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A Message from
Louise Oelke, Chairperson
Saskatoon Indian & Métis Friendship Centre



Congratulations! You have reached an important milestone in your life and, more importantly, a stepping stone to future success.

We are living in interesting times where many challenges are in front of you. However, through hard work you have laid the foundations that will propel you into new and exciting careers.

As with every new path in life, you will meet and make new friends, start new careers, and at times reflect on your term in high school, only to come to the conclusion that all of the hard work, sacrifice, and dedication was worth the effort.

I would be remiss if I did not thank the parents and grandparents who worked tirelessly and supported the graduates of 2021. To the teachers, counsellors, and other supports in the high schools, I salute you for helping the graduates of 2021 make it through these important years.

Graduates of 2021: on behalf of the Saskatoon Indian Métis Friendship Centre Board of Directors, excellent job, well done! It is our hope that wherever your path may lead you, success will follow, and we know you will be the generation of change. May the Creator guide you on your lifelong journey.

Maarsii, Marci Choo, Tiniki, Megweetch, Thank you.

A Message from
His Worship Charlie Clark
Mayor of Saskatoon



On behalf of my colleagues on City Council, it is my great honour to congratulate all of the Indigenous high school students in Saskatoon who are graduating this year, here in Treaty Six Territory and the traditional homeland of the Métis.

Thank you to the Saskatoon Indian and Métis Friendship Centre for playing an important role in recognizing this meaningful achievement.

I am slowly learning different Indigenous teachings. One Cree word that I have learned is ahkameyimok – to persevere, to try hard. Class of 2021, you have done this. Not only have you had to persevere to graduate, but with COVID-19 you have done this in a completely different school environment than we've ever seen before.

The realities of this past school year have increased the challenges you have faced and should make you feel even more proud of this accomplishment. Struggle and perseverance are an important part of life and learning, and you have proven you are up for whatever comes your way.

Thank you to all of the families, friends, teachers, counsellors, and mentors who have helped the graduates get to where they are today.

You have much to celebrate. Graduates, as you continue on your journeys, know that our community is here for you, to provide advice and support as you reach for your dreams.

A Message from
Chief Troy Cooper
Saskatoon Police Service



Congratulations to the graduates of 2021!
Our Police Service is once again proud to sponsor awards that will help make the next education milestone a little easier for two deserving and hard-working students.

The Saskatoon Police Service believes it is important to show our future leaders that they have the support of our community and that we all want them to succeed. With family and friends behind them as well, they will be sure to reach their potential. Community support is critical for success, so I would like to acknowledge the Saskatoon Indian and Metis Friendship Centre. They provide a connection to culture for our graduates and understand the value of holding up youth, highlighting their excellence and offering role models for others to follow. Thank you SIMFC!

I am sure that trying to navigate a global pandemic and obtain an education at the same time has been challenging. I know that you had to learn to be adaptable, and that skill will serve you well regardless of the career or education path you find yourself on next. I hope that some of you may eventually consider a career as a police officer, a 9-1-1 operator or one of the many other opportunities that are available in law enforcement. For now, enjoy your recent achievement and know that we all wish you happiness and fulfillment.

A Message from
Brad Redekopp MP
Saskatoon West



Congratulations, Graduates of 2021!!!

As the Member of Parliament for Saskatoon West, I want to commend you on graduating this year. You have accomplished an amazing feat: completing and excelling in your studies during COVID-19.

This past year has been extremely difficult for many residents of Saskatoon, with some of you having family and friends becoming sick, some losing jobs, and others experiencing the mental stress of the pandemic. As students you needed to change how you learn; from in-class, hands-on learning that allowed you to directly interact with your colleagues to remote education by the internet.

You will be the new leaders of Saskatoon's Indigenous community. I want to ensure you that, as your representative in Ottawa, I wish to work to improve the lives of First Nations and Métis in our city. Therefore, if you need my help on any federal issue, please contact my office at (306) 975-6555 or email: brad.redekopp@parl.gc.ca.

Once again, congratulations and good luck as you go forward in your careers.

A Message from
Betty Nippi-Albright, MLA
Saskatoon Centre



Dearest SIMFC Graduates,

“Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today.” - Malcolm X

Congratulations, you did it. You accomplished one of the most important milestones in your life. I am proud of each one of you! This is a major step in your journey, one that deserves recognition for its immense significance. It is not only an act of personal commitment, but an act of pride. This is just the beginning of the rest of your lives, and with this chapter closing, many new chapters open for all of you. Wherever you go in life, continue to stand tall and proud, and hold your heads high.

As Indigenous youth, you are the gateway to a strong future of Indigenous leaders, in whatever path you choose to go down. I am deeply saddened that I cannot congratulate all of you in person, but as COVID-19 graduates, you were faced with hefty challenges and still you persisted. This is an amazing accomplishment and something that will stick with you for the rest of your life. Be proud of that. Wherever life takes you, remember to hold your head high and put your heart into it.

Congratulations Graduates!

A Message from
Shane Skjerven, Director of Education
Saskatoon Public Schools



On behalf of Saskatoon Public Schools, I would like to congratulate each graduate on this incredible achievement. I'd also like to express appreciation for the Saskatoon Indian and Métis Friendship Centre's work in honouring this significant accomplishment.

At Saskatoon Public Schools, our vision is that every student is known, valued, and believed in. We are focused on helping students achieve four goals: Academic Excellence, Character, Engagement, and Well-being. Your inclusion in this group of talented, inspiring graduates is proof of not only your individual commitment, but also your success in achieving these goals.

A lifetime of work culminates as you receive your graduation certificate. This accomplishment isn't easy – it takes years of hard work, determination, and perseverance. While a “normal” school experience requires great effort, your last 15 months of school have been nothing like you could have imagined, resulting in more gauntlets you needed to navigate. But you succeeded and you can now take your victory lap. Added to your focus on your studies, you are leaders and role models in your schools and among your peers. While we can't gather to acknowledge your achievement in person, please know that we are proud of you.

Your journey through elementary and high school has fostered the knowledge and skills that will build your future and create many opportunities in life. Savour these experiences, find a path that challenges and inspires you, and take the lessons that life continues to provide along the way. You have the ability and opportunity to contribute to your society and play a positive role in your local community, your country, and your world. I hope you will be generous with your gifts and knowledge.

Congratulations on your achievement! I can't wait to see what you will do next.

A message from

**Greg Chatlain, Director of Education
Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools**



Congratulations class of 2021 graduates! You have achieved something significant. You have reached a significant milestone in your life. You are a high school graduate!

Celebration of this moment is different this year, but it is no less important. I hope you take the time to celebrate with those special people in your life who have journeyed with you and helped you find and navigate your path.

Over the year, we have all learned how essential being connected is. Nowadays, the word implies being connected to the internet, wi-fi, smartphones, and other electronic devices. That way of being connected has been important as we navigated through this pandemic.

I want you to reflect on being connected in a deeper sense: connection to people. Being connected to people has proven to be so much more significant. Our connections with each other—our relationships—are vital for our mental, physical, and spiritual well-being. We've had to adapt how we connect with each other and, at the same time, we have realized how integral interpersonal connections are.

When we take a broader view of our web of connectiveness with each other, we see community. Establishing and building community is what the Saskatoon Indian and Métis Friendship Centre is all about. We, at Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools, are honoured and privileged to be part of your community, to share in your journey, to celebrate this milestone of your high school graduation with you.

