



June 2013

Aboriginal Day and FNCC

The Summer Solstice marked Aboriginal Day and a time to celebrate the work of ASTTBC and the First Nations Careers Council (FNCC) to advance technology education, careers and their application in First Nations communities.

Highlights of ASTTBC and FNCC initiatives:

- *Launched FNCC in Kamloops, April 2009*
- *Appointed FNCC Board, which is very active in their communities*
- *Logo designed by First Nations teacher, Jennifer Pighin*
- *Created info brochure and website <http://fncc.asttbc.org>*
- *Participated in career days*
- *Awarded student bursaries*
- *Developed relationships with related organizations*
- *Signed MoU with First Nations Employment Society*
- *Explored mentoring opportunities*
- *Developing Public Works Technician Program.*

Canada's National Aboriginal Day is annually held on June 21 to celebrate the unique heritage, diverse cultures, and outstanding achievements of the nation's Aboriginal peoples. There are three Aboriginal groups in Canada – the First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples.