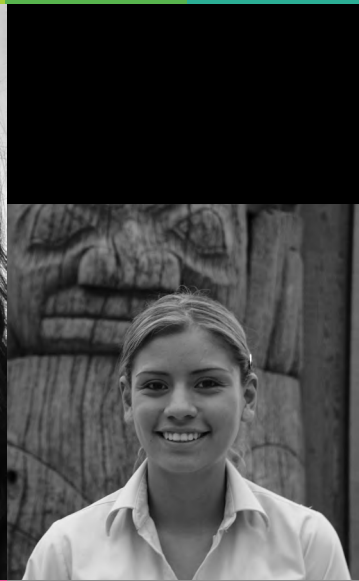
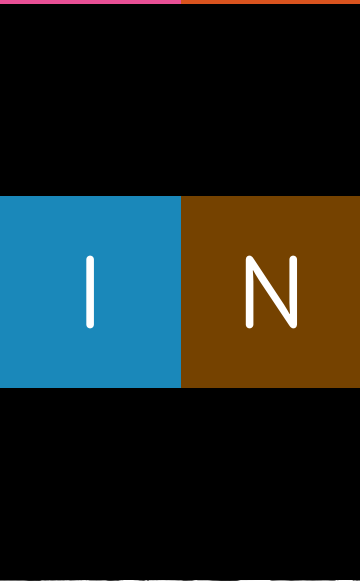




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2011-2012 Scholarship and Bursary Award Recipients



NEW RELATIONSHIP TRUST
FOUNDATION

2011 - 2012 SCHOLARSHIP
AND BURSARY AWARD
RECIPIENTS

INVESTING IN OUR FUTURE



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LETTER FROM THE CHAIR & CEO

According to a recent Canadian study, 75% of all jobs in Canada require some level of post-secondary education. That means having a certificate, degree or diploma not only gives First Nations youth a leg up in the workforce; without one, they simply may not be employable. And with each level of education achieved, our young people have a greater chance of gaining quality employment, and in turn of building the overall capacity of First Nations in BC.

The good news is that more and more First Nation people are choosing to pursue a higher education. Our numbers still lag behind the rest of the population, however –37% of First Nation youth have some post-secondary education, compared to 51% of all Canadian youth – and this gap reinforces the need to support First Nation people in their quest for learning and skill development.

Now in its fifth year, the Education Scholarship and Bursary Fund is one of NRT's most successful and popular initiatives. Again this year, we will grant approximately 140 awards to First Nation students pursuing degrees, certificates and diplomas at recognized BC post-secondary institutions. In total we have provided over 640 awards to some of the brightest and most ambitious young Aboriginal people in the province.

What's new in 2012 is the transfer of the oversight of the Scholarship and Bursary Fund to the newly created New Relationship Trust Foundation (NRTF). The Foundation is a critical step; it allows NRT and others who care deeply about education for First Nation people to contribute to and grow an endowment fund that will last for years, perhaps generations, to come.

We hope to grow the endowment to \$30 million in the next 10 years. We realize this target is ambitious but we believe that there are others, like us, who believe that the capacity of our young people is the key to our future.

This Scholarship and Bursary brochure is perhaps a testament to that. In the pages of this book, you will meet the recipients of our 2011-2012 awards, and I think you will agree; we are making a difference in 140 lives, and that difference, in turn, will positively influence the future for us all.

Cliff Fregin
CEO

Kathryn Teneese
Chair

ABOUT THE NEW RELATIONSHIP TRUST (NRT)

MISSION: INVESTING IN FIRST NATIONS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

The New Relationship Trust (NRT) is an independent non-profit organization dedicated to strengthening First Nations in BC through capacity building.

We work to achieve our mandate by investing in five key 'capacity' needs of BC First Nations governments, communities and individuals: governance, education, language & culture, youth & Elders, and economic development.

ABOUT THE NEW RELATIONSHIP TRUST FOUNDATION (NRTF)

MISSION: TO ASSIST ABORIGINAL PEOPLES IN BC SEPARATELY AND COLLECTIVELY TO MEET THEIR EDUCATION GOALS, AND TO SUPPORT THE EDUCATIONAL COMPONENTS OF ABORIGINAL LANGUAGE RETENTION STRATEGIES.

The New Relationship Trust Foundation (NRTF) was created in 2011 to ensure that vital First Nations scholarship and bursary programs continue in perpetuity through the establishment of an endowment. The sources of the endowment will be ongoing contributions from NRT and its fundraising efforts.

The objective is to endow a minimum of \$30 million over the Foundation's first ten years of operation, while at the same time continuing the scholarship and bursary commitment to youth education.

The Foundation is overseen by a Board of three Trustees.

TO DATE, NRT HAS CONTRIBUTED \$3.7 MILLION IN FUNDING TO THE POST SECONDARY EDUCATION OF FIRST NATION STUDENTS IN BC.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES

The NRT Post-Secondary Education Scholarship initiative was launched in 2007, with almost 100 awards granted at the Undergraduate, Masters and Doctorate levels in the first year.

Funding for Bursaries was added in 2008, as a response to feedback we received from First Nation communities and people that there was a high demand for education in the area of Trades and Certificates.

In 2011, the New Relationship Trust Foundation was created and in early 2012 management of the Scholarship and Bursary Award initiative was transferred to the Foundation.

To date, 648 grants have been awarded to students at all levels of post-secondary education and we have supported 47 additional students through the Chief Joe Mathias BC Aboriginal Scholarship Fund. In total, we have contributed \$3.7 Million in funding to the post-secondary education of First Nation people in BC.

