

Statement of Affirmation and Support

Trent University honours the land upon which it is built, and its traditional occupants. It celebrates the imaginations of Aboriginal peoples, their survival throughout the centuries, their knowledge developed over generations and their strength to endure.

Trent University has a long and distinguished history in the education of Aboriginal peoples and in the education of others about Aboriginal and Indigenous peoples. Trent's efforts and initiatives since its founding have demonstrated leadership and commitment to the creation of places of dignity and respect for Aboriginal peoples and their knowledge and to the fostering of dialogue and discussion about indigenous issues.

Trent intends to continue to lead by example and to remain at the forefront of higher education with respect to Aboriginal peoples, by fostering their development, their cultures and their knowledge within the University and in society.

Trent expresses pride in the achievements of Aboriginal graduates. It seeks to attract Aboriginal students, staff and faculty, supporting them in their studies and their paths to their chosen careers. The University encourages them to recognize the contribution that they in turn can make to their communities, to Canada and the world.

Trent University established the Aboriginal Education Council in 1993 to provide guidance and advice in these undertakings.

Endorsed by the Senate of Trent University, September 26, 2006
Approved by the Trent University Board of Governors, October 13, 2006