

Keynote: Outlook for Canada's PSE System

September 27th, 2022 1:00-2:00pm

Denise Amyot, President and CEO, Colleges and Institutes Canada (CICan)



Denise Amyot was appointed as the President and CEO of Colleges and Institutes Canada in 2013. Colleges and Institutes Canada is the voice of Canada's colleges, institutes, Cégeps and polytechnics, and an international leader in education for employment in over 25 countries. Previously, Denise was the President and CEO of the Canada Science and Technology Museums Corporation, which was a Federal Crown Corporation.

Denise has worked as an Assistant Deputy Minister at the federal level in her last three roles. She's worked in policy and programs in social, scientific, economic, and cultural areas, both in National Headquarters and in regions in several federal departments including Human Resources Development Canada, National Defense, Natural Resources Canada, Indigenous and Northern Affairs, Canadian Heritage, the Public Service Commission, and the Canada Public Service Agency. She also worked as an administrator for the Department of Education of the Northwest Territories (NWT) and taught in Ontario, Quebec, and the Northwest Territories (NWT).

She currently sits on two international boards (Qatar foundation and is a past Chair of the World Federation of Colleges and Polytechnics), on three national boards (Montfort Hospital, Canada Science Policy Centre, and the Forum for International Trade Training, where she is the Incoming Chair). Denise is a past board member of the Ontario Trillium Foundation, appointed by the Government of Ontario, and has been appointed by the Government of Canada to the Future of Skills Council of Canada, as well as to the Future Skills Singapore International Advisory Panel by the Government of Singapore. Denise has received several national and international leadership awards and is a sought-after speaker both nationally and internationally.

Concurrent Sessions: What's on the Horizon? New Three Year Degrees and More
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Dr. James Brown, CEO & Director, Postsecondary



Dr. Brown has been the CEO of Ontario's Postsecondary Education Quality Assessment Board (PEQAB) since 2013. He has taught a wide variety of courses at York University, ranging from literature, to the history of ideas, to applied ethics. He has also held university administrative positions ranging from Assistant Director of York's Centre for the Support of Teaching, to Senior Executive Officer for Finance and Administration.

Concurrent Sessions: Innovation and The Ontario College System

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Kevin Baker, Executive Dean, Faculty of Business, Durham College



Dr. Baker joined Durham College in April 2011 and assumed his current role as Executive Dean of the Faculty of Business in October 2018. Prior to joining Durham College, Dr. Baker held executive-level leadership roles at the College of the North Atlantic (CNA) in Newfoundland and Labrador. He also has over two decades of experience teaching at the college and university levels. Dr. Baker has earned both a BA and MA from York, a JD from Osgoode Hall Law School, and will be defending his doctoral thesis at Aspen University in the coming weeks.

Workshop: Cultural Appreciation vs Cultural Appropriation

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Marc Forgette, Workshop Facilitator, Makatew



Marc Forgette is the founder and facilitator of Makatew Workshops, a Certified Aboriginal Business with the Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business. Makatew Workshops provides a hands-on workshop to both Indigenous and non-Indigenous groups. Founded in June 2019, Marc decided it was time to honor his Ancestors and share his teachings with everyone in a safe space. Marc is Algonquin and French and a member of the Wahgoshig First Nation Band in Matheson, Ontario.

Marc is an active member of the Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business, Ottawa Tourism, the Tourism Industry Association of Canada, Indigenous Tourism Ontario, the Indigenous Tourism Association of Canada, Meeting Planners International, and the Canadian Society of Association Executives. He currently serves on the Board of Ottawa Tourism.

Marc successfully completed the inaugural Indigenous Tourism Entrepreneurship Training through Algonquin College, in partnership with Ottawa Tourism, in the fall of 2020. He now sits on the Advisory Committee and is a mentor in the legacy Indigenous Tourism Entrepreneurship Training program, which launched in January 2022.

In the medicine bag workshop, each participant will assemble their very own authentic medicine bag made of locally sourced white tail deer leather and each bag will be hand beaded. Each kit includes two pre-perforated pieces of leather, artificial sinew, leather, lace, and a needle. During the workshop, Marc will share his thoughts on several topics, including the TRC's 94 Calls to Action, and how non-indigenous peoples can become good allies to Indigenous Peoples. Most importantly, Marc will discuss the difference between cultural appropriation versus appreciation, with the emphasis on the latter.