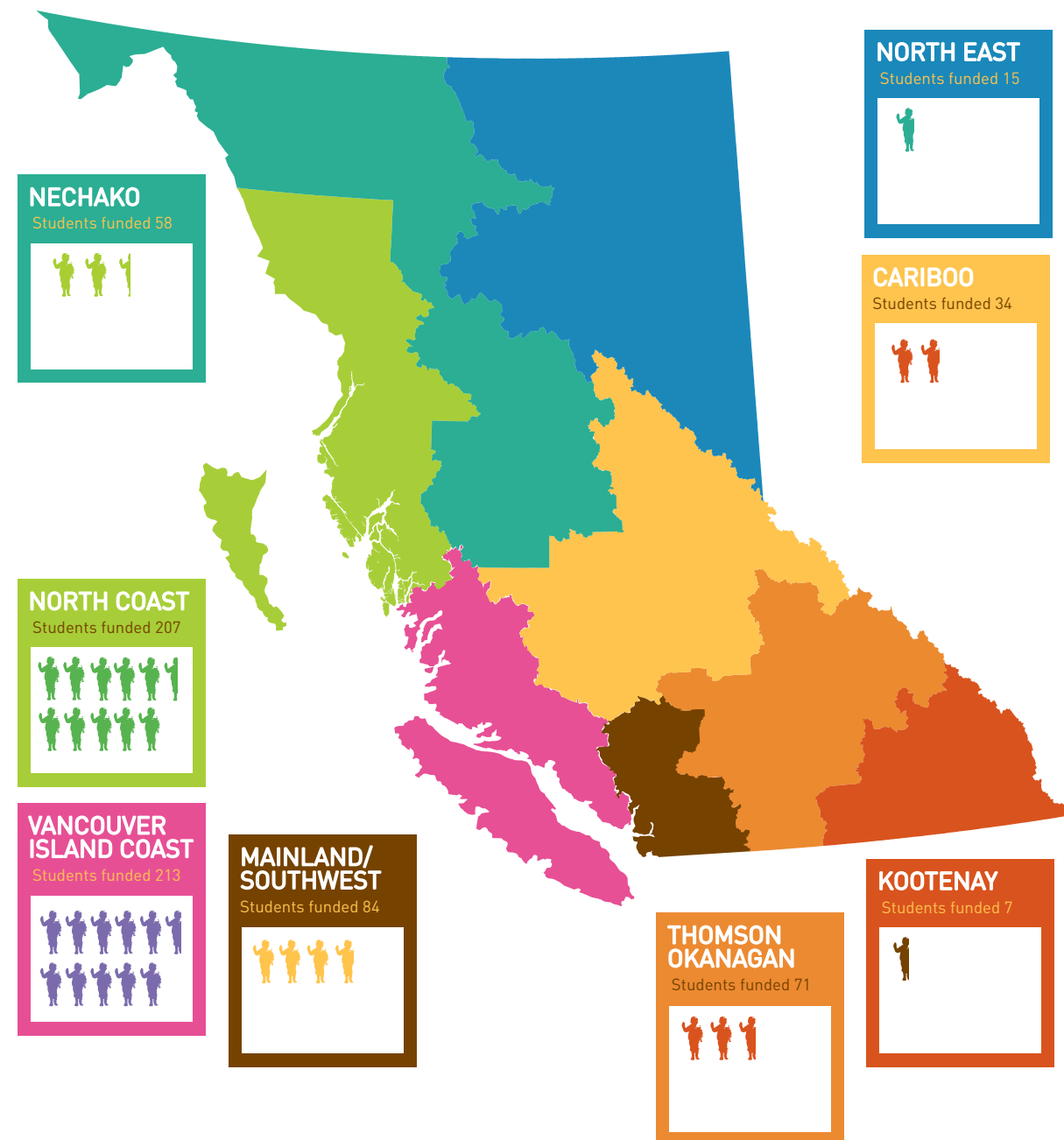
AWARDS TO DATE

	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	TOTAL
BURSARIES	N/A	60	60	60	68	248
UNDERGRAD	66	50	41	42	44	243
MASTERS	23	17	20	24	22	106
DOCTORATE	8	13	10	11	9	51
TOTAL	97	140	131	137	143	648

	CHIEF JOE MATHIAS				
	2008	2009	2010	2011	TOTAL
AMOUNT	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$19,000	\$94,000
# OF STUDENTS	15	14	9	9	47

WHERE THE FUNDING GOES

The map below shows the distribution of awards to date. Each figure represents approximately 20 students.



2011 BURSARY AND SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

2011 BURSARY RECIPIENTS



STEPHANIE ABBOTT
SQUAMISH FIRST NATION
College of New Caledonia
Human Kinetics

I love to work out at the gym. This is why I chose Human Kinetics. It will fit in well for my future, as I can branch out in to many careers of health and fitness. I hope to have my own studio or business as a personal trainer or anything that fits in with the knowledge I gain from the Human Kinetics program.



DENISE ADAMS
LYTTON FIRST NATION
Nicola Valley Institute of Technology
Health Care Assistant

My name is Denise Adams, I am from Lytton First Nation; BC born and raised. I have a family of five children and a husband. I'm very pleased that NRT offered me this bursary award. My hopes and goals after completion of my career are to work in the health care field as a full-time assistant. I think of my career as not just a job but my duty in life. I know I can commit my time and effort to this career and work in private facilities off reserve or in Aboriginal communities.

"I am so happy that there are organizations that offer scholarships and bursaries for students, especially those trying to start on the right foot to a exciting career in life. This is actually the first bursary I have applied for and I am very excited I was accepted. Thank you for this opportunity."



DOMINIC ALEC
XAXLI'P FIRST NATION
Thompson Rivers University
Welding

My personal goal is to continue in the trades training courses. Currently I am enrolled in Welding Level C and I plan to achieve the Welding Level A ticket, which is the highest in the welding trade. These trades certificates will provide me with more employment opportunities. I have always enjoyed welding, as well as a lot of sports activities. This is my first year not playing hockey, and I thought this was a good opportunity to start my career in welding.

