



Ombudsperson Update

As a friendly reminder to all staff and faculty, Kamini Bernard, our Ombudsperson, is here as a resource for anyone within the SAIT community. If you or any of your students have questions, or concerns, or need guidance, she is ready to assist.

Individuals may self-book an appointment from the Ombudsperson's [webpage](#). The Ombudsperson also has scheduled convenient drop-in hours posted on the [page](#). No appointment is needed during drop-in hours.

Drop in hours:

Date	Time
For March	
Mar 13, 2024	2 pm – 4 pm
Mar 14, 2024	11 am – 1 pm
Mar 20, 2024	1 pm – 3 pm
Mar 21, 2024	11 pm – 1 pm
Mar 27, 2024	2 pm – 4 pm

Mar 28, 2024	11 am – 1 pm
For April	
Apr 3, 2024	10 am – 12pm
Apr 4, 2024	11 am – 1pm

Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Update

Celebrating Black History Month at SAIT

Thank you to everyone who celebrated Black History Month #HereAtSAIT, from film screenings to lively dances in the Irene Lewis Atrium, and insightful speaker series to workshops. Your participation made this month a vibrant celebration of Black heritage and culture. Let's continue to support and learn more about [Black Empowerment and Excellence at SAIT](#).





Winners of the Black History Month 2024 Scavenger Hunt

On behalf of the BEES committee, we are thrilled to announce the winners of the 2024 BHM Artsy scavenger hunt challenge! It was a whirlwind of exploring art and learning about black history while navigating SAIT's main campus. We had so many successful submissions that winners had to be selected by random draw!

🏆 First Place (Highwood Gift card) goes to team "Finance":

- Charlie Hojnik
- Kenny Hsu
- Mehrnaz Manzari
- Maria Miheyeva

🏆 Second place (culinary gift basket) goes to team "Happy":

- Marvin Pascual
- Andrea Jin
- Kaye Panganiban
- Karlie Scafidi

The BEES committee would like to thank everyone who participated in the Black History Month Artsy Scavenger Hunt. We would also like to thank our partners across SAIT who supported through event organization and prize donations.



International Women's Day

On March 6th, we proudly celebrated SAIT's sixth annual International Women's Day Conference, an event marked by insightful workshops on gender equity, inspiring awards presentations, and an enlightening keynote. This year, we had the privilege of welcoming [Jennifer Russell, Director of Indigenous Engagement](#), who shared a profound and personal exploration of the role of Indigenous women in Canada's fur trade. Check out the #InspireInclusion reading list [here](#).



Save the date: Neurodiversity Celebration Week is March 18 – 24

SAIT's Neurodiversity Alliance encourages you to participate in Neurodiversity Celebration Week, March 18 – 24. This worldwide initiative challenges stereotypes and misconceptions about neurological differences and aims to transform how neurodivergent individuals are perceived and supported. From workshops on executive functioning and how to support neurodivergent students to a silent disco dance party, there are plenty of ways for the SAIT community to get involved — [learn more and register](#).

Take a look at [these](#) print and digital books from the Reg Erhardt Library to help you celebrate neurodiversity!

Pride Booth in Senator Burns on March 27


Join us on **Wednesday, March 27, from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM** in Senator Burns for a resource booth in celebration of Trans Day of Visibility which is an annual event occurring on March 31 dedicated to celebrating trans people and raising awareness of discrimination faced by transgender people worldwide.

Enhance Your Skills: "PERS 148: Introduction to Effective Intercultural Communication"

Exciting opportunity alert! The Office of EDI is offering **PERS 148: Introduction to Effective Intercultural Communication**. This course is a fantastic resource for enhancing our skills in navigating and understanding the complexities of intercultural interactions. It's an excellent chance for both personal development and professional growth – and it's free for all SAIT employees and students!

What You Need to Know:

 **Duration:** 6 weeks, online-synchronous

 **Weekly Commitment:** 2 hours/week (1hr live session + 1hr reading/homework)

 **Bonus:** Earn a micro-credential badge upon completion!

Future Sessions Starting: May 14th, 5-6pm | May 22nd, 12-1pm | July 3rd, 12-1pm

Ready to Register? Click [HERE](#) to secure your spot.

If you have any questions or need more details, please don't hesitate to reach out to our EDI team at inclusion@sait.ca.

Axe Throwing: Team Building Activity



Recently, the Office of the Ombudsperson and EDI team embarked on an exhilarating winter team-building journey at Axe Throwing Calgary, embracing the thrill of learning axe and knife throwing. The experience was very unique and exciting, and everyone definitely added some new skills after our session! 🌀