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## Healers of Tomorrow Gathering

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Corner Brook, NL—The Qalipu Mi'kmaq First Nation is proud to be a supporter of Memorial University's health care careers camp, the *Healers of Tomorrow Gathering*. This program, set to take place this August 1<sup>st</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> at Memorial University's Grenfell Campus and residence, is geared toward providing Aboriginal youth of the province with the opportunity to explore a cross-section of health careers, both university and college-oriented.

Participants of this exciting program will be introduced to possible future careers including medicine, nursing, lab technology, and social work while elders and healers from participating communities will also be present to teach students about aboriginal cultures and medicines.

The program was initiated by the Aboriginal Health Initiative, Faculty of Medicine, Memorial University, and funded largely by the International Grenfell Association. Planning and coordination has included the dedication and inspiration of several Aboriginal communities of the province including the Innu Nation of Labrador, Nunatsiavut and NunatuKavut along with the Qalipu First Nation.

This is the first time for this camp which MUN plans to offer again on a regular basis. For more information please contact: Dr. Carolyn Sturge Sparkes, Aboriginal Health Initiative, Faculty of Medicine, phone (709) 777-2452 or e-mail: [carolyn.sturge@med.mun.ca](mailto:carolyn.sturge@med.mun.ca)

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