"Thank you for your support. This bursary will help out financially with my studies."



KRISTA ALEC
NAK'AZDLI BAND
Vancouver Community College
Hospitality

As a 2010-2011 National Aboriginal Role Model, I give speeches across Canada on healthy lifestyles, healthy relationships, sports, leadership, and drug and alcohol-free living. I would love to be a CEO of my own hotel or a chain hotel; until then I will slowly work towards that goal by graduating with my diploma, then my degree, and go from there. I am a beautiful, confident woman inspiring others to reach their full potential with love, support, and humor.



CHERYL ARO
GITXSAN NATION
University of Victoria
Social Dimensions of Health

My name is Cheryl Aro and I am a Gitxsan woman from the Gutginuxw House and the Fireweed Clan. I am a member of the Gitanmaax Band from Old Hazelton in northwestern BC. I completed a master's degree at UVic in Social Work in June 2010. I have worked at

the UVic School of Social Work in Indigenous Specializations for the past seven years as a practicum coordinator and an instructor. In the future, I intend to continue to work as a First Nations educator and health researcher.

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank the selection committee of the New Relationship Trust for helping me to achieve my goals. This award will enable me to focus on my studies in the coming year. I am so grateful for this generous support."

2011 BURSARY RECIPIENTS



TAMMIE ALEC
SHUSWAP FIRST NATION
Thompson Rivers University
Community and School Support

My personal goal is to help the children succeed in school with little or no frustration. I aim to teach them new ways that they will understand. My career goals are to learn new teaching techniques and make my students successful. Also, I want to help my boys through school, as they both struggle in school. I have my Early Childhood Education diploma with all three certificates. I have worked in daycare and headstart on and off since 1998. I am looking forward to my new career I have chosen.

"THANK YOU. This will help out my family a lot."



STEVEN ARMANN
N'QUATQUA FIRST NATION
VanAsep Training Society
Carpentry

Hello, my name is Steven Armann and I'm from D'Arcy, BC. I'm 18 years old. I just graduated from high school with a Dogwood and am now participating in Level 1 Carpentry Apprenticeship Program through VanAsep. My career goal is to obtain all levels of carpentry and become a journeyman. To be in this program right out of high school at this stage of my life is spectacular and rewarding because of my high school academic success. I've always thought about being a carpenter so when this opportunity came up I automatically signed up for it and haven't regretted it.



RICHARD BAPTISTE
MORICETOWN
British Columbia Institute of
Technology | Railway Conductor

My name is Richard Baptiste and I was born and raised in East Vancouver. I am very involved with my family and friends. I really enjoy giving back to the community by volunteering my time to them when I'm not busy with school. I really hope to get a job as soon as our course ends. I want to thank NRT.



MICHELLE BARDACH
SQUAMISH NATION
Capilano University
Musical Theatre

I am currently attending my 3rd year of the Musical Theatre Program at Capilano University. I have been singing, dancing, and acting since I was a child, and can't imagine doing anything else in life. I have recently performed in "Hair the Musical" (Fighting Chance Productions), "A Little Night Music" (Arbutus Studio Theatre), and "Cinderella" (Exit 22 Productions). Some of my life goals include making it to Broadway, directing a show, and writing and producing my own musical.



LOUIS BASIL
KTUNAXA NATION
VanAsep Training Society
Carpentry

My name is Louis Basil and I am from the Ktunaxa Nation in Creston, BC. I am a father of two girls ages four and two. I have been in the carpentry industry for most of my working career and have a long-term goal of someday earning my Red Seal Certificate



RICKY BONNEAU
OKANAGAN INDIAN BAND
VanAsep Training Society
Carpentry

Hello, my name is Ricky Bonneau. I'm currently enrolled in the Carpentry Level One course with VanAsep Training Society. The Society helped me towards my goal of someday obtaining a job with long-term prospects, preferably in the residential construction industry. Maybe even someday having my own company in the residential construction field. Some of my personal goals in life are to just have a good job, good house, and nice cars, basically what everybody wants in life. My career goals are pretty basic too - all I want is a good steady job with a decent company that's going to last.



RICHELLE BOWE
ANAHAM INDIAN BAND
Okanagan College
Aboriginal Management

I am a single mother of two children currently living in Kelowna, BC. I have been going to school full-time for the past two years. There have been many issues along the way; it isn't easy going to school and trying to raise a family. I will be receiving my diploma in the December 2011 and in January will be working towards my Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting. If it wasn't for programs like NRT scholarship and bursaries I am not sure how I would have made it. It's hard trying to concentrate on my studies and having to worry about the financial part too!



AIMEE BROOKS
LAX KW'ALAAMS BAND
Douglas College
Child and Youth Care Counselling

I am a 24 year old single mother attending school full-time. My goals at this time in my life are simple: to be the best mother that I can be and to work towards earning my degree in social work. My passion is to be there for others as others have for me, and as well, to be a role model to youth and children. Since entering this field of work I have gained much experience both in a work and a personal sense. This award helps me immensely, and will help alleviate that weight on my shoulders so that I can focus more on my daughter and my schooling.



MEGAN CLARK
NISGA'A NATION
Utopia Academy
Registered Massage Therapy

I graduated high school in 2002 and always knew I wanted to be a health professional. After a year or two of searching, I found that massage appealed to me the most. I then researched programs and found the Spa Therapist Program at Sprott-Shaw Community College. After working in this field for a few years I found that I wanted more out of the profession. In the beginning of 2010, I found the Registered Massage Therapy program at Utopia Academy in Vancouver, where I complete my first year at the end of August.



