Bay Mills Community College,
The Board of Regents, and the
Graduating Class of 2025
Welcome you to
Commencement

Friday, May 16, 2025 at 10:30 a.m.

Michael C. Parish Administration Center
Lower Level, Adikameg Hall
Brimley, Michigan

2025 GRADUATION | ORDER OF CEREMONIES

PROCESSIONAL	Mike Willis
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MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT	•
COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS	Ahniwake Rose
ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & PRESENTATIONS	Duane A. Bedell
STUDENT BODY ADDRESS	Quinten Schwander
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PRESENTATION OF DEGREES	Samantha Cameron
BENEDICTION	Allyn Cameron
RECESSIONAL	Mike Willis & MZ Thomas
MASTER OF CEREMONY	Tenniel McLeod
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TBD	POW/MIA Flag

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Boozhoo, Class of 2025,

Today is a day of celebration, reflection, and pride. On behalf of the entire Bay Mills Community College family and the Bay Mills Indian Community, congratulations on this remarkable achievement! You've reached the finish line of one journey and the starting line of the next—and we couldn't be prouder.

This year's graduating class is truly special. Not only have you shown strength, perseverance, and dedication, but you've also made history. For the first time in BMCC's proud legacy, we celebrate graduates earning a Bachelor of Science in Computer Information Systems and our first graduates of the Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. These degrees represent more than academic success—they represent vision, growth, and a strong future for our college and our communities.

Today, you become part of something bigger. You join a proud community of BMCC alumni—leaders, thinkers, helpers, and changemakers—who carry the spirit of this college and our tribal nations with them wherever they go. Your hard work, your sleepless nights, your balance of life, work, and school... it all brought you to this moment. You've earned this, and you deserve to be celebrated.

At BMCC, we don't just educate—we nurture, support, and uplift. Our community is rooted in Anishinaabe values, built on respect, compassion, strength, and knowledge. Each of you carries those teachings with you. Whether you are returning to your community, continuing your education, or entering the workforce, never forget where you came from—and who helped you along the way.

We are especially honored to celebrate this year with several of our own team members among the graduates—a true testament to the culture of lifelong learning and commitment that lives within our college family.

As you step into this new chapter, remember you will always be part of the BMCC family. This community will continue to stand behind you, encourage you, and welcome you home whenever you return. We can't wait to see the amazing things you will accomplish and the lives you will touch.

Gichi-apiitendaa gwad (Congratulations!)

Minawaa giga-waabamin (I'll see you again)

With immense pride,

Dr. Duane A. Bedell

MESSAGE FROM THE VP OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS



Boozhoo,

Today we celebrate the graduates of 2025! Shtaataahaa!

Graduates, through hard work and long hours of studying, countless quizzes and assignments, your efforts have earned this day of honor and achievement. Balancing school, family, and work is no easy feat, but you did it! All of us at BMCC are very

proud of what you have accomplished. We hope that as you continue to seek out challenges, overcome adversity, and continue to grow in your life, you will look back on this experience at BMCC and draw confidence from the knowledge that you set your goals and accomplished them.

Congratulations Graduates! It has been an honor to be a part of your educational journey!

Miigwech,

Samantha Jackson Cameron

Vice President of Academic Affairs



COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER AHNIWAKE ROSE | PRESIDENT & CEO | AMERICAN INDIAN HIGHER EDUCATION CONSORTIUM



Ahniwake Rose is the President & CEO of the American Indian Higher Education Consortium. Ahniwake brings 20 years of experience in Tribal policy and mission-driven state, national, and Tribal nonprofit organizations. Her passion for developing effective policy solutions that are evidence-based and reflective of impacted communities is central to her entire professional career.

Prior to joining the American Indian Higher Education Consortium, Rose served as the Executive Director of the Oklahoma Policy Institute, a statewide think tank that works to advance equitable and fiscally responsible policies through nonpartisan research, analysis, and advocacy. The throughline of her career has been serving Indian Country, where she held the positions of Deputy Director at the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) and Executive Director at the National Indian Education Association (NIEA).

A citizen of the Cherokee Nation and of Muscogee (Creek) descent, Rose serves on several education and youth-related boards and is a founding member of VEST, an Oklahoma-based organization dedicated to connecting women to positions of power and influence. Most importantly, she is the mother of two daughters, Waleah and Tanagila-win.



2025 STUDENTS OF THE YEAR





Erin Brady (left) has been selected as the BMCC's Student of the Year and Oscar Reo (right) has been selected as the American Indian College Fund Student of the Year. Both were nominated by their instructors based on their GPA, ability to overcome challenges, and community involvement while attending BMCC.

Erin Brady, a resident of Sault Ste. Marie with her loving family, has been named Bay Mills Community College Student of the Year. Balancing her full-time online studies, a demanding career in biotech, and the joys of motherhood, Erin is pursuing a Bachelor's in Business Administration and an Associate's in Computer Information Systems. Her unwavering commitment to education, work, and her family is truly inspiring. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Erin for demonstrating the incredible possibilities that lie within when we follow our dreams with unshakable determination!

Oscar Reo (Gabe Giniw), originally from the Lansing area, now residing in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, has been named American Indian College Fund Student of the Year. Oscar is dedicated to preserving and promoting Anishinaabemowin, the language of his people, by preparing to become a teacher and ensure its continued existence for future generations. His deep connection to singing at powwows, round dances, and ceremonies infuses his life with the spirit of his ancestors. Oscar's unwavering commitment to cultural preservation and education shines brightly, and we are honored to congratulate him on this remarkable achievement.

