students.
    - <u>Student events</u>: Chats with Indigenous professors at UBC, and social events like baking, mocktail nights and beading.

#### **Training opportunities for mentors**

\***Reminder to mentors**: Indigenous Cultural Safety Training must be completed within a month of your acceptance as a mentor.

Each month we'll feature resources on a different mentoring theme to help mentors perfect their practice and better support their mentees.

- This month's feature ReMBC's Units and Activities. Below are some resources for how to guide your mentee through the units and stay on top of their requirements:
  - <u>ReMBC's Curriculum and You</u> (must be logged in to MentorCity): step-by-step guide on your role as your mentee works through the activities.
  - Mentor Guide for if your mentee is participating as part of a class (must be logged in to MentorCity): tips on how to find your mentee's requirements and guidelines for how to keep them on track.
  - <u>Unit Pedagogical Supports</u> (must be logged in to MentorCity): Unit-specific supports for guiding your mentee through each unit. You can also find these on the bottom of the "Start here" page for each unit.
- Find our full list of mentoring resources in your <u>Mentor Training and Resources Portal</u> on MentorCity (login to view, or find it in the Get Help unit on MentorCity).
- Have an area you need support in? Let us know and we will feature it in an upcoming newsletter (or at least we will help you out individually): <u>e.mentoring@ubc.ca</u>
- Peer-support opportunities for mentors:

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- Email us to join our Mentor Mingle group connect with fellow mentors and exchange experiences and advice: <u>e.mentoring@ubc.ca</u>
- Seek and offer guidance to your fellow mentors on our Mentor Advice
  Forum <u>Google doc</u>

Thanks for reading the newsletter. For any questions or concerns, please reach out to us at <u>e.mentoring@ubc.ca</u>

Happy mentoring everyone!

The eMentoring Staff