NADIA CLARKE
LOWER NICOLA BAND
Nicola Valley Institute of Technology
Chemical Addictions

I am of Thompson and Okanagan descent and live in the beautiful Nicola Valley in Merritt, BC. I am a member of the Lower Nicola Indian Band and an elected city councillor for the City of Merritt. I have four children and am married to my best friend. I waited to go back to school until I was 38. I am now 39 and have another two years to go to get my degree as a Chemical Addictions Counselor. I plan on pursuing my master's after my degree.

"Thank you for the bursary!!"



TEJAS COLLISON
HAIDA NATION
Camosun College
Music Foundations

My personal and career goals are one in the same: I would like to pursue music in all its forms (i.e. teaching, playing, tech work, etc.). Music has been a huge part of my life in helping express and feel more acutely the things that surround me. I am now taking it to the next level, pursuing a post secondary education in music.



ASHLEY CROSBY
HAIDA NATION
Native Education College
Early Childhood Education

My passion has always been children. I want to make a difference in the lives of our Aboriginal children and youth. I've had the privilege to work at our child care facilities in Skidegate as an ECE/Infant and Toddler Educator and at our elementary school as the First Nations Resource Worker. Now I'm continuing my education, completing my Early Childhood Education diploma this March. In April I'll start the third year of my Bachelor of Arts in Child and Youth Care. As soon as I complete that, I'm going to apply to the Professional Linking Program offered at Simon Fraser University.

2011 BURSARY RECIPIENTS



COURTNEY DETTIEH
PROPHET RIVER FIRST NATION
Grande Prairie Regional College
Business Administration

After going for my Business Administration diploma, I would like to get into learning how to cook to become a chef. I would use my diploma to open my own restaurant, which I haven't found a name for yet. I am not too sure what kind of restaurant, but it would be something great to get into. While taking this program, you do a lot of talking and planning. The biggest event I am currently helping to plan is for the Peace Country Idol, which happens every fall. This will be the college's ninth year and it is quite interesting.



RYAN ERWIN
HEILTSUK NATION
Langara College
Canadian Studies

I am a proud member of the Heiltsuk nation in Bella Bella in my second year studying Canadian history and politics at Langara College. I have served as the Education Council representative on the Langara Student Union and was involved in many local theatre productions in acting, writing, and directing capacities. I plan to soon transfer to a University to continue my third and fourth years in pursuing my Bachelors degree.

"I would like to thank the New Relationship Trust for awarding me the bursary."



DARLENE FRASER
SHXW'OW'HAMEL FIRST NATION
Nicola Valley Institute of Technology
Health Care Assistant

I was born in Chilliwack in 1958 to Mary and Archie Fraser. I have eight brothers and two sisters and six children of my own, two of which are at home: one son with congenital heart defect and a daughter with Bipolar disorder. It has been very challenging for me to work and take care of my ill children. I have been a Care Aid for over 30 years on-reserve, but without a certificate. Now employers are asking for certificates. I will be graduating in November, 2011. Immediately after I receive my certification I want to seek further education toward being a Licensed Practical Nurse.



MEGAN GEORGE
STELLAT'EN FIRST NATION
Thompson Rivers University (Williams
Lake Campus) | Electrical Foundations

I plan to further my career in the electrical field and become a certified Red Sealed Electrician. I'm leaning more towards the industrial portion of the industry (e.g. mines, mills). As for my personal goals, I would love to learn more about my culture: being able to live off the land by hunting and gathering as well as learning more of the Carrier language and songs. I would like to keep the culture alive and pass it on to the next generation. Awetzah ("that's all").



CODY GHOSTKEEPER
STO:LO NATION
Olds College
Arboriculture

My name is Cody Ghostkeeper. I am a hard working guy that knows what he wants in life. My goals right now are to finish as much school as I can, to get a great steady job working for a city, and to start my own business when the time is right for me.



JOAN GLENDALE
DA'NAXDA'XW FIRST NATION
Discovery Community College
Licensed Practical Nurse

My name is Joan Glendale, I am a member of the Da'naxda'xw First Nation. I have two children. I was raised by my grandparents. I love people: meeting them, working with them, reminiscing and always find new friends. I have a strong belief in God, and thanks to my grandmother he has always been in my life. I value my education, I value my family and I value my culture. I am excited to attend school every day and learn so much about health and look forward to my nursing career. I thank organizations like NRT for their support.



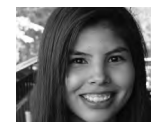
JUSTIN GOTTFRIEDSON
TK'EMLUPS INDIAN BAND
Thompson Rivers University
Water and Wastewater Utility

My name is Justin Cale Gottfriedson. I am a 30 year old male from the Secwepmec First Nation. I was born and raised in Kamloops, BC and continue to reside here with my wife Vanessa and 18 month-old daughter Calen. In August 2010 I am very proud to report I completed the Adult Basic Education provincial level at Thompson Rivers University in Kamloops. In April 2011, I completed the first of two years to achieve the Water and Wastewater Utilities diploma at Thompson Rivers University. I also achieved the TRU Dean's List, which I am very proud of.



MORGAN GREEN
LAX KW'ALAAMS BAND
Vancouver Metal Arts School
Jewelry Design

I am a Tsimshian artist from Prince Rupert, BC. Born March 24, 1984, I have become accomplished in a wide variety of mediums, including wood sculpture, regalia, painting and northwest coast formline design. I continue my artistic development at the Vancouver Metal Arts School in North Vancouver. I plan to become a Master Goldsmith, and to continue teaching and working with children in the communities of northern BC. I have taught with projects such as the Spirits Rising missing women's memorial totem pole, Wet'suwet'en Band Council youth regalia course, Prince Rupert pregnancy outreach, and North American Native Week in Konstanz, Germany.



