

## BLUEPRINT FOR THE FUTURE

- A one-day career fair that supports the development needs of Aboriginal youth (ages 13-18) to advance their education and career paths
- Now in its 9<sup>th</sup> year, BFF hosts two career fairs in different Canadian cities each year, and to date has assisted approximately 20,000 youth to further their career plans
- Each event attracts up to 1,500 youth from the host region to attend career seminars, presentations and exhibits led by Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal career professionals
- In addition to **Blueprint for the Future**, the National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation (NAAF), a registered charitable organization manages:
  - An **Education Program** that disburses more than \$2 million a year to Aboriginal post-secondary students
  - **Taking Pulse**, an employment initiative that encourages Aboriginal people to pursue careers in growth industries
  - The **National Aboriginal Achievement Awards**, an annual celebration of outstanding career accomplishment

## CAREER DEVELOPMENT

- BFF provides youth the opportunity to meet role models and become more familiar with career planning information, education and employment options
- BFF activities are age-appropriate and stimulating. The day is designed to cover a wide area of career, education and employment information
- Youth have a chance to win prizes by attending the day's activities, that will include:

**Seminars** in a range of fields designed to inspire and empower youth to kick-start their career planning process

**An Exhibit Area** that provides youth with information on post-secondary and technical training programs, employment opportunities and scholarships

**A Keynote Speaker** who shares his or her story to inspire youth to take action and follow their dreams

**A Town Hall Forum** where youth can ask leaders and youth achievers questions

***FREE Admission for all youth and chaperones***

## EXPECTED OUTCOMES

Youth will be better informed about:

- The importance of career planning and post-secondary education
- The wide range of employment options available
- The requirements for admission to university, college or technical training
- The financial help available, including information on NAAF's Education Program
- Ways to build skill sets, including internships, co-op programs and volunteer opportunities

## UPCOMING BFF CAREER FAIRS

**Winnipeg: November 29, 2005**  
**Winnipeg Convention Centre**  
**375 York Avenue**  
**Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 3J3**

**Vancouver: January 25, 2006**  
Vancouver Convention &  
Exhibition Centre

**Toronto: November 2006**  
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## BFF AGENDA

(Subject to change)

**8 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.**

Youth & Guest Arrivals

**9 a.m. – 9:40 a.m.**

Opening Ceremonies: Prayer & Welcoming Remarks

**9:50 a.m.**

Opening of Exhibit Booth Area

**9:50 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.**

Exhibits & Concurrent Sessions 1:  
Business, Finance,  
Entrepreneurship

**10:40 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.**

Exhibits & Concurrent Sessions 2:  
Science, Technology

**11:30 a.m. – 12:10 p.m.**

Exhibits & Concurrent Sessions 3:  
Public Service; Communications;  
Human Resources

**12:20 p.m. – 1:20 p.m.**

Lunch & Keynote Speaker

**1:30 p.m. – 2:10 p.m.**

Exhibits & Concurrent Sessions 4:  
Health, Education, Social Sciences,  
Trades

**2:20 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

Exhibits & Concurrent Sessions 5:  
Natural Resources, Law

**3:10 p.m. – 3:40 p.m.**

Town Hall with Aboriginal Leaders & Youth Achievers

**3:40 p.m. – 4:05 p.m.**

Closing Remarks, Prize Draws, Closing Prayer

**4:05 p.m.**

Autograph Signing & Departures

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