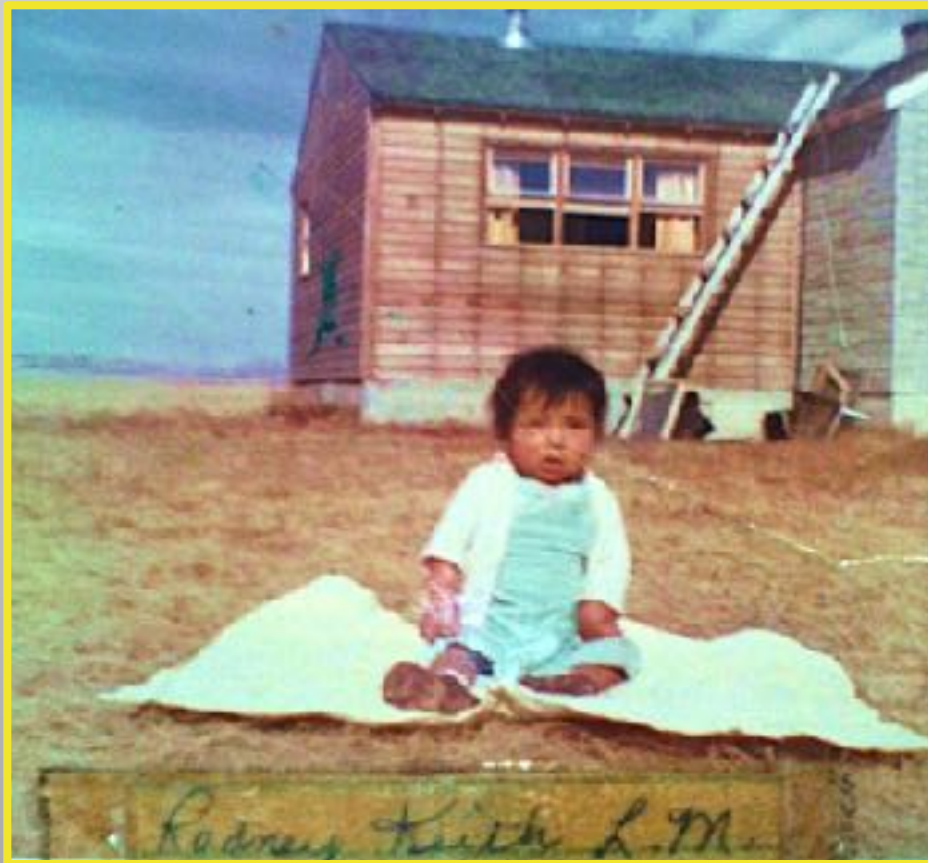


My name is Maistoo'awaastan "Crow Flag"
Rodney Little Mustache Candidate for 2018/19
AMS President



Who Am I?



I am from the Land of the Nitsitapi

Traditional **Blackfoot** Territory prior to
1600



The **Piikani Nation**
today



Leadership Lessons Learned from the Ancestors, Father & Mother

I have had many people in my life and in my lineage who have in their own way contributed to the person that I am today.

Each one of them, I owe them all the respect that my heart can hold. The biggest lesson learned is

Listen, Respect, Care for & Love your Elders.