KYRA GREGOIRE
OKANAGAN INDIAN BAND
British Columbia Institute of Technology
Railway Conductor

I live in Vancouver and I go to school at the British Columbia Institute of Technology and I plan on becoming a conductor for the railway when I complete the program.



LORNE JAMES
BRIDGE RIVER INDIAN BAND
Okanagan College
Automotive Service Technician

I am a member of the Xwisten community, and have lived in my home near Lillooet with my mom and twin sister Allison until graduating from Lillooet Secondary School in 2002. Together with my six year old daughter Morgan, I now live in Kamloops where I am currently employed by New Gold's Afton mine as an underground miner. Prior to that, I was employed by Kamloops Hyundai and Fountain Tire. I am pursuing my career as an automotive mechanic and have completed my fourth year at Okanagan College. I enjoy spending time with my daughter and exploring the country on my dirt bike.



AMY JOE
LOWER NICOLA INDIAN BAND
Vancouver Hairdressing Academy
Hairdressing

My name is Amy Joe and I belong to the Lower Nicola Indian Band in Merritt, BC, where I was born and raised. I am a graduate of UBC Okanagan with a Business Management degree and also have a passion and creative side that is pushing me towards a career in hairdressing. My goal is to become a hair stylist and work towards opening my own salon one day. I love working with and meeting new people, and most importantly, helping them feel better about themselves.



JOANNE JOHN
LIL'WATEMC, ST'AT'IMC NATION
University of British Columbia
Aboriginal Health Administrator

I am a member of the St'at'imc Nation; my hometown is Tsal'alh and my home is Lil'wat Nation. I have three grown children and one grandson. I have worked in administration and healthcare for approximately ten years and am currently the Health Director for Tsal'alh. My passion for health and wellness led me to the Aboriginal Health Community Administration Program at UBC. I pursued the online program with support from my employer, my Nation and the New Relationship Trust. I now look forward to attaining my BA online. Kukw7stumckalap nsnekukwa7.



COLETTE CHILD
KWAKIUTL INDIAN BAND
 University of Victoria
 Aboriginal Language Revitalization

My name is Colette Child. I am from northern Vancouver Island in a small village called Tsakis. I am First Nations, French-Canadian and Scottish and grew up being very proud of who I am. I am in the Diploma for Aboriginal Language Revitalization at UVic

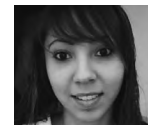
because I want to help spread awareness to our community about our language disappearing. My goal in life is to finish this diploma and then move on to get my bachelor's degree in science, and then become a naturopathic doctor.

"I would just like to say thank you! This bursary is going to help me out a lot."



CHELSEA JOHNNIE
NLAKA'PAMUX NATION
 Thompson Rivers University
 Culinary Arts

I am currently a culinary arts student at Thompson Rivers University. After I've completed the course I am going to head back to my hometown to graduate, and once I've done that I'm going to further my education in the culinary arts program.



BRIANNON LEIGHTON
TSIMSHIAN
 Prince Rupert Northwest Community College | Business Administration

My name is Briannon Leighton I am from Metlakatla, BC, but I reside in Prince Rupert, where I attend Northwest Community College. I am going into my second year in the Business Administration program. The goal I am aiming to achieve is to finish my second year here in Prince Rupert and then apply for a job at the Metlakatla Band Office to work in the finance department. If that doesn't work out I would love to move to Vancouver to look for employment.



ADAM LINGOR
T'IT'Q'ET
 Thompson Rivers University
 Horticulture

I am currently working at an organic garden in Lillooet, BC. I am looking at expanding my knowledge of the horticulture trade to put whatever is learned back into the community garden and to help others learn as well.



MARK LULU
SHUSWAP FIRST NATION
 British Columbia Institute of Technology
 Electrical

Hello, my name is Mark Lulu. I am a member of the Skeetchestn Indian Band, Shuswap First Nation. I was born in 1964 in Kamloops, BC. Thanks to organizations such as New Relationship Trust and VanAsep, I feel that it is time to move forward and show the world what First Nation people can do. I would like to think that achieving my goal of becoming a Journeyman Electrician will inspire other Aboriginal people to enter the electrical trade.



JESSICA MACK
WILLIAMS LAKE INDIAN BAND
 Thompson Rivers University
 Business Administration

I am going to be taking my Bachelor of Business Administration. My career goals are to get into a management position. I have yet to decide in which area I would like to manage, but working as a supervisor in my previous job allowed me to know that this is an area that I feel I will be successful.



THEO MICHELE
LYTTON FIRST NATION
 Thompson Rivers University
 Welding

I'm 23 years old and from a little village called Lytton, where I've lived all my life. A few years before I graduated high school, my mom always told me to get a trade. I thought about it for a long time debating what I would enjoy doing. Now I am enrolled in the Welding Level C program and hoping to take metal fabrication after my course is done. I've got plans to do all the levels and become a Journeyman, then do underwater welding after I get all my welding seals and tickets.



BRANDON MICHELL
WET'SUWET'EN FIRST NATION
 Thompson River University
 Culinary Arts

I chose a career in culinary arts because of my grandmother and my mother. I watched them make meals and how they used the ingredients for almost my whole life; it was fascinating. Another reason that I want to cook is because I want to take the responsibilities that my grandmother had on her shoulders for her whole life into my life. I also want to try and open my own restaurant with my aunty so we can bring something new to our hometown.

2011 BURSARY RECIPIENTS



JESSICA MICHELL
WET'SUWET'EN FIRST NATION
Thompson Rivers University | Industrial
Electrician / Instrumentation Mechanic

I am a mother of one – a beautiful two year old daughter – and care-taker of my 16 year old cousin. I plan to apprentice and eventually have my Red Seal, helping me to provide and eventually buy a house for my little family. I hope to be working full-time with a permanent job by the time my daughter is in school. I have enjoyed the beginning of my career in the male dominated world of trades! It has definitely been a challenge, but a challenge I've enjoyed.



