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In the Spotlight

National Indigenous History Month takes place in Canada in the month of June. This year, National Indigenous History Month is dedicated to the missing children, the families left behind, and the survivors of residential schools. Here at WWEST, we are also celebrating the resiliency and innovation of diverse Indigenous, First Nations, and Métis peoples in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) fields. We have featured inspiring Indigenous guests on our Best of the WWEST podcast, and in our newest episode, we have compiled some highlights from their episodes. Find the podcast [here](#).

We also are dedicating space to amplifying the voices and promoting the projects of Indigenous women, two-spirit, and non-binary Indigenous people in the STEM fields on our [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [LinkedIn](#). Make sure to follow us on these channels for more great Indigenous STEM content. For more information on National Indigenous History Month in Canada, check out the Government of Canada's [website](#). You can also learn more behind the meaning of the spotlight image above [here](#).

Events

June 9: Engineers Canada 30 by 30 Virtual Conference

Join Engineers Canada at this year's 30 by 30 conference, a multi-day virtual gathering for 30 by 30 Champions, engineering leaders, and engineers. Actively engage and raise awareness of activities and research that focus on addressing the culture of exclusion against women and underrepresented groups (i.e. Black, Indigenous, people of colour, LGBTQ2 , persons with disabilities) in the profession. **Register [here](#)**.

June 15: STEM Majors: College Planning Strategies

With the number of students graduating with STEM degrees increasing by more than 36% in the last decade, the college admissions process at the top schools has become more competitive than ever. Beyond strong grades and test scores, we will discuss all of the important factors colleges use to evaluate prospective students. From computer science and engineering to pre-med, mathematics and data science, we will discuss selecting the best fit major, building a great college list, choosing the right extra-curricular activities and learning how to write the most compelling application essays. **Register [here](#)**.

June 16: Bridging the Gender Divide – Toys that Build STEM Skills

From chemistry to construction, toys have prepared generations of kids to pursue careers in STEM fields. Discover how these toys, once marketed primarily to boys, have evolved to encourage all children through play to explore science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Bridging the Gender Divide - Toys that Build STEM Skills of oys

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Podcast



June here in Canada is National Indigenous History Month, and the team here at Westcoast Women in Engineering, Science and Technology would like to honour the fabulous Indigenous guests we have had on the podcast over the years. In this episode, we highlight some of the main points from their individual episodes, to celebrate their words of wisdom, to thank them for telling us about their struggles, and for teaching us about their lives and cultures. **Find the episode [here](#).**

Blog



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Innovation, resilience, and collaboration know no borders, and since June is National Indigenous History Month, we are amplifying the voices of Indigenous Two-spirit folks and Indigenous women in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) and their fights for their traditions to be recognized within STEM. In particular, members of the Indigenous science community have endorsed the March for Science, and have tirelessly advocated for Indigenous knowledge to be recognized as just as important as Western science, as well as creating access to STEM careers for Indigenous people. Read about some fabulous and inspiring people who have contributed to the STEM fields and have made or are making waves [here](#).

Got a question? Have a suggestion? E-mail us!

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