

MCINTOSH, DARLENE

CHANCELLOR - BOARD MEMBER



Darlene McIntosh is an Elder from the Lheidli T'enneh First Nation, deeply committed to sharing Indigenous teachings, culture, and community values. A proud member of the Grouse Clan, Darlene is the daughter of Mary Quaw and Peter Zatorski and the granddaughter of Elsie George and Augusta Quaw. Family is at the heart of Darlene's life. She has been married to Neil McIntosh for 53 years, and they are the proud parents of Blake and Kyle, as well as grandparents to Jake, Konnor and Kade. As Chancellor of the University of Northern British Columbia (UNBC), Darlene plays a vital role in guiding the university with wisdom and a focus on balance and harmony, drawing from the teachings of The Medicine Wheel. In this position, she supports the university's commitment to Indigenous education and works to ensure that Indigenous perspectives are integrated into academic and community life. Darlene's leadership in this role reflects her deep connection to her cultural roots and her dedication to creating a welcoming, inclusive space for all students and staff.

Darlene's role extends to being Elder advisor to UNBC'S NCCIH and also is on the HSO, (Health Safety organization) Cultural Safety and Humility Technical committee. In her work as an Elder and Ambassador for Lheidli T'enneh, Darlene leads Traditional Welcomes and Opening Prayers at ceremonies, offering spiritual guidance to students and faculty. She also serves as the Cultural Advisor at the Aboriginal Resource Centre at the College of New Caledonia (CNC), where she supports students, advises faculty, and provides spiritual mentorship to the broader community. Darlene's teachings on Indigenous culture, truth, and reconciliation have made a lasting impact. Her work, which is rooted in her spiritual beliefs, has been featured in several publications, where her insights continue to inspire a deeper understanding of Indigenous traditions and spirituality.