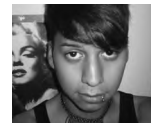
MORGAN MILLER
GITXSAN NATION
Inside Passage School of Fine
Woodworking | Craftsman

This will be my second year in the Industry Training Authority level two program for Cabinetmaking / Joinery. I am excited about the challenges this year. I am Gitxsan from Gitwangak. My great grandfather was a hereditary Chief, furniture maker and carver.



LOUIE NAKNAKIN
CAPE MUDGE INDIAN BAND
British Columbia Institute of Technology
Railway Conductor

I am a proud member of my Band, Cape Mudge, and I am a family man and can't wait to succeed in the course I am taking so I can start my career. I love to volunteer my time to anything as long as I have the free time; I volunteer regularly and I am a very athletic, caring individual. I believe in treating others the way I want to be treated, with respect.



JARED NOME
LHEIDLI T'ENNEH FIRST NATION
The Art Institute of Vancouver
Fashion Marketing

I was born in Prince George, BC in 1990. I am Carrier and Cree native and one quarter Bulgarian. Currently, I am studying Fashion Marketing at the Art Institute of Vancouver. I have always dreamed of working in the entertainment industry and fashion is entertainment. My favourite artists are Salvador Dali, La Roux and Lady Gaga. My current career goals are to obtain a job in the fashion industry beginning at the retail level and then graduate in September 2012 with my Fashion Marketing Diploma.



MICHAEL O'DONAGHEY
XAXLI'P FIRST NATION
British Columbia Institute of Technology
Railway Conductor

My name is Michael O'Donaghey and I am very involved with my community. I live on-reserve and do a lot of volunteering with my culture. I hold sweat lodges for the youth and two other recovery houses and enjoy it with a passion. I am always willing to lend a helping hand to anyone in need. I base my principles on how people treat me: if you treat me with respect, you're going to get it back and then some.



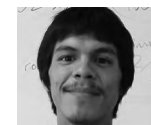
CHERYL OPPENHEIMER
OKANAGAN INDIAN BAND
Okanagan College
Licensed Practical Nursing

I am a member of the Okanagan Indian Band. I am 37 years old and a mother of five and a full-time student. I spent the last year doing my prerequisites for entrance into the Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN) program and have been accepted. I have always wanted a career that would allow me to help people. Once I complete the LPN program at Okanagan College I plan to bridge into the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program at UBC Okanagan in Kelowna and from there the possibilities are endless.



JULIE PALMANTIER
WILLIAMS LAKE INDIAN BAND
Red Deer College
Open Studies

I want to get a degree in Kinesiology and Sports Studies so I can choose an ideal career for myself in the near future. I would also like to make the women's Red Deer College hockey team. I would also like to give back to my community when I make my goals a reality. I would like to be involved with hockey or rodeo when I find a fitting career, these two sports are the only ones I like.



ERIK PETERS
SKATIN FIRST NATION
VanAsep Training Society
Carpentry

My name is Erik Peters. I am 23 years old and I come from Skatin First Nation Indian Band. I have been training with VanAsep since 2006, and in 2011 I got a chance to complete my Carpentry Level One. Prior to this course I participated in the job core training program, which gave me the fundamental basics to get into the carpentry trade. I plan on obtaining my Red Seal in carpentry, so I can work anywhere in the world!



GARRY PETERS
LIL'WAT NATION
Kwantlen University
Carpentry

My goals are to get a good start for the rest of my life and make a good living. A career in carpentry is one I am looking forward to after I finish this program. I'm straight out of high school with hardly any work experience, but this will change my life from here on in. I owe my thanks to my job coach for helping me into this program. VanAsep is a life changing journey into the world of carpentry.



CODY PROTEAU
TSAWWASSEN FIRST NATION
VanAsep Training Society
Carpentry

My personal goals include getting my truck insured so I can get to and from work, and also get my high school graduation diploma by attending night school. My career goals include continuing to work with my dad in this trade so I can be the best carpenter I can be. As for my long-term goal, I would also like to make my own framing crew.



CASSANDRA PUCKETT
TAHLTAN NATION
Native Education College
Family and Community Counselling

I am a member of the Tahltan First Nation from a small town in northern BC. My future goal is to attend Nicola Valley Institute of Technology and obtain my Bachelor of Social Work upon completion of the Family and Community Counselling Diploma at Native Education College.

"The bursary from the New Relationship Trust Fund has been instrumental in assisting me to further my education and reach for my dream."



BRENA ROBINSON
LYACKSON FIRST NATION
Camosun College
Indigenous Business Leadership

After I graduate from the Indigenous Business Leadership program, I plan on continuing my studies and getting my Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting. My long-term goal is to help my community develop an economic plan and work towards becoming self-reliant.

"I am a mother of five and, although my spouse works full-time, it is very difficult to make ends meet. This bursary is so helpful! It really helps to know that what I'm doing matters and it's nice to be acknowledged for all the hard work. My girlfriend and I joke that working was so much easier than school, but this bursary helps to reinforce staying in school. Huy ch q'u!"

2011 BURSARY RECIPIENTS



THOMAS ROBINSON
HAISLA FIRST NATION
Native Education College
Carpentry

My name is Thomas Robinson. I am 21 years old and the youngest of five siblings. I was raised in Kitimaat village and Alert Bay by my parents Greg Robinson and Miriam Windsor. I am interested in carpentry because I like to work with wood. My goal is to obtain my Red Seal in Carpentry. This carpentry program is going to open many doors that would not have been possible without it.