As you continue on your path, remember your connections. Remember your community. Remember how your community has helped you. Remember that we remain connected. And remember, as you continue to grow and mature, members of your community will increasingly seek your experience and leadership to help them along their path. I know you will be there for them.

May the Creator God grant you wisdom and guidance in all you do.

Message from
Melanie Sunchild
SIMFC Board Member



Congratulations to our 2021 Valedictorian, Desmond Michael!

Desmond was chosen as this year's Valedictorian for many reasons. Throughout the last four years of high school, his peers and teachers have been privileged to watch this young man grow into the kind, considerate and confident man he is today. He is the kind of person who genuinely cares about those around him, and he can always be found with a smile on his face. He has shown leadership, respect, and humility through being a key person in starting up Special Olympics at his school. He is no stranger to challenges and adversity, but keeps his body and mind healthy so that he will continue to be a positive and successful person.



BEDFORD ROAD COLLEGIATE



Kaylynn Bear is a member of Mistawasis Nehiyahwak. Kaylynn has kept busy throughout high school in many activities, such as Circle of Voices, Indigenous Student Council, Girls Group, Pom, and Bedford Dance Group. She is most proud that she persevered and is finishing Grade 12 to make her family proud. Kokum Delores, a residential school survivor who is a selfless and strong person, is her hero. Kaylynn would like to obtain a degree in Indigenous Studies as she is passionate about advocating for Indigenous people.



Jasmine Burns is a member of James Smith Cree Nation. Math and science have been her favorite classes this year as they make her think deeply about the world. Jasmine is proud of her achievement in chemistry as she learned everything possible and got a good mark. Jasmine laughs when she remembers that she wanted to be a construction worker when she was a child. Her future aspirations are now in the medical field as a doctor or researcher as she wants to change lives. She has applied to Biomedical Sciences at the U. of S.



Brennan Crookedneck is a member of Island Lake Cree Nation. Brennan really enjoyed Indigenous Studies as it taught him a lot about his culture. He is proud of graduating as it's a big step in life. Brennan's parents are his heroes who have been there for him every step of the way. When he was a child he wanted to become a firefighter. "Bren" now sees himself as becoming an entrepreneur, starting up a business in his hometown. Brennan has applied to the SIIT Business program.



Shayda Friesen is a member of Muskowekwan First Nation. She is proud to graduate on time after becoming a new mom in 2019, by staying determined and sticking with it as a full-time student. Shayda would like to become a full spectrum Indigenous doula/birth worker, and maybe a midwife. She intends to continue with her

beading and sewing business and become part of the Indigenous fashion scene.



Callie Lafond is a member of Wahpeton Dakota Nation. She likes to draw as a hobby, and she enjoyed Drama as she got to express herself freely. Callie is most proud of making the honor role in high school. Her father is her hero because he has been supporting her throughout her entire Grade 12 year. “Cal” would like to become an artist or entertainer.



Summer-Rayne Littlecrow is a member of the Whitecap Dakota First Nation. Her favorite class in high school was Visual Arts as she likes to draw and learn new techniques. In her spare time Summer-Rayne dances “jingle” at powwows. She is most proud of overcoming a fear of driving and getting her learner’s licence. She is also proud of graduating. Summer-Rayne looked up to her teachers and educational assistants because they always made school fun. Summer-Rayne’s future goal is to obtain employment.



Tianna McCabe is from Pelican Lake First Nation. Art class was her favorite as it is second nature to her. Tianna had a tough year and is proud that she is graduating. All of the women in her life are her heroes as they have shown her that she can be whatever she wants and they have shown her how they live their lives beautifully. “Danz,” a favorite nickname of hers, would like to become a teacher or a lawyer in the future.



Cheyenne McFadzen is a member of CUMFI. She enjoys Drama and Audio Engineering. She is most proud that she is finishing high school and that she volunteered to help in audio engineering for six months after school. A previous drama teacher was a hero to her as he helped her to come out of her shell and want to act. “Chey” plans to pursue audio engineering as a career and has applied to a Recording Arts Program.



Leelyn Mike is a member of Beardy's & Okemasis' Cree Nation. Leelyn was involved in her school's musical production of "Little Shop of Horrors" and was a volunteer for BRIT. She is proud of being on the honour roll, graduating this year, and obtaining her WHMIS certificate. Leelyn looks up to her teachers as her heroes as they have helped her through dark times and helped shape her into the person she is today. Leelyn would like to become an author.



Joseph O'Keefe is a member of Qalipu Mi'kmaq First Nation. He enjoyed those classes in which he had a lot of meaningful conversations, such as Social and Indigenous Studies, and Psychology. Joseph is proud of working hard through high school despite his challenges and staying motivated when COVID-19 hit. His father is his hero for working very hard to ensure his son had opportunities to build a good life for himself. Joseph would like to be someone who empowers others and build a better community.



Morgan Paddy is a member of Ministikwan Lake Cree Nation. Morgan will remember English as her favorite subject as she loves to read other people's stories and to write her own. She is most proud of getting into the University of Alberta as she didn't think she would get accepted. Her mom is a superhero to her as she went through university with Morgan on her hip, and Morgan feels that it couldn't have been easy but she did it. She sees her future in social work.



Madison Paulo is of Métis heritage. Her favorite class in high school was Art as she enjoys being creative and making beautiful pieces of art to share with others. Madison is proud of herself for making it through her senior year online. She found it tough being away from the classroom but she was determined to be successful and to push through! The heroes in her life are her Mom and Dad who helped her to grow up to be strong and independent. Madison says they are the best parents a girl could ever ask for.



Samie Pritchard is of Métis heritage. Her favorite subject this year was Art as it was a fun class and allowed her to express herself. Samie's most proud of how she has grown personally to become a better person. Her Mom is her hero as she has been both a mom and dad and has always put her children first, doing everything she can for them. Samie would like to become a social worker or child therapist in the future.



Jasmine Roberts is a member of Sturgeon Lake First Nation. She is a volunteer with Habitat Humanity and played a key role in helping with the Indigenous Student Council at her school. Jasmine is most proud of the high honors award she received by pushing herself hard. Her grandmother who raised her since age six, as well as her siblings and other "strays," is Jasmine's hero. "Jas" would like to become an author and a librarian.



Dreyden Strongarm is a Cree member of Kawacatoose First Nation. He loved several classes in high school, including Indigenous Studies, Psychology, and Guitar. Dreyden is also involved in helping at the sweat lodge at times and with his father at Folkfest. He is most proud that he has been doing so well in guitar and can now play songs that he had always dreamed of playing. "Drey," as he is known, acknowledges how his family has shown him that life can be seen from different worldviews and they are his heroes.



Kassie Wahobin is a member of Mosquito First Nation. Her favorite classes were Art and Indigenous Studies. She also likes cooking in her extra time. Kassie is most proud of graduating this year. She states simply that her mom is her hero. Kassie had wanted to be a librarian when she was a child, but now sees her future could possibly be as a paramedic.



Jenevieve Wilson is a member of Rolling River First Nation in Manitoba. Her favorite class in high school was Art as it allowed her to be creative. She is most proud of her high mark in Math for which she received an award. Her Kokum is her hero as she has taken care of Jenevieve and her brothers since they were little. Jenevieve would like to become a graphic artist in the future.

BETHLEHEM CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL



Olivia Caisse is a member of Métis Nation - Saskatchewan. She has been a multi-discipline, competitive dancer for 14 years. Olivia is most proud of being on the honor roll while balancing her extra-curricular activities, hobbies, and part-time job. Her grandfather is her hero after successfully overcoming many obstacles to become a teacher in Northern Saskatchewan for 30 years. Olivia hopes to become a paramedic firefighter.



