

1. The president of the Association of Canadian Community Colleges says Yukon College is leading the country in recruiting, maintaining and graduating first nation students. James Knight says the college has a higher percentage of aboriginal learners than the overall population. Knight says this can be attributed to the many community campuses. (Knight) “And of course the other unique feature of Yukon College is that you have 13 campuses, 11 of them in small first nation communities around the territory. You have wonderful video conferencing and so you can penetrate aboriginal communities with learning opportunities.” Knight says this penetration in the communities is key in keeping trained people there. He says if students leave the territory for education the likelihood of them returning is greatly diminished.