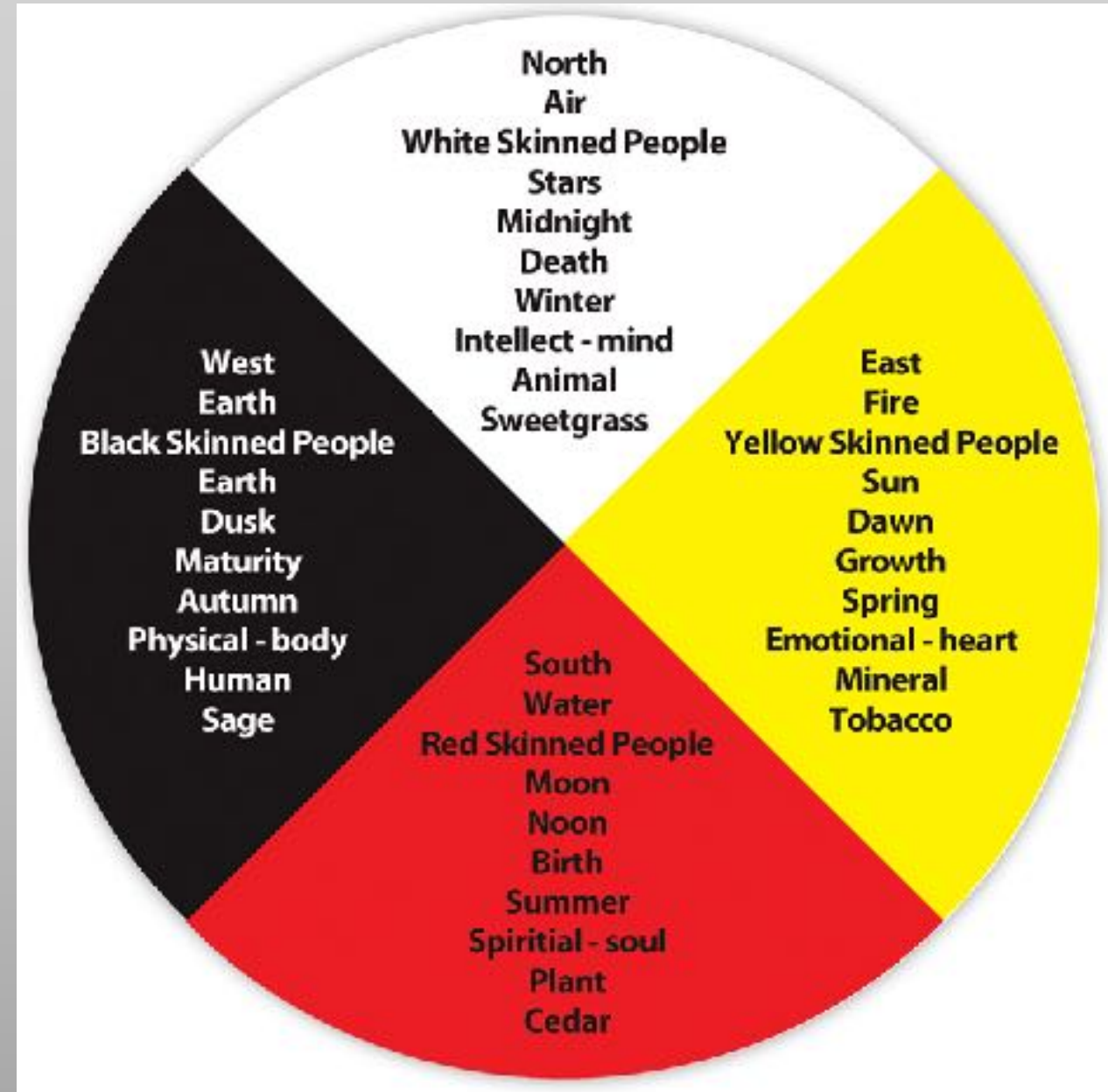
Each one of here at UBC have Elders in our lives and it is our duty to honor them by doing our best in all that we do. Our hard work here, includes their wishes/prayers for our success.



My guide, as with so many **First Peoples** on Turtle Island...

Six years ago I never saw UBC in my future. I was enrolled in the Humanities 101 program here, to see what the word “university” meant. It was here I was witness to my mother receiving her Social Work degree from the University of Calgary. Seeing the smile on her face and the work that she was doing, I felt it was both my duty and obligation to follow in her footsteps, and continue my own education, and use the work that she has accomplished in 34 years of Child Welfare, as a template. And to give back to the communities here in Vancouver and home. My Sister Edna is also on this road.