Both Erin and Oscar embody the strength and aspirations of our ancestors and the hopes of the next seven generations. As you continue your journey, we encourage you to maintain the same passion, determination, and unwavering spirit of excellence that have brought you to this moment. BMCC stands proudly behind you, supporting you every step of the way.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to both of you for your hard work, leadership, and unwavering commitment. Your stories have the power to uplift our entire community, and we are truly grateful for your contributions.

Miigwech for your dedication, leadership, and unwavering spirit—your achievements inspire us all!

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EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Allen, Phelicia Aikens, Victoria Carlson, Kristen Carsten, Brittany Cloud, Rhealauria Gariepy, Jaime Hull, Stefanie *Johnson, Kelsey Johnson, Kortney Koster, Cara Massaglikuhaneck, Leslie LaBlanc, Elizabeth McLean, Amber Pickelmann, Millie Powell, Rebecca Pugh, Jaime Sanford, Alicia Sandoval, Kreanna Shepherd, Jennifer Terry, Emani *Vallier, Alicia Walker, Mistie White, Dakota White (German), Elsie

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BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

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DeCoteau, Mariah
Elie-Wolkoff, Patricia
Hunter, Raelynn
Old Elk-East, Monica
Passage, Shelby
Cameron III, Darryl H.
DeCoteau, Mariah
Holbrook, Kristine
Lewis, Crimson M.
Passage, Robert
St. Peter, Madelynn

COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Burlew, Eugene Petroskey, Audie St. Onge, James

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE PROGRAMS

COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS

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Yiirs, Sierra

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Cameron, Mason Keith Pine Parish, William

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DeFoe, Leilani

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Brown, Samantha
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Clement, Danyelle
McDonald, Shelby
Miranda, Wilfredo
Spence, Katie
Brown, Kayla
Clark, Annette L.
Forrest, Christopher
McGuire, Ashley
Shaw, Natalie
St. John, Tonya

Taylor, Dawnylee

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EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Aikens, Jessica *Arreola, Heather Beelen, Leah Bentley, Jessica Debaasige *Bigelow, Rodney Caron, Tina Cebolski, Dana Dow, Nicole Druyor, Bobbie Follman, Camille Gilbert, Karen Grailer, Emily Hull, Shaye *Jacobs, Robin Kennard, Bailey King, Alicia King, Jadyn Leith, Ariella Mauris, Samantha Maybee, CeAnna *Niemeyer, Valerie *Onuffer, Keri Poest, Nicole Savord, Adrienne Spens, Ruthanne Schaefer, Tiffany *Swaggerty, Katherine Swartz, Elle Treinen, Alisha Whitley, Melissa Young, Amy

EDUCATION

Daley, David J. Sabisch, Emily

HEALTH AND FITNESS

Payment, James Dupuis, Joseph

LIBERAL ARTS

Bradley, Tanner William Huntley, Savannah Leapley-Priest, Bryana Parish, Malorie Vanderschalie, Kevin

NATIVE AMERICAN STUDIES

Bentley, Jessica Debaasige Carrick, Dylan Santos-McCauley, Jose Thibert, Annette

SOCIAL SCIENCE

Ballard, Cheyenne R. Bradley, Tanner William Joslin, Racheal Rose Drennan, Cherry *MacInnis, Kaylee Sayles, Amanda R. Smith, Ashley Lynn Sayles, Chelsea Vanderschalie, Kevin White, Elsie A.

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE PROGRAMS

GENERAL SCIENCE *Candidacy

Laponsie, Charice

HEALTH SCIENCE

Cobe, Nicole M. Fazzari, Ava R. Green, Matthew L. Hascall-Reyes, Shannon *LaJoie, Alivia

CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

HEALTH SCIENCE

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MICHIGAN TRANSFER AGREEMENT

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Leapley-Priest, Bryanna

Sayles, Chelsea

Vanderschalie, Kevin

Bradley, Tanner William

Daley, David J.

Joslin, Racheal Rose

Payment, James

Smith, Ashley Lynn

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CORRECTIONS

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EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

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MEDICAL CODING & BILLING

Gray, Renee A.

PARAMEDIC

Jere, Amy McLeod, Katrisha L.

DIPLOMA

ANISHINAABEMWIN PANE IMMERSION PROGRAM-4 YEAR

Cook, JoAnne Reis, Darlene A. Gibson, Catherine

ANISHINAABEMWIN PANE IMMERSION PROGRAM-2 YEAR

Assinewe, Rhea M. Ettawageshik, Rochelle Kelly, Vicki Anne Smith, Deleta M. Woodin, Clayton C. Bay, Zachary T. Gamble, April Mayer, Kristin A. Viles, Charlee



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	Native American Studies Assistant Department Chair
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	Early Childhood Education Faculty
	Early Childhood Education Faculty
	Computer Information Systems Department Chair
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Stelzer, Heather	Early Childhood Education Department Chair
	Education Department Chair
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Baker, Raymond	
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Barrett, Mike	
Bartley, Brittany	Exercise Science
Bebamikawe, Lorraine	
Beiser, Paula	Business Administration
Benoit, Kristina	Social Science
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Buswa, Vicki	
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Smith, Valerie	
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	Assistant Registrar
	Library Director
	Senior Accountant
	Institutional Research & Data Analyst
	Financial Aid Director
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