Kailey Ledoux is a member of Muskeg Lake Cree Nation. She is most proud of winning “Top Pitcher” at her 2017 Nationals, having worked at it every day to pull her team through. Kailey’s biggest hero is Brigitte Lacquette, the first Indigenous woman on Team Canada, who has gone through a lot of adversity to get where she is. Kailey has always wanted to be a doctor and thinks she may go into Neurology or Psychiatry.



Darian Machinine is a member of Thunderchild First Nation. Darian’s favorite class was Indigenous Studies because she liked learning about the history and current events of Indigenous people. She is proud to have received the “Rising Star” Award last year due to overcoming obstacles as a student. Darian sees herself on the land in the distant future, operating her own farm and looking after the animals. Until then, she has

applied to SaskPolytechnic to pursue a career as a Youth Care Worker and to complete a degree in Social Work.

BISHOP JAMES MAHONEY HIGH SCHOOL



Emmanuel Trickett is of Métis heritage. He volunteers his time on a digital production team doing filming and editing. He is most proud of earning his junior black belt in karate, which took him nine years of effort and commitment when he wasn't always motivated. He looks up to Canucks hockey player Elias Pettersson, who is always under immense pressure to succeed and who does it 'with swagger.' "Eman" is attending the U. of S. College of Engineering this fall.

CENTENNIAL COLLEGIATE



Zoe Icton is a member of Red Pheasant Cree Nation. She is involved with the Regional Excel Program with Canada Soccer outside of school. She is proud to have been on the honour roll all four years of high school. Diagnosed with a learning disability at an early age, she did not think she could achieve this. Zoe hasn't decided on a career path yet, but she is interested in Social Work or Psychology. She has applied to Campion College at the University of Regina.



Marvin Netmaker Jr. is a member of Big River First Nation. His favorite class in school was any physical activity where he performed at a high level. Outside of school he has been involved in public speaking, youth conferences, church, working out, and music. Marvin is proud of hosting and making a youth rally happen in his community. His mom is his hero as she inspires him to be better. Marvin sees his future in Mental Health Therapy.



Avery Williams is of Métis heritage. Her favorite class in school was Biology as the teacher made it exciting and enjoyable. She has been very involved in soccer since she was three years old, playing on the provincial team and winning provincial tournaments. She is now coaching her younger brother and his teammates. She is most proud of her soccer accomplishments. Avery's mom is her hero as she has taught her everything she knows. As a child she wanted to be a marine biologist, but now Avery's goal is to become an analytical chemist.

CITY PARK SCHOOL



Ryan Fiss is of Métis heritage and a nehiyaw member of Sturgeon Lake First Nation. He enjoyed anything that was hands-on in high school, such as welding, art, and wood working. He also liked math. Ryan has many personal accomplishments he is proud of, including learning the Nehiyaw language from his nohkum and mom. He is also proud of working full-time while finishing his Grade 12 online. Working allowed him to purchase his first car, a BMW! Ryan's parents are his heroes as his mom is an amazing Nehiyaw language warrior, and his dad is a role model for resilience, hard work, and stiving for goals.



Summer Schofield is of Métis heritage. Psychology was her favorite class as she enjoyed her teacher and working with a group. Her extracurricular activities include playing squash and coaching kids in it. She is most proud of graduating as it is what she has been working toward her entire life! Her mom and dad are her heroes as her mom is helpful, loving, and always puts others first. Summer's dad is a hard worker and an amazing person. Her goal is to become a canine police officer in the future.

HOLY CROSS HIGH SCHOOL



Liam Johns is a member of Pasqua First Nation. He enjoys all types of sports and has been involved in many sports in and out of school. Woodworking is another hobby and he has made various projects. Liam is proud of being on the honour roll from grade 10 through 12 and being chosen Captain of the Saskatoon Screaming Eagles AA Hockey Team. His dad is his hero and, to sum it up, he is proud to be his son. Liam has been accepted into Kinesiology at the U. of S. in the fall and hopes to become a physiotherapist.



Sunita Moosomin is a member of Mosquito Grizzly Bear's Head Lean Man First Nation. Sunita enjoys staying active by going to the gym or going for walks. She is most proud of making it to Grade 12 as most of her family haven't made it yet. Sunita's grandparents, who were in residential school, were her inspiration to keep moving forward and to make them proud. She also thinks of her late Uncle Andy as a hero as he always encouraged her to chase her dreams. Sunita wants to become a registered nurse.

MARION M. GRAHAM COLLEGIATE



Summer McLean is from Big River First Nation. Her favorite class was Art as it gave her lots of opportunities to be creative. She was also on many school sports teams, including soccer, basketball, and badminton. In 2018, the girls' soccer team won the provincial championship which was a great experience and she is proud to have been a part of that team. Summer's mom is her biggest hero as she's the kindest and most hard-working person she knows. Summer has applied to the Social Work Program at the University of Regina.



Diana Poffa is a member of Peter Ballantyne Cree Nation. Her favorite class was in Visual Arts as it let her put her own twist on things and break out of her comfort zone. Diana is most proud of her art portfolio which she recently finished and submitted to College Board's AP Art & Design Program. Since Day One, her father has always supported her decisions and is her hero. Diana is planning her future to involve something creative, whether as an illustrator or as a game or character designer.



Jacob Tuomi is a member of Muskeg Lake Cree Nation. Along with his studies, Jacob was involved with his school wrestling team, track & field, and various clubs. He is most proud that he will be graduating high school as he worked hard to get his diploma. He wanted to be an extreme motocross racer when he was a child, but now thinks becoming an underwater welder would be awesome. Jacob has already completed a course at SaskPolytechnic, receiving an Applied Certificate as a Parts Person.



Brianna Turner is a member of Sturgeon Lake First Nation. She enjoyed taking Law at school as she wanted to learn about Indigenous history and rights. In her spare time, she loves to read, work out, and learn new cooking skills. She is most proud of herself for completing high school as she has come far and worked hard to get here. Her grandfather was and will always be her hero. "Bree" dreamed of being a doctor when she was younger, and hopes to pursue this childhood dream or to become a nurse.

MOUNT ROYAL COLLEGIATE



Wyatt Abtosway is a member of Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation in Ontario. His favorite class was Math as he found it easier than others. He is proud that he was able to graduate as he had doubts he could do it. He credits his stepmom, Jess, as his hero. His teachers, two in particular, have helped him to get to where he is today.



Latisha Acoose is a member of Sakimay First Nation. In school, she enjoyed being active in Phys-Ed as well as sports. Graduating and becoming a better version of herself is Tisha's proudest accomplishment. She wanted to be a pediatrician or police officer when she was younger. She still plans to help people, but now as a paramedic. Latisha's aunty, who has been through so much and is still the best role model, is her hero.



Megan Adam is a member of Hatchet Lake First Nation. Math was her favorite class in high school as she loves solving problems and is pretty good at it. Megan is proud of finishing Grade 12 as she believes it will open a lot of doors to success for her. Megan's mom is her hero as she has given her all so that her daughter can pursue her dreams. Megan wanted to be a popstar when she was young, but now wants to be the manager of her own business. She has applied to CDI College to further her goals.



Sheridan Bear is a member of Red Earth Cree Nation. The Math program in which he took part in building a house was his favorite class. Sheridan looks forward to graduation as he will be the first in his family to do so and it will make his parents proud. When he was a child he wanted to be a scientist, but now wants to become a police officer.