CARLI SCHROEDER
TZEACHTEN FIRST NATION University
of the Fraser Valley | Aboriginal Culture
and Language Support

I plan to continue my education after the successful completion of the Aboriginal Culture and Language Support diploma, and after working in the school district for a few years while continuing to raise my family. I have a nine month-old son who is my inspiration to continue my education so that I am able to support him and give him everything he needs in his life.



CLAYTON SCHROEDER
TZEACHTEN FIRST NATION
Kwantlen Polytechnic University
Business Management

I am a 19 year old university student from Tzeachten First Nation. I currently live in South Surrey, BC. I graduated from Semiahmoo Secondary in 2010 and am currently in my fourth semester at Kwantlen Polytechnic University in the Business Management diploma program. I have enjoyed my experience at Kwantlen and have gained valuable skills and knowledge from my classes. I feel they have helped me better understand the complicated business world. When I finish this program in fall 2012 I will continue to work towards a degree in business at Simon Fraser University.



STACY SEYMOUR
STZ'UNMINUS FIRST NATION
Vancouver Island University
Tourism Management

My name is Stacy Seymour. I am from the Stz'uminus First Nation community, which is located in Ladysmith, BC. It has been a great pride to be born and raised in my community learning and following the cultural traditions. Currently, I am finishing my education in the Bachelor of Tourism Management program at Vancouver Island University. Through my studies, I have gained knowledge of recreational program management including: developing, promoting, implementing and scheduling community programs. Also, I have 10 years of work experience in recreation administration, programming and leadership.



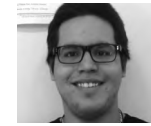
CASEY SHEENA
UPPER NICOLA BAND
VanAsep Training Society
Carpentry

Hello, my name is Casey Sheena. I'm from the Upper Nicola Band. I took Carpentry Level One through VanAsep Training Society on the Tsawwassen First Nation and at the Native Education College in Vancouver. I took carpentry because the opportunity was there and it was a good dependable trade to get into while supporting my family. I would like to pursue my career in carpentry by completing all four years of school and the work-based hours to gain my Red Seal ticket.



JOY SMITH
METLAKATLA FIRST NATION
Northwest Community College
Business Administration

My name is Joy Sarah Smith and I am a 26 year old woman from the community of Metlakatla, BC. I will be starting the second year of the Business Administration diploma program in September 2011 and currently hold a Certificate in Business Administration and a Certificate in Aboriginal Leadership. I have been given the wonderful opportunity of working for the Metlakatla Governing Council for my second consecutive year, in which I have been able to apply my experiences from my schooling, and get hands-on learning experience and mentorship in the workforce as well.



REG SMITH
LAX KW'ALAAMS BAND
VanAsep Training Society
Carpentry

My names Reg Smith. I'm 21 years old. I'm from the Lax Kw'alaams Nation. I was raised in in Kitimaat Village, BC. I am the youngest of six children. I'm attending this course because carpentry is one of my interests. My career goal is to get my Red Seal. This course will open many doors that would have otherwise not been available. This bursary will help me buy the necessary tools to help me achieve my goals.



CHELSEA SOLOMAN
PENELAKUT FIRST NATION
Capilano University
Arts and Science

Hello! My name is Chelsea Ann Soloman, and I am from the Penelakut Nation of BC. I have just graduated from Carson Graham and would like to thank the New Relationship Trust for awarding me a bursary for my post secondary studies at Capilano University. I will transfer my arts and sciences courses into the Simon Fraser University psychology degree program in 2013 and plan to complete a psychology degree in 2015! My personal goal is to help First Nations families along their healing journeys. I look forward to becoming a registered psychologist and plan on working at BC Women's Hospital!

"Thank you!! I am so excited to start my studies and go to Capilano University!!"



ROBIN STARR
GITXSAN NATION
Academy of Learning
Health Care Assistant

I was born in Hazelton, BC, the son of Robert and June Starr. I have two older brothers (Robert and Randolph) and one younger sister (Katie). They all live in Kispiox, where I was raised. I am married and have two children – a boy and a girl, Wyler (five) and Flora (six) and we live in Nanaimo, BC. We hope one day to own a home. Further down the line, I want to go back to school for the registered nursing program.



TAWNIA STEWART
NISGA'A NATION
Blanche Macdonald Centre
Esthetics and Spa Treatment

My name is Tawnya Stewart. I'm 24 years old and from the Nisga'a Nation. I'm from Kincolith, BC, but my hometown is Prince Rupert, BC. I am currently enrolled in the Esthetics and Spa Management program at Blanche Macdonald in Vancouver. My personal goal was to get back into school, and I did it. My career goal would have to be, after I'm done schooling, to gain some experience and some day open up my own spa / beauty salon.



JESSE TADGELL
MCLEOD LAKE INDIAN BAND
British Columbia Institute of Technology
Railway Conductor

Ever since I was a little boy, I have always wanted to become a railway conductor. It has been my dream, as I have always been fascinated by trains. Now that I have completed high school I can look forward to fulfilling my goals of moving on to post-secondary education. This is the first step in what I hope will be an exciting future for me with the railroad. Ultimately, I would like to further my studies and become a railway engineer.



JACQUELINE TAIT
NISGA'A NATION British Columbia
Institute of Technology
Applied Business Technology

I come from the Nisga'a Nation village of Gitwinksihlkw in northwestern BC. Our clan system is matrilineal, made up of 4 tribes; eagle, wolf, frog/raven, and killer whale and each of these tribes have sub-tribes or houses. I come from the house of Laay, which is eagle with a sub-tribe of halibut. My Nisga'a name is Laax gagakws, when translated means "wings spread protectively". My wings are spread protectively over my children, grandchildren, and family. I received my certificate for advanced Applied Business Technology from the Native Education College in Vancouver. My goal is to obtain a certification in Human Resources. A successful and better future for our First Nations people in the labour market is becoming reality, and I want to be a part of the process.