**LOVE, HUMILITY, HONESTY,
WISDOM, COURAGE, TRUTH,
RESPECT**



The work I intend to
do at UBC, if elected,
is to honor
each student's path
to achieve their goals
in life, using the

7 sacred teachings
of the

Four Directions

LOVE

HUMILITY

HONESTY

WISDOM

COURAGE TRUTH

RESPECT



Sacred places of the Nitsitapi that ground me

Every chance I get I go home for family and to get grounded. Chief Mountain is one of the most sacred places to the Nitsitapi and to other First Nations.

Also a few places close to my Mom's home on the Piikani that hold a special place in my heart as well as the Nitsitapi

I asked an Elder once what the circles were in the ground, as there are many. He said that they were tipi rings. I did not realize I was in the presence of my ancestors.

My inspiring family





The future & why I keep going

I love my nieces and nephews, I have more of them but could not find their pics.

I am in the First Nation's way their Grandfather an honor.

They make feel young and old at the same time.

They are in this slide with THE MAN who loved Chief Mountain.

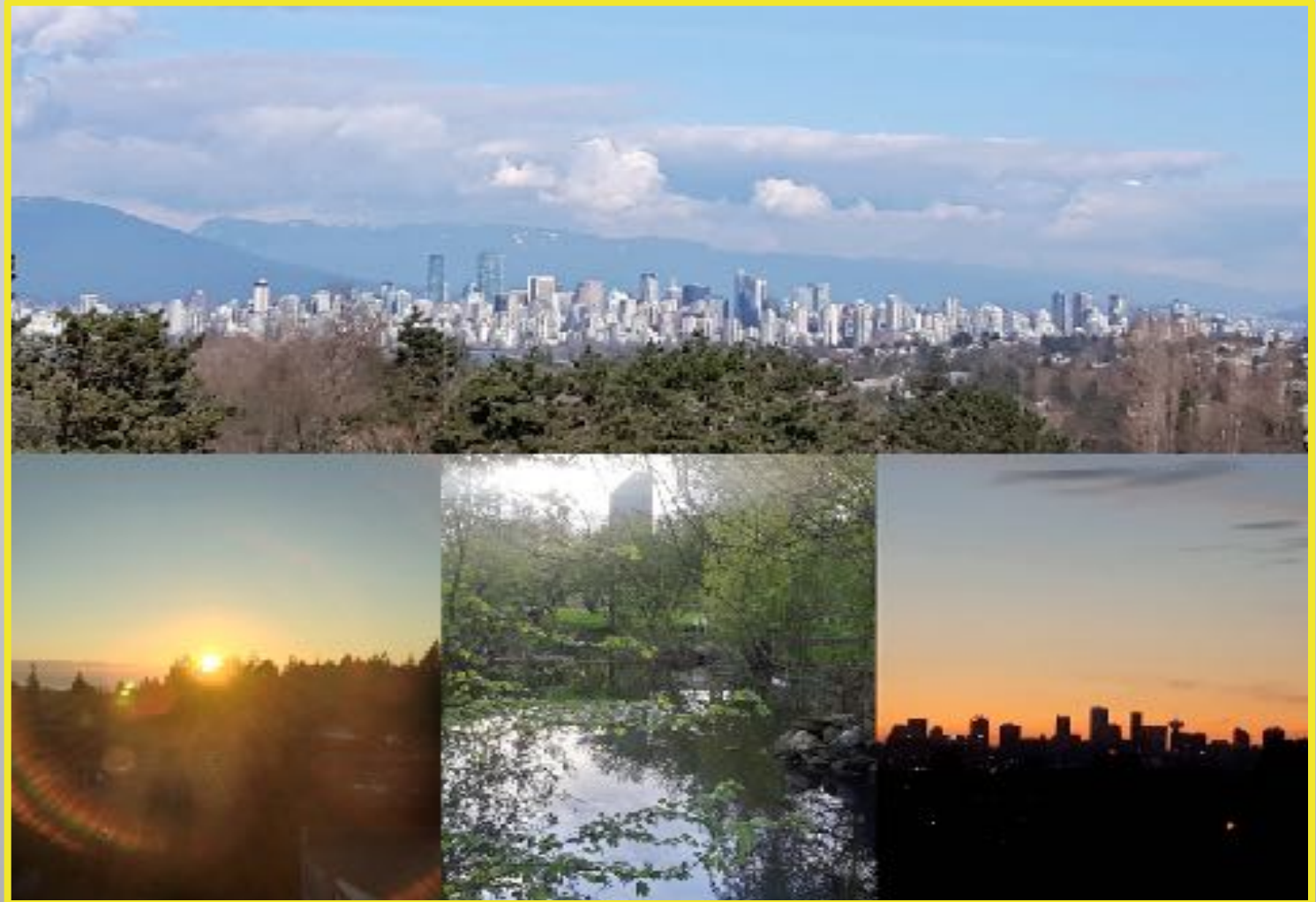
Vancouver, My Health Home

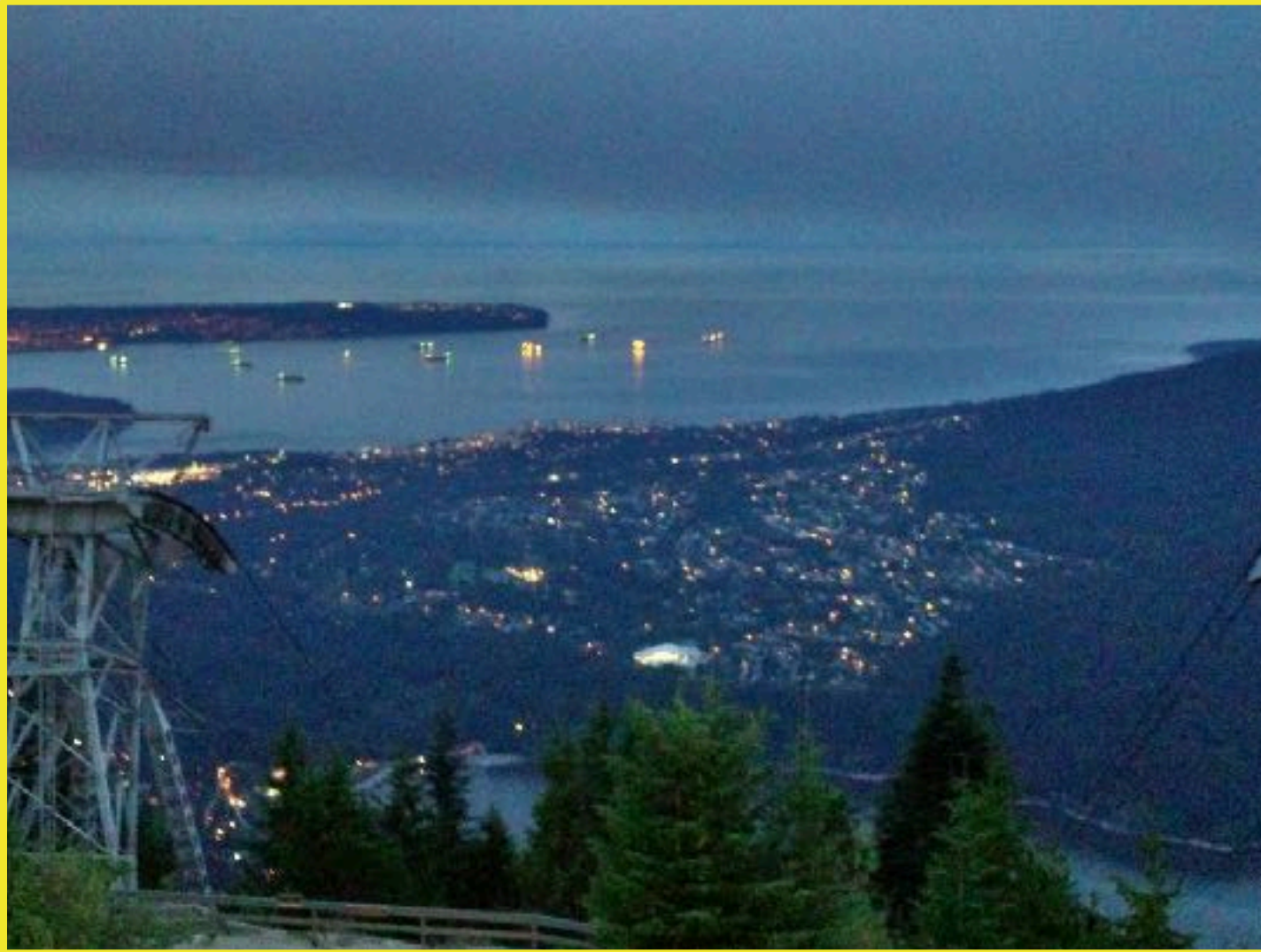
I moved here in 1994 the year after I was diagnosed with HIV+. I came here for several reasons – the health care, the 2spirit community and the sunsets.