Aurora Bedard is a member of Sandy Bay First Nation. Math was her favorite subject in school as she loved the feeling of accomplishment when she understood her assignments. She also loved learning about her own culture and expanding her knowledge in Indigenous Studies. Aurora is proud of herself for getting her driver's licence and getting accepted into the U. of S. Her mom, who gets up and goes on despite what she may be going through, is her hero.



Jay-C Benonie is a member of the Wollaston Lake First Nation. Jay-C is most proud of his athleticism. He is a proud athlete who looks forward to playing sports again.



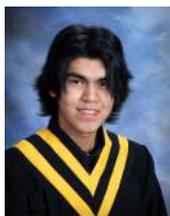
Ashton Bouvier is a member of the Sandy Bay First Nation. He really enjoyed Indigenous Studies in school as he connected with the stories, teachings, and people. Self-acceptance is Ashton's proudest personal accomplishment. His journey of opening up led to overcoming obstacles and facing challenges in order to be true to himself. Ashton hopes to become a paramedic.



John Carrier is a member of Kahkewistahaw First Nation. His favorite class was Science as he found it interesting and enjoyed the mathematical aspect of it. John hopes to become a journeyman welder and to own and operate his own shop. He has applied to SaskPolytechnic to further his goals.



Kisa Chamakese is a member of Saulteaux First Nation. She is passionate about everything to do with photography. She was also active in sports in high school, and skateboarding outside of school. Kisa is also very connected to her cultural beliefs and is a powwow dancer. Her heroes are two strong women—her mom and grandma. Kisa has been accepted into the ITEP program at the U. of S. this September.



Darius Crookedneck is a member of Island Lake First Nation. Indigenous Studies was his favorite class as he enjoyed learning about his culture. In his spare time he skateboards and plays basketball. His mother is his hero for motivating him to attend school. He has been looking forward to graduating for some time and is proud of this accomplishment. Darius has been thinking about becoming a lawyer or the first Indigenous Prime Minister. Darius has had the nickname “D-Man” since he was six years old.



Kierra Crowe is a member of Yellow Quill First Nation. She learned a lot in Indigenous Studies which changed her perspective and made her more aware of her own people’s challenges. Kierra is most proud that she was able to continue with Grade 12 even though she suffered serious injuries in a car accident in early January of this year. She is planning to go into the medical field as a nurse or some other capacity. Kierra’s biggest role model is her older sister.



Cassandra Daniels is a member of Whitecap Dakota First Nation. Indigenous Studies was her favorite class as the history of Indigenous peoples is something that she never tires of learning about. “Cassie” is proud of graduating this year with her best friend and with good marks. Her mom is her hero for working so hard and pushing Cassandra and her siblings to go further. Cassie had wanted to be a doctor when she was a child and still wants to be someone who can help people. However, her path may now be that of a writer.



Ryan Dillon is a member of Onion Lake Cree Nation. His favorite class was Math even though he states he wasn’t good at it. He didn’t hate it though—it was a tough challenge. Ryan is most proud of his ability to draw very well. His older brother is someone he looks up to.



Janessa Gamble is a member of Beardy's and Okemasis' Cree Nation. Her favorite class was welding and she has applied to SIIT to pursue a career in that trade. Janessa is most proud of having been part of the Carpentry Apprentice Program in which she helped to build a house. Her older sister is her hero because she has been through a lot and never gave up.



Jared Gardiner is Métis and is from Green Lake. Welding was his favorite class in school as he found the teacher very nice and helpful, and he enjoyed learning new things. Jared is proud that he obtained his driver's licence which he has found very helpful. Jared sees his mother as his hero since she raised her three children by herself. He plans to become a welder and has applied to SaskPolytechnic.



Jaime Gervais is a member of Métis Nation-Saskatchewan. She is proud of graduating and of making her first jingle dance regalia. She has fond memories of her school's 'Magpie Initiative' in which she learned about Indigenous culture, traditions, and language, as well as sewing, beading, and more. Jaime's heroes are the female role models in her life, such as her mom and grandma, who are strong and determined women. Jaime wants to work in the beauty industry and has applied to Marca College with the goal of operating her own salon in the next 10 years.



Joran Head is a member of Peter Chapman First Nation. He has always been interested in the written word and thus English was his favorite subject in school. Joran is most proud of having survived. His hero is a childhood friend, a firefighter who taught him that there are different aspects of being "better."



Faith Isadore is a member of Fond Du Lac Denesuline First Nation. She is proud of graduating this year, having tried her best to finish on time. Faith's favourite class was English which she found very interesting. Her mom is her hero to whom she and her siblings will

always be thankful. Faith wanted to be a soldier when she was a child but now hopes to become a social worker.



Kendall Kabatoff-McDonald is Métis and is from Sandy Bay. Her favorite class in school was English as she liked the writing. Graduating will be her most proud accomplishment to date. Her mom is her hero who inspires her to want to become better. Kendall has considered being a nurse since she was a child.



Mackenzie Kabatoff-McDonald is Métis and is from Sandy Bay. This past year she enjoyed Indigenous Studies, drawing, going for walks, and going to work. She is proud that she will be graduating on schedule and hopes to make her family proud as well. Her parents are her heroes as they encouraged her to keep going. Mackenzie plans to become a paramedic.



Abbeygail Kakum is a member of Little Pine First Nation. She is proud of pushing herself to finish school after losing her Kokum Lenora. She felt like giving up so badly but is now able to say, “I DID IT!” Kokum Betsy, a residential school survivor, is her hero for helping her to finish school. Abbeygail enjoys doing make-up, hair, and nails, and may become a beauty technician. However, she may also go into social work and would like to own income property someday.



Trinity Kennedy is a member of Little Pine First Nation. Her favorite class was Visual Arts as she was able to express her artistic abilities. She also enjoyed Math Foundations. She is most proud of obtaining her driver’s licence. In her spare time she loves skateboarding with friends and dancing old-style ‘Fancy’ for powwows. Trinity has hopes of becoming a pilot in the future.



Mariah Lachance is a member of Flying Dust First Nation. Writing was her favorite subject in school and she is proud to have made her own powwow outfit to dance in. Mariah had the ambition to become a teacher when she was a child but now sees herself as a social or daycare worker, or she may go into psychiatry. She is her own hero as she rebounds regardless of what life throws at her.



Blaze Laliberte is of Métis heritage and from Green Lake. English was his favorite class in school as “words have powerful meanings, even the simplest of sentences.” He has also been reclaiming his language and learning nēhiyawēwin since elementary school which he speaks with pride. Bringing joy to others is important to Blaze, thus he wants to either be a teacher or possibly a chef.



Awaydin “Bluejay” Linklater is a member of Thunderchild First Nation. For the past six years he has been a part of Saskatoon Public School’s Indigenous Ensemble as a Grass Dancer. Being raised in his culture and with ceremony has been close to his heart. He is proud of knowing the teachings that have come from previous generations. His mom is his hero whom he can’t thank enough. Bluejay would also like to be a stepping-stone for children to have a better understanding of the importance of culture.



Jace Machiskinic is a member of Kinistin Saulteaux Nation. Jace’s favorite class in high school was probably gym and he also enjoys playing basketball outside of school. He is proud of passing his classes and he is his own hero as he had to work very hard to get to where he is. As a child he wanted to be an NHL player. Jace has now applied to train in SIIT’s welding program.



