

2007 Indigenous Blacks & Mi'kmaq Initiative Student/Alumni Reception

On October 17, 2007, the Indigenous Blacks & Mi'kmaq (IB&M) Initiative hosted its annual Student/Alumni Reception. The event brings together those involved with the Initiative including, students, alumni, faculty, sponsors, and other affiliated parties. Attendees were able to network and discuss the Initiative, its progress over the years, and how to nurture it in the future.

Speakers at the reception included the Honourable Murray Scott, Attorney General and Minister of Justice; Professor Michelle Williams, Director of the IB&M Initiative; Wayn Hamilton, CEO of the Office of African Nova Scotian Affairs; Larry Maloney, Associate Vice-President Academic, Dalhousie University; Dean Phillip Saunders, Dean of Dalhousie Law School; Lyle Howe, President of the Dalhousie Black Law Students Association; and Joan Stevens, President of the Dalhousie Aboriginal Law Students Association.

“It has been my privilege to watch the students who enter Dalhousie Law School through the IB&M Initiative demonstrate strength, vulnerability and generous spirits,” said Williams.” Other speakers had positive comments about the Initiative including Minister Scott who discussed the impact graduating students will have on society both in the context of the legal profession and in working to overcome racism.

The Indigenous Blacks & Mi'kmaq (IB&M) Initiative was established at Dalhousie Law School in 1989 with the purpose of reducing structural and systemic discrimination by increasing the representation of Indigenous Blacks and Mi'kmaq in the legal profession. Since its establishment well over 100 students who entered Dalhousie Law School through the Initiative have graduated with an LL.B.