Since then I have been on several different ARV's (Anti RetroVirals). They seem to be working because for the last 5 years my CD4 count has been hovering around 500 – 600 and the normal level is around 500 to 1500. And my viral load has been undetectable for about the same time.

10 years ago I was diagnosed with HepC after making one wrong decision. I was in the hospital for 2 weeks, then out, then back in with meningitis – knocking on heavens door.

I started HepC treatment – it did not work.





Day 1 of HepC treatment and a new chapter at UBC

After the first treatment did not work I went a few years without HepC treatment.

Four years ago I started the new treatment available called Harvoni.

I started the Friday before I took these pics. The walk up Grouse Mountain (no not the Grind) was a way of celebrating a new chapter – the day after this I started here at UBC in “Gender Race, Sexuality and Social Justice”.

Also on this day I could actually feel something in my blood – wow the drug was working. My body has since been cleared of HepC.

UBC people who have, well, been there ...

Since being at UBC I have had the honor to receive the best advice for my studies.

They are amazing people who have also helped hone my leadership skills.

- Dr. Margot Butler (Hum – Where I got my start. A very special thanks to this remarkable lady – full of life and determination to open education to those in the DTES who yearn to study at UBC)
- Paul Woodhouse (my nickname for him Sir Paul of Hum)
- Fiona Campbell (First Nations Languages)
- Nadine Alvarado Hensley (First Nations Student Services)
- Katherine Lyon (Sociology)
- Appreciation to Larry Grant, Linc Kesler, Debra Martel and numerous students. (Dylan, Anne, Mitchell, Luke, Dianne, Adina and so on...)





Inspiring people during my time at UBC

Each the people pictured in this photo given me good advice and have inspired me to work hard and to be the best that I can be...

- Earl Sunshine
- Edna Ann Fairbrother (sister)
- Mitchell Mammel
- Jake Byron
- Mike Krebs



Leadership Lessons learned from **Activists & Politicians**

In my life I have met many people who in their own way have also contributed to the person that I want to be. They have taught me to use my voice and image in a positive way ...

- Elijah Harper
- Ellen Gabriel
- Jack Layton
- Emma Palmantier
- Harlan Pruden
- Margaret Akan
- Merv Thomas
- Ken Clement – CAAN CEO, and VSB Trustee

My own Activism



My own Governance History.... (Boards & Committees)

- University and External Government Relations Committee – UBC (2015 – 16)
- Indigenous Students Committee – UBC (2014 – 15)
- Public Health Agency (NACHA) – Ottawa (2007 – 08)
- Circle Of Eagles – Vancouver (2007 – 08)
- Vi FineDay Family Shelter Society – Vancouver (2005 – 08)
- Canadian Aboriginal AIDS Network – Vancouver/ Ottawa (2002 – 04)
- Healing Our Spirit BC Aboriginal HIV/AIDS Society - Vancouver (1999 – 2003)



CAAN Canadian Aboriginal AIDS Network

This organization has played a major part in my, as well as many others, leadership skills. Being a member of CAAN as board member and member, I have met many people both living with HIV/AIDS or co-infected with HepC, as well as those who work on making life more livable and bearable.

I wish I could show you some of my fellow APHA's (Aboriginal People living with HIV/AIDS), but for confidentiality reasons I cannot – but my love for them is as the same as a family member. (Photos are of volunteers or program leaders).

When HIV started it was a death sentence, but you would never know that with a room filled with APHA's the room is filled with evidence of the 7 sacred teachings. Kehcia Larkin is one of the inspirations in my life (center bottom).



I am REAL & IN TOUCH

What I've done:

I have helped set policy regionally, provincially, and nationally, and good or bad policy I was not afraid to speak up.

HIV/AIDS, HepC, Homelessness, 2Spirit, Addiction and Governance issues in the First Nations/non-First Nations Community are a part of who I am, but so is the determination to become who we really want to be.

I have seen students that belong here not admitted because of admission policies or lack of programs. I have seen students who “have” and those who “do not have” struggle to make their dreams some true.

But however you look at it, rich or poor, First Nations or non-First Nations, 2Spirit or Straight... education is an important part of each of our lives.

We are here at UBC to better our the world, our home communities and ourselves...

I am REAL & IN TOUCH

How my work has been recognized:

Funding I've brought in to organizations:

Homelessness project at Healing Our Spirit.

Awards:

Summer Institute for Future Legislatures

UBC – Indigenous Scholarship Program

Gwyn & Aileen Gunn Bursary for First Nations students

Faculty of Arts Aboriginal Bursary

Arts Aboriginal Valor Award

Holiday Inn Aboriginal Scholarship

Michael Ames Humanities 101 Award

Canadian Aboriginal AIDS Networks Lifetime Achievement Award

Pincher Creek Credit Union Excellence in Accounting

Understanding who I am is the reason I am here at UBC.

A few years ago I was at an HIV conference and they were discussing Indian Residential Schools. I was very upset and spoke my mind "I am here to learn about HIV and I did not go to these schools what do they have to do with me?"

The connection was later explained to me, as well as others in the conference room that day. To this day I have a better understanding of my past.





Honoring
what is important
in life

The Past

The Present

The Future

Bearing the Creator's name, the Old Man River, in present day Alberta, has been time immemorial been the sacred center of the Aputosi Piikani peoples homeland. The Old Man river is located at the center of this homeland, which Napi, (the Old Man) made for the Piikani People or the river the Old Man played upon from which the Piikani's refer to as the Real Old Man Country.

The past, present and future are part of what makes us ... us. Weather you are from Africa, Asia, Europe, South America, your history is part of who you are. A good education is what contributes to your history. Honoring what was then and now strengthens what will be.

Tradition & Culture

The youth of today are in a much better position than I was, not that I am forgetting all the gifts of my parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles. The best gifts being... Respect, Love and living at the foot of the foothills.

I have met students at UBC who are so grounded and full of energy they at times make me wonder – why the hell am I here, my future is in good hands.

First Nations, and many indigenous communities around the world, they are learning their traditions and their languages in the schools and when they grow up they will have the necessary tools to contribute to the betterment of their own communities.

This little hero is my godson Hendrix.





For the
love of life
&
never far from
tradition.

Chief Mountain is important to the Nitsitapi and other First Nations.

It is a mountain that you can see from my mothers' living room window. It has been a fixture in my life for many years.

When I am in need of strength and for a cleaner view in my studies here at UBC I often look at this photo and it in its own way grounds me.

So, this is me!
I hope to be able to
make an excellent
contribution to UBC
as AMS President!

Maisto'awaastan "Crow Flag", or Rodney Little Mustache, son of George and Beatrice, grandson of Nick and Agnus, Noel and Maggie. I am also a descendant of Chief Bear Bull, Chief Bull Plume (Nitsitapi Winter Counts), Kills in Water (Medicine Woman), and Chief Maisto'awaastan "Crow Flag". Along with your help we can find common ground and make all of our dreams come true.

A slogan that I have lived by ... If we have it in us to dream, then we have it inside of us to Succeed...

Rodney Little Mustache
REAL & IN TOUCH



SO GET OUT AND VOTE....

- The voting dates "March 5th to 9th"
- www.ams.ubc.ca/elections