Desmond Michael is a member of Beardy's & Okemasis' Cree Nation. He loves being active to keep his body and mind healthy. A promise he made to his dad before his passing was to graduate and to treat people in a good way. "Des" has demonstrated this by being a key participant in the start up of the Special Olympics program at his school. As his teacher noted, he made all students feel important, worthy, and as peers.



Lexx Michael is a member of Beardy's & Okemasis' Cree Nation. He was involved in sports in high school and is a talented athlete and mentor to the younger students. Lexx is very proud of graduating from high school, as are his family and friends. To "Mufassa," as he is known, his mom will always be a hero to him and his brother. Lexx would like to continue with sports in the near future.



Cindy Moccasin is a member of Saulteaux First Nation. Cindy's favorite class was sewing as her teacher was always welcoming and her strongest supporter. Graduating has always been her #1 goal. Her mom is her hero for always reminding her that she is capable of anything she puts her mind to. Cindy would like to become a clothing designer in the future.



Emma Moccasin is a member of Saulteaux First Nation. "Emma Jean," as she is also known, really enjoyed cooking class in school. She is proud of graduating and hopes to go to SaskPolytechnic to become a dental hygienist. Her grandmother is her hero for helping her so much.



Braydon Moore is a member of Shoal Lake Cree Nation. Math became his favourite class after he discovered it wasn't as hard as he thought it would be. Brayden is most proud of graduating high school and is looking forward to moving on with his life. He isn't sure about his goals for the future right now, other than to be a "chilled guy."



Brianna Moore is a member of Mi'kmaq First Nation. Her favorite class was Mechanics as it allowed her to put her brain and hands to work while getting dirty. Her work in sorting and distributing Christmas hampers felt amazing and this is her proudest accomplishment. It is where she worked with her hero, Penny Hurton, who taught her that anything can be done no matter what stands in your way, and that the 'little people' always matter. Brianna has applied to SaskPolytechnic to become a heavy-duty mechanic.



Sonny Moosomin is a member of Mosquito First Nation.



Orianna Morrison is Métis and is from Saskatoon. English was her favorite class as she loves reading, writing, and brainstorming. However, she is most proud of the good mark she got in Math. Orianna's hero is her Nanny who has always been there for her. "Orio" would like to be an artist in the future.



Kylie Murray is a member of Carry The Kettle First Nation. She is very excited about her upcoming graduation and feels blessed overall. Kylie is described by her teacher as an unforgettable student as she is a joy to be around. Her aspirations are to become a lawyer or veterinarian. Kylie's parents are her heroes as she feels that they are a gift from God.



Nena Naistus is a member of Onion Lake Cree Nation. She is proud to be the first one in her family to graduate from high school. Her mom has been her hero, teaching her a lot of valuable lessons. "Neener," as she is known, has aspirations to become a 'streamer' which would see her becoming an influencer in social media.



Isabella Parchman is of Métis heritage. Her favourite class was Clothing as sewing has been a passion of hers since she was little. She also liked her teacher a lot. Isabella's brother is her hero as he was able to fight and rise above his addictions. Isabella would like to become a nurse.



Nicholas Roper is a member of Yellow Quill First Nation.



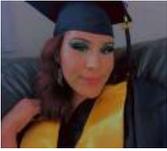
Montana Sanderson is a member of James Smith Cree Nation. His favorite class was English as "Monty" loves to read and write. He is proud to be graduating high school! This makes his family proud, too. His dad, a hard-working man who wants the best for his son, is his hero. Montana is planning a future as a carpenter and is already working toward that experience.



Sayden Scott is a member of Kinistin Saulteaux Nation. Science, probably his favorite class, is where he made his highest marks. He is proud of making it through high school. Sayden's mom is his hero for teaching him valuable things that will help him. Although he wanted to be in the army as a child, he is no longer sure. Sayden looks forward to a successful future.



Kaden Stone is a member of Little Pine First Nation. His favorite class was Physical Education which was fun and kept him active. Kaden was also involved in the Carpentry Apprentice Program. As a child he dreamt of becoming a police officer, however he is also considering becoming an international DJ or a hockey player. Kaden's parents are his heroes as they have always been supportive.



Kaylynn Strongarm is a member of the Kawacatoose First Nation. As a young mother, she is most proud of staying committed to completing Grade 12, while ensuring a great life for her child.

Grayson Taypotat is a member of Beardy's & Okemasis' Cree Nation.



Brandon Thomas' favourite classes were Carpentry and Math. He is currently working but enjoys producing, mixing, and making music as hobbies. He is proud that he was able to change his attitude and, in doing so, found that his attendance, grades, and everything just started getting better. His heroes are his mom and girlfriend who helped to pull him out of that dark phase—a path to nowhere. Brandon is planning on attending SaskPolytechnic to further his goal of owning his own construction company.



Kaylee Turgeon is of Métis heritage. She will be entering into the College of Kinesiology at the U. of S. with a goal of becoming a chiropractor. “Kiwi” looks up to many members in her family. Her teacher has touted her as hard working and determined. Kaylee has also been involved in numerous sports teams, while working part-time.



Jasmin Wallman is a member of George Gordon First Nation. She is most proud of graduating from high school. The band BTS has really resonated with her as their music has always been there for her. When Jasmin was a child she wanted to become a police officer.



Alora Wasacase found Art classes to be her favourite in high school as she likes to create. She admires her mom, who is her hero, as she has been through so much yet is so strong and keeps going. Alora is most proud to have followed in her mom's footsteps and not given up either. Alora wanted to be an architect when

she was a child, but now wants to work on the production side of the film industry in the future.

Deyon Whitehead is a member of James Smith Cree Nation. She is known as “Deedee” by everyone. She enjoyed Health Science class the most which she found challenging. Her dad is her hero as he has always pushed her to do better, while also reminding her that it is okay to fail as part of success. Deedee occasionally welds with her dad. She is proud to be graduating and would like to go into the medical field, possibly as a nurse.



Chenoa Wilson is a member of the Lac La Ronge Indian Band. She will look back fondly on her English class as she loves to write. She is most proud of graduating and being a new mom to her little Ariaah. Chenoa’s mom is her hero because she’s always pushed her to accomplish her goals and to get up to face the day. Chenoa would like to help others by becoming a therapist/counsellor.



Heaven Wilson is a member of Peguis First Nation in Manitoba. Indigenous Studies was her favorite class as there were so many important topics that needed to be shared. She is very proud to be graduating. Heaven wants to help others to live good lives and aspires to become a social worker or addictions counsellor. Heaven’s mom is her big support system and the hero who is constantly there for her, teaching her so much about life.



Tyrell Young is of Métis heritage. He completed his Grade 12 early in January and then took a Tri-Trades program which he completed with tickets to begin his future in a carpentry program. Tyrell’s hero is his mom who has always been there for him and has challenged him to get to where he is now. His teachers will fondly remember him for always having a smile on his face and being an outstanding student.

NUTANA COLLEGIATE

Stephanie Crowe is a member of Kawacatoose First Nation. Stephanie didn't have a favorite class although the Nutana Industry & Career Education (NICE) Program program was enjoyable. Stephanie is most proud of finally pushing himself to finish high school and receive a diploma. He had wanted to become a police officer as a child, but now sees himself working in construction. Stephanie's nickname is "The Gunn."



Kristen Durocher is a member of Canoe Lake Cree First Nation. She really liked the NICE Program that offered students a unique school experience through hands-on learning. Kristen is most proud of having a son and raising him to be the best he can be. Music artists are her heroes as they sacrifice a lot for our listening pleasure. Kristen had wanted to become an actor when she was a child, but now sees her future as a chef.



Patricia Mosquito is a member of Nekaneet Cree Nation. Her favorite class in school was Photography as it made her realize it was her passion and what makes her happy. When she was four she told her mom and Pre-K teacher that she wanted to wash her mom's dishes when she was older. Now she would like to become a photographer as she likes capturing people's happy moments and the natural world.

OSKĀYAK HIGH SCHOOL



Josh Albert is Métis, and states that his favorite class in school was "men's class," where he made many friends. He is most proud of building his own computer. His hero is his Kokum, Mary Lee. Josh has wanted to be a police officer since he was a child and still sees this in his future. He is also thinking about social work.



Sarah Albert is Métis and finds that Math is something she is good at as numbers calm her. Her personal accolades include being able to get the job done even though things may be holding her back. Her Kokum, Mary Lee, is her hero because she helps everyone and is the strongest and most resilient person Sarah has ever known. Her mom calls her “Chicken” because of her skinny legs.



Taiyah Arcand-Tawasim is a member of Muskeg Lake Cree Nation. She is most proud of attending school while working full-time. Taiyah’s most memorable class was Biology because she had a great teacher and learned a million different things. Her mom is her role model. Taiyah hopes to become a paramedic or fire fighter.



Eliza Faith Bosse is a member of Onion Lake Cree Nation. English was her favorite class in high school as she loves reading and writing. She is most proud of passing all her classes and being able to finally graduate. Her dad and grandparents are her heroes as they have all been great role models in her life and have always pushed her to do her best. Faith sees her future as a nurse or an embalmer, and she hopes to attend SaskPolytechnic in the fall to pursue her goals.



Elysha Bruce is a member of Muskowekwan First Nation. Math was her favorite class in high school which she found fun to do sometimes and preferred over anything else. Elysha is most proud of how she has worked hard towards graduating and now wants to do more to become successful. She looks forward to being a good provider to her two babies.



Boa-Marie Campeau is a member of the Kinistin First Nation. “Bo,” as she is known by most people, is proud that she has finished her schooling and would like to take part in the trades in the future. Bo’s favorite class in high school was Cultural Arts where she learned things she previously didn’t know.



Maya Gladue is a member of Flying Dust First Nation. Her favorite class in high school was Physical Education, volleyball in particular. She is her own hero as she has come a long way and is proud of graduating from high school. Maya wanted to be a fashion designer when she was younger, but now sees herself going into social work. She wants to attend SaskPolytechnic in hopes of fulfilling her aspirations.



Darius Head is a member of James Smith Cree Nation. Math was a favorite class of his as he likes working on it and learning the different ways of doing it. Outside of school he is a proud full-time father. His mom and his son are his heroes as they have taken care of him. His goal is to be a hard-working man who can provide for his family.



Teneil Henderson is a member of Montreal Lake Cree Nation. Math has been her favorite class since Grade 6 and she credits a teacher for helping her to love it. Teneil's inspiration is her Kokum who she has always been able to talk to. "Neil," as her family calls her every now and then, would like to become a Conservation Officer.



Triena Johnson is a member of Mistawasis First Nation. English was her favorite class in high school. Triena loves taking care of people and is known for her kind nature and big smile. She is happy to take on the role of big sister and good friend to many people in her life. In her free time she enjoys beading and spending time outdoors. Triena is considering a future in aesthetics.



Jessie Kahpeaysewat is a member of Moosomin First Nation. Jessie's favorite classes were History and Indigenous Studies. She loves looking back and connecting how things came to be. Her hobbies are writing and producing music. Jessie was honored to be Valedictorian for her school and is proud of graduating. Her older sisters are her heroes as they

never give up on her, were there for her at her lowest points, and encouraged her to do more. Jessie would like to become an Indigenous youth worker or a teacher.



Dakota Kasyon is a member of Hatchet Lake Denesuline First Nation. One of his nicknames is “Kota.” When not in school, he worked at A&W. Dakota remembers the days of playing basketball in the gym as his favorite. His heroes are his parents for all the support they have given him in his life. Kota has always wanted to be a landscaper since he was little, and he thinks he will still become one.



Noah Kishayinew is a member of Yellow Quill First Nation. Noah’s favorite class was Science as it was interesting to learn something new everyday; it was always a good time. He is most proud of coming in third place in a 3000-metre race. His dad is his hero who taught him a lot of life lessons he will never forget. Noah wants to become a chef and run his own restaurant in the future.



Lloyd Morin is a member of the Sandy Bay Ojibway First Nation. Looking back on high school, his most memorable classes were in Languages. He enjoyed learning the different dialects in Cree, and in ELA he got to read short stories and graphic novels. He credits his partner with being his hero as she has been there for him at times when he needed it most. Lloyd is proud that he was able to pass his classes and hopes to become a carpenter.



Leslie Musqua is a member of Keeseekoose First Nation. Cultural Arts was her favorite class in high school as she loves Cree culture, working with her hands, and expressing herself creatively. She recently started beading again and has been making traditional and contemporary earrings and accessories. Her older sister is her hero as she works hard for what she wants

and is determined. Leslie is planning to work this year and then move to B.C. to be with her older sister.



Jenna Netmaker is a member of Poundmaker Cree Nation. She enjoyed taking Visual Arts in school as the lessons were insightful and she learned a lot about the different art techniques. Her mother is the hero who has inspired her. Jenna felt that she might not finish high school and is now proud of the accomplishment.



Danzel Okemaw is a member of Lucky Man Cree Nation. “Danz” is glad to have learned to play guitar in high school which was his favorite class. His personal accomplishment is being cool with everyone, and he attributes this to his attitude of being “most chill.” His variety of interests include different genres of music and gaming. Danzel believes in himself as his own hero—why not?



Toby Opikokew is a member of Canoe Lake Cree First Nation. Toby’s two favorite classes this year were Math and English. He is most proud of losing 35 pounds. Toby wanted to be Spiderman when he was a kid and still jokes that’s who he wants to be. In reality, Toby has his sights set on becoming a hairdresser in the future.



Kira Opoonechaw is a member of James Smith Cree Nation. Her favorite class was Indigenous Studies in which she was able to enjoy making a lot of art. Kira is proud that she has been able to accomplish getting her own apartment and graduating. Her Nokum is her hero for always being there for her. Kira hopes to become an entrepreneur.



Carter Peters is a member of Sturgeon Lake First Nation. He looks back fondly at his ELA Class due to having a good teacher. He is proud to be one of the few in his family to have graduated thus far. In the future he sees himself as a clothing designer and possibly as an entrepreneur .



Tasha Ross is a member of Big Island Lake Cree Nation. English was a favorite class because of the always-interesting conversations she had in it. Graduating makes her most proud as she has been put through a lot this year. She wanted to be a lawyer when she was younger, but now sees a career path as a forensic anthropologist.



Elise Shingoose is a member of Witchehan Lake First Nation. She is most proud of graduating as she had thought she would never make it this far. Elise's strong and confident Kokum is her hero. When she was a child, Elise wanted to become a police officer, but now she sees her future as a nurse or social worker.



Isabelle Sutherland-Scott is from Beardy's & Okemasis' Cree Nation. She enjoyed Phys-Ed at school which gave her the chance to try out new things and challenged her physically. She is proud to be graduating while being a mom as it is not something she thought she could see herself doing. Her mom, who has pushed her to be a better version of herself, is her hero. As a child, "Izzy," wanted to be a ballerina, but now wants to help others in difficult times of their lives and sees herself as a nurse.



