



**MIZIWE BIIK ABORIGINAL
EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING**
**CARPENTRY PRE-
APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING
PROGRAM**



JULY NEWSLETTER

Good news! Miziwe Biik is pleased to announce that its pilot project in carpentry pre-apprenticeship training is in full swing. Ha ha – “full swing”, you get it?!

The Carpentry Pre-Apprenticeship Training Program is a partnership with George Brown College of Applied Arts and Technology. The 31-week pilot project was funded by the Ontario Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities, and started in on February 5, 2007. It will run until September 7, 2007.

Shown below are students (L-R, back row) Branden Hedgeman, Mathew Baldwin, Jason Ladouceur, John Folz, Randy Dament, James Boissoneau, Michael Moore (and front row) Cynthia Bird (Job Coach), Marlene Finn (Project Coordinator), Tanya Anakons, Melissa Isaac, Olivia Owl, and Canon Cook.



Students completed 10 weeks of math upgrading after a 2-week orientation period at Miziwe Biik. Shown to the right is Randy Dament, receiving his Certificate of Completion of Math Upgrading from Cynthia Bird.



Students then completed 10 weeks of Small Building Framing Carpentry Training that included safety training.

Shown to the right is James Boissoneau receiving his Certificate of Attendance from Rolf Priesnitz (Chair, Apprenticeship Programs, Faculty of Technology, GBC).



Shown to the left are Nasim Naji (Math Upgrading Instructor, GBC) and Sheila Wilcox (Project Team Lead/Coordinator, Office of Special Projects and Community Partnerships, GBC).

Students completed Level 1 of the General Carpenter curriculum at George Brown College on July 6. Shown to the right are Brenda Pipitone (Director, Office of Special Projects and Community Partnerships, GBC)



and Rolf Priesnitz at a Team Dinner in July. Congratulations to all who completed the training!

Betty Sabourin taught Estimating for Framing; John Pearce was the main carpentry professor; and Paul Milligan taught students on the framing group project. Michael Bezemer was Program Coordinator, Carpentry Programs; Geurt van de Kraats was Chair of Skilled Trades and Apprenticeship Programs, Technology Division; Peter Muto was Program Technician; and Patricia Sturino was Apprenticeship Support Officer. Cheers to all the staff and coordinators at George Brown College for providing the students with the skills to get started in the carpentry trade!

Students are currently working on 8-week job placements doing carpentry at construction sites across the GTA. They are sore, they are tired, and they are tanned, but they are learning a lot, and developing practical skills in the construction trade, thanks to a number of keen employers.

Stay tuned for the August Newsletter for information on the students' work placements.

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