

Humanities 101 Valedictorian – Bertha Nylund

Good evening everyone; thank you to all for your supporting us students on the completion of the Humanities 101 program. Welcome to all our Graduates.

This program began in September and runs until the December graduation ceremony. I would like to thank all the people who contribute to this program, chefs with great food at each session. To our professors and lecturers coming and sharing all our educational information. To all students that participated and persevered even speaking only for myself when information felt a bit dry at time. Thank you.

For myself, I was grateful for the elder presenting indigenous studies class. His course was an introduction to lea sic issues in the humanities and social sciences – the study of human thought, culture and society covering topics of social work, indigenous studies, community development, English, history and multiculturalism.

The four main goals were:

1. To introduce students to the excitement and discovery and creation of knowledge.
2. To acquaint students of higher knowledge the benefits and experiences.
3. To overcome the fear of higher levels of education.
4. Providing students the opportunity to explore higher levels of university education.

I would like to thank Richard our course facilitator from the New Directions Speakers School for introducing me to Humanities 101. I appreciate being chosen Valedictorian for this year's class of graduating Humanities 101 students and sharing all our experiences together as students has been an inspiring experience for me that I will never forget.