Keishaun Wescoup is a member of Long Plain First Nation. He is very proud that he has been able to break the cycle of alcoholism and drug abuse in his family. His hero is his grandma who has faced much adversity in her life yet keeps on pushing through. Keishaun would like to serve others in one form or another, and has his sight set on joining the Saskatoon Police Service or the RCMP.



Ryan Whitehead is a member of Montreal Lake Cree Nation. His favorite class was Math as it has helped him learn how to calculate and measure. He is proud that he will be graduating and that he is taking care of himself and his family. Ryan acknowledges his girlfriend as a hero in his life as she never gave up on

him. Ryan had wanted to become a pilot as a child, but is now still deciding about his future plans.



Tanner Youngbear is a member of Shoal Lake First Nation. Science was one of his favorite subjects as he found it interesting and fun, and he especially liked doing research. Outside of school he goes for bike rides and practices his guitar. Tanner’s ‘pops’ is his hero for pushing him to do good, even when it was harsh at times as it made him more motivated. He would like to be an artist and producer in the future. Tanner’s ‘rez’ nickname is “Tanno.”

ROYAL WEST CAMPUS OF ESTEY SCHOOL



Ayla Brecknell is a member of Bearskin Lake First Nation in Ontario. Ayla’s favorite class was Biology as it was fun and never boring for her as she learned about many topics. She is most proud of how she has turned her life around in the past year; getting clean, becoming healthy, and returning to school to finish Grade 12. Ayla doesn’t have a certain person but anyone who tries to make the world a better place for themselves and others is a hero in her mind. In the future she would like to work with the environment as she loves our Earth and all things nature.



Katrina Musqua is a member of Keeseekoose First Nation. English was a favorite class in high school because she likes to express herself through writing which comes natural to her. Katrina is most proud of Sundancing in South Dakota one summer for two days. Her older sisters are her heroes as they have gone through the same thing as her and are now very successful. Being a hotel manager is Katrina’s goal for the future. Her nickname in the family is Koko Tina, which means Granny Tina.



Christine White is a member of Lax Kw'alaams Band in British Columbia. Christine achieved very high marks in her last five classes to complete her high school diploma. These were a combination of English, Math, and Native Studies. She hasn't applied for post-secondary education yet, but she plans to in a year or two. Christine would like to become a dental assistant.

ST. JOSEPH HIGH SCHOOL



Danika Bell is of Métis heritage. Her favorite class was drama as it allowed her to reflect and to truly express herself. "Dani" was involved in light, sound, and set construction in the school play/musical. In fact, she is most proud of the one act play she wrote alongside two amazing friends for the Floyd Theatre Festival entitled, "She-dow." All of Danika's family are her heroes, especially her parents as they keep her going. She would like to have a career as a pediatric nurse, and be an author and artist on the side as she enjoys multiple interests.



Gabrielle Daniels is a member of Mistawasis Nehiyawak. She finds cooking relaxing and likes to think she is good at it as it was her favorite class in school. She is most proud of being a part of an Indigenous girls' group that talked about resiliency, their lives as Indigenous girls in Saskatoon, and was included in the book that was published. She was nicknamed "Gabdan" in Grade 9. Her hero is her late Papa Noel whom she describes as the most selfless, loving, caring man ever. A residential school survivor, he took care of his family until the last days of his life. Gabrielle would love to become a journalist.



Drayanna Felske is of Métis heritage and spent a good deal of time volunteering at Metis Nation-Saskatchewan's COVID-19 relief warehouse. She is proud of her accomplishment of graduating as she once thought she wouldn't be able to do it. Drayanna's older brother is her hero as he inspires her to do better and never give up. As a child she wanted to be a teacher, but now has a strong interest in becoming a criminal profiler. Drayanna has been accepted into the U. of S. for this fall.



Abbie Leroux is a member of the Métis Nation of Quebec. She has been involved with Dance for 16 years and is most proud of being on the honour roll in every year of high school. Her hero is her Nana who has shown her all the good qualities a person needs and she loves her very much. Abbie shares humorously that in Grade 2 she wanted to become a psychiatrist. However, she now wants to become a teacher and has applied to the U. of S. In the future, she may go further in her education, possibly leading to another route.



Gwyneth Pritchard is a member of both CUMFI and the MN-S. Math was her favorite class as she liked that there is a specific answer that doesn't change and that she is successful at it. "Pippy" has been very involved in a variety of sports both in and outside of school. She is most proud of her honour roll achievement throughout high school which she worked very hard at. Additionally, the hockey team she plays on has high rankings. Both of Gwyneth's grandpas are heroes to her, helping her with advice and school. In the future she will be attending Morrisville State University of New York.



Chase Tataryn is a member of Metis Nation-Saskatchewan. He enjoyed chemistry in school as it was challenging, but also interesting and fun. Chase is proud of getting a scholarship for football as he put in a lot of work and it has paid off. As a child he wanted to be a police officer like his dad. Chase now hopes to become a surgeon and he has been accepted into the University of Alberta where he aspires to completing a Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology.

TOMMY DOUGLAS COLLEGIATE



Raylin Asmundson-McGraw is a member with Mohawks Of The Bay Of Quinte, Ontario. “Ray,” as she prefers to be called, is a photographer who spends time working with families and couples on photo sessions. She has wanted to be a veterinarian her whole life and she is proud of the hard work she has put into getting into university to realize that dream. Raylin’s dad is her hero and best friend who is always working hard to give his daughter all the opportunities in the world.



Ethan Bennett is a member of CUMFI and Métis Nation-Saskatchewan. He was involved in various sports and band while in school, and also volunteered in the community. Ethan was a lucky participant of the Outdoor School Program in Grade 11. He is proud of putting together his Métis history. His plan for the summer is to attend the Bold Eagle Indigenous program in Alberta, and then to attend the SIIT Aircraft Maintenance Engineer Program in the fall.



Austin Dreaver is a member of Poundmaker Cree Nation. Austen’s favorite class was Physical Education as it was helpful in making friends, and he loves sports as a result. It also helped him to live a healthy and active lifestyle. Austen has been very involved in hockey since he was young and had the honour of

being Captain of his team. He is most proud of graduating high school and being accepted into the U. of S. this September. Austen's mom is his hero. He has wanted to be a police officer since childhood and continues to make that his goal.



Camiryn Kardal is of Métis heritage. She has been busy with new hobbies, including teaching herself to play guitar which she does almost every day now. She also loves to run, bike, and longboard around the city. Overjoyed to be the recipient of a Math award in Grade 10, she is very proud of that as she had previously struggled with it. Her heroes are both of her parents as she admires their resilience, creativity, kindness, and love. Camiryn has been looking into careers related to pharmacy and microbiology, and she has been accepted into the U. of S. in the fall.



Paige Martell is a member of Waterhen Lake Cree Nation. Paige likes solving hard equations and Math was one of her favorite classes. In her free time she enjoys photography and painting as it lets her creativity out. Paige's most proud of overcoming her social anxiety and learning how to cope with it. Her grandma is her hero as she taught her to be kind to everyone, no matter how they treat you. As a kid Paige wanted to be an astronaut. She still wants to be a strong and powerful woman, but to work in the trades.



Amelia Tremblay is of Métis heritage. Her favorite classes were Creative Writing and Indigenous Studies. She liked them because they allowed her to learn more about herself and to express herself. Prior to COVID-19 she was a volunteer at the Salvation Army. She is proud of having moved out of her family home which took a lot of courage and support. In the future, "Amy" wants to run a café where everyone can feel welcome.

Scholarships

Amiskusees: Semaganis Worme Family Foundation

presented by Tara Worme

Warrior Up Scholarship

Amount: \$1000 – This scholarship is presented to four students who are pursuing post-secondary education at an accredited university, technical or trade school. Preference is given to students displaying empowerment, resilience, and perseverance in the face of adversity; involvement in sports; volunteering or any community involvement.



This year's recipients of the Warrior Up Scholarship are:

- Gabrielle Daniels, St. Joseph High School (pictured above)
- Cindy Moccasin, Mount Royal Collegiate
- Noah Kishayinew, Oskāyak High School
- Jasmine Roberts, Bedford Road Collegiate

LGBTQ2+ Two-Spirit Warrior Up Scholarship

Amount: \$1000 – This scholarship is presented to one bright Indigenous student who has overcome adversity and displayed a commitment to their education through academics, sports, and/or community involvement. Creating space for the Two-Spirit (LGBTQ2+) youth, the Amiskusees: Semaganis Worme Family Foundation acknowledges the sacred and important role of Two-Spirit individuals in our communities. The recipient of this award is pursuing post-secondary education at an accredited university, technical, or trade school.

This year's recipient of the Two-Spirit Warrior Up Scholarship is Callie Lafond from Bedford Road Collegiate.

Central Urban Métis Federation Inc.

Building a Strong Métis Community Scholarship

Amount: \$500 (2 awarded) – CUMFI recognizes Métis students who are active in the Métis community as role models. These scholarships are intended to assist students to showcase their knowledge and culture in their future endeavours. This year the recipients of this scholarship were Gwyneth Pritchard from St. Joseph High School (top photo) and Ethan Bennett from Tommy Douglas Collegiate.



Saskatoon Police Service Community Justice Award

presented by Deputy Chief Randy Huisman

Amount: \$750 (2 awarded) – This award is presented to a Grade 12 graduate who is community minded, by getting involved in volunteer opportunities, is dedicated to their studies, and is a positive role model in school. They are also interested in a career in policing or criminal justice/law. This year's recipients of the Community Justice Award are Drayanna Felske of St. Joseph's High School (above), and Latisha Acoose from Mount Royal Collegiate.



Emily Bird “Rising Above Adversity” Award

Amount: \$1100 – Emily Bird was an Indian Residential School Survivor. Despite the abuses she endured she chose to rise above adversity and positively influenced the lives of all those fortunate enough to have known her. Her smile was contagious, her strength inspiring, and her compassion was infinite. The Emily Bird “Rising Above Adversity” Award is sponsored by her family and recognizes a student who is challenged by adversity and chooses to rise above.

This year’s recipient of the Rising Above Adversity Award is Katrina Musqua from Royal West Campus of Estey School.

Gabriel Dumont Institute Culture and Community Award

Amount: \$500 – This award is presented to a graduating Métis student who engages in Métis community events, cultural activities, and is planning on attending post-secondary studies.



This year’s recipient of the Culture and Community Award is Blaze Laliberte from Mount Royal Collegiate.

Les Bird Memorial Scholarship

Presented by Robert Doucette

Amount: \$250 – The Les Bird Memorial Scholarship is presented to a student who provides in their community while maintaining exemplary grades.

This year’s recipient of the Les Bird Memorial Award is Liam Johns from Holy Cross High School.



Misty Ventures Incorporated Well-Rounded Student Award

Amount - \$500 – This scholarship recognizes an individual who has struggled as a student, but they have persevered and shown growth in their educational journey. They are also someone who has been involved in their culture and community, and they are pursuing post-secondary training or education.



This year's recipient of the Well Rounded Student Award is Darian Maskinic of Bethlehem Catholic High School.

University of Saskatchewan Indigenous Student Achievement Scholarship *Presented by Dr. Sandy Bonnie*

Amount: \$500 (2 awarded) – This scholarship recognizes the achievements and potential of new First Nations, Métis and Inuit students entering the College of Arts and Science at the University of Saskatchewan. It is awarded annually to two students who have exhibited outstanding academic performance, community leadership and service, and commitment to achieving their post-secondary educational goals.



This year's recipients of the Indigenous Student Achievement Scholarship are Ayla Brecknell from Royal West Campus of Estey School (top photo) and Sunita Moosomin from Holy Cross High School.



Saskatoon Public Schools

presented by Superintendent Ken Okanee

Academic Achievement Award

Amount: \$1500 – This award recognizes the student who has the top academic standing in the graduating class from Saskatoon Public Schools. This year’s recipient of the Academic Achievement Award is Summer McLean from Marion M. Graham Collegiate.



First Nations Youth Cultural Award

Amount: \$1500 – This award recognizes the outstanding leadership of a First Nations student within their school and in the larger community. This year’s recipient of the First Nations Youth Cultural Award is Tianna McCabe from Bedford Road Collegiate.



Métis Youth Cultural Award

Amount: \$1500 – This award recognizes the outstanding leadership of a Métis student within their school and in the larger community. This year’s recipient of the Metis Youth Cultural Award is Ethan Bennett from Tommy Douglas Collegiate.



John Dewar Spirit and Resiliency Award

Amount: \$1500 – This award honours the late John Dewar, Saskatoon Public Schools Secondary Administrator and Superintendent of schools. It recognizes a student who has overcome adversity while striving to achieve their Grade 12 education. This year's recipient of the John Dewar Spirit and Resiliency Award is Ayla Brecknell from Royal West Campus of Estey School.



Saskatoon Indian & Métis Friendship Centre Athletics Scholarship *presented by Melanie Sunchild*

Amount: \$ 250 (2 awarded) – The SIMFC is pleased to offer a sports engagement scholarship. It is awarded to two individuals who have a passion for sports and been involved in sports within their school and/or community. Recipients of the Athletics Scholarship are Lexx Michael from Mount Royal Collegiate and Zoe Icton from Centennial High School (top photo).



Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools

presented by Superintendent Scott Gay

Academic Award

Amount: \$1500 – This award represents a student who has demonstrated academic success, who is a positive role model, and is pursuing post-secondary education.

This year's recipient of the Academic Award is Gwyneth Pritchard from St. Joseph High School.



First Nations Award

Amount: \$1500 – This award represents a student who has demonstrated involvement in the First Nations community, who has shown personal and academic growth in their school career, and is a positive role model.

This year's recipient of the First Nations Award is Darian Machine from Bethlehem Catholic High School.



Spirit Award

Amount: \$1500 – This award represents a student who has overcome adversity, demonstrated personal and academic growth during their school career and contributed to community, school, and family.

This year's recipient of the Spirit Award is Abbie Leroux from St. Joseph High School.



Year of the Métis Legacy Bursary

Amount: \$1500 – This award represents a student who has demonstrated involvement in the Métis community, has shown personal and academic growth during their school career, and is a positive role model.



This year's recipient of the Year of the Métis Legacy Bursary is Chase Tataryn of Holy Cross High School.

Big Brothers Big Sisters Saskatoon & Area

Building Bright Futures Scholarship

presented by Brandon Bear

Amount: \$250 – Big Brothers Big Sisters is a community-supported organization committed to engaging and improving the healthy development of children and youth through quality volunteer mentoring relationships. It is committed to reconciliation and this scholarship honours an Indigenous high school graduate who has shown a strong sense of community service/volunteering within the community and is continuing their education in the fall. This year's recipient of the Building Bright Futures Scholarship is Jasmine Roberts of Bedford Road Collegiate.



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