AARON WELLS
EHATTESAHT FIRST NATION
The Canadian College of Performing Arts
Performing Arts

Hello, my name is Aaron, and I will be going to the Canadian College of Performing Arts where I will learn what there is to know of the performing arts. I hope to one day use the performing

arts, mainly acting, as a counseling method. Right now I hope to strengthen what I already know, so I can develop a career around the arts.

“I would like to thank NRT for the bursary, as it will help with school and living.”

2011 BURSARY RECIPIENTS



KRISTINA TEEGEE
TAKLA LAKE FIRST NATION
College of New Caledonia
Dental Hygiene

I am from the Takla Lake First Nation. My goal is to complete the two year Dental Hygiene program, become a hygienist and work in this field for a while. In the future I may do more studies and pursue the Dental Hygiene Baccalaureate Program. I feel that there is a real need for this occupation within our First Nations communities. Eventually I may change my career, but will stay within the health field to help my Nation.

“I really appreciate the financial help that I received from NRT. Studying is very difficult with a lot of pressure on a student, and receiving this bursary alleviates this pressure.”



TRENT THOMAS
LYACKSON FIRST NATION
Camosun College
Civil Engineering Technology

I am a 21 year old from Victoria, BC who is currently a Camosun College Student in the Civil Engineering Technology program. After completing the upcoming year at Camosun I plan on applying to the Camosun Civil Engineering Bridge program. Completion of the Bridge Program will enable me to finish my bachelor's degree at the University of British Columbia where I would like to focus on Structural Engineering and/or Environmental Engineering.



LIA WILSON
XAXLI'P FIRST NATION
Thompson Rivers University
Accounting Technician

My main interest is my leather working practice, which I learned in 2008. Since then, I have created my own portfolio and projects of my own design. I also enjoy working in finance (accounting, data entry, practicing organizational skills, and working with the public). As of now, I believe my school and work experience will lead me towards my ultimate goal, which is to combine both of my interests into a small business right here at home. I strongly believe in family, staying close to home, carrying on traditions (such as fishing, hunting, and family gatherings), and helping my community.

“The NRT bursary has been so helpful for me as a new student. I'll be diving into university for the first time so it's hard to know if I'll be 100% prepared for it. Knowing I'll have some dollars to help me out in this very nerve-wracking time puts my mind at some ease. In addition, when calling for updates on my application, the people answering were VERY helpful and supportive of my goals. Very friendly, welcoming and open conversations lead me to apply. Thank you NRT for your support and inspiration. Sincerely, Lia Wilson”



THOMAS WRIGHT
TSAWWASSEN FIRST NATION
VanAsep Training Society
Carpentry

My goals are to be working with my education to try to get my Grade 12. I hope to get into the construction business and work in carpentry. I need to work on my car so that I have transportation to get to the job site. I need to get a drivers license and tools for my job. My long-term goals are to be working full-time and living on my own.



CYNTHIA WYSE
SNUNEYMUWX FIRST NATION
Vancouver Island University
Criminology

I am a mother of four children and have one beautiful granddaughter. I worked all my life and I continued with advancing my education as the job situation changed rapidly. I have a very supportive community and my husband has been there for the last 12 years. The best advice to a great relationship is compromise and communication. The struggles are as great as the accomplishments; the best accomplishment for me was dealing with the past and realizing that I am a whole person without my children. The future is looking great; I am proud of who I have become.



SARA BROWN

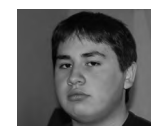
LOWER NICOLA INDIAN BAND
University of British Columbia / 4th Year
Bachelor of Education

I currently reside in Vancouver, however, I am originally from Merritt, a small city located in the Nicola Valley, in the southern interior of BC. I am from Lower Nicola First Nation. I am entering my final year of the Bachelor of Education program at UBC. My goal is to

become an elementary school teacher. I believe education is the cornerstone of our society, and in order to have good role models in our community we need to have good educators. I look forward to filling this position and teaching the bright young minds of the future.

"I would like to thank NRT for choosing me as a reward recipient. This scholarship is much appreciated and will help me reach my goal of graduating from the Bachelor of Education program."

2011 UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



NATHAN ADAMS
NISGA'A NATION
University of Victoria / 2nd Year
Fine Arts

I am of the Nisga'a nation, of the Ganada (raven) tribe. I am going into my second year at UVic, majoring in Fine Arts: writing. I plan to become a published author or write screenplays for television or movies. I also excel at analytical writing. I have wanted to be a writer since I was twelve years old, after reading Star Wars: X-wing Rogue Squadron by Michael A. Stackpole. My writing is heavily influenced by authors such as Sarah Ash, Karen Traviss, Drew Karpyshyn, and Steven Erkison.



CAROL BOB
NANOOSE FIRST NATION
University of Northern British Columbia
/ 2nd Year | Bachelor of Education

My name is Carol Bob and I am from the House of Luus; my clan is, Lax Gibuu, from the Gitksan Village of Kispiox. I am a member of the Snaw-Naw-As First Nation. I aspire to engage youth in the sciences and to mentor First Nation youth throughout their high school education. I graduated from Vancouver Island University in June of 2009 with a Bachelor of Science in Fisheries. I am in my second year of the Bachelor of Education Program (Secondary Education) at UNBC.

"I appreciate the financial support that I have received from NRT—thank-you!"



DANA CHAPMAN
K'OMOKS FIRST NATION
University of Victoria / 3rd Year
Social Work

Hello, my name is Dana Chapman. I am a 47 year old single, Indigenous mother. I have been residing in Ladysmith, BC for 16 years with my only son (and 3 year old bulldog). I have been pursuing my education in the Social Services part-time since 2006. I have always had a interest in social services, particularly mental health and addictions. I have chosen an Indigenous Specialization in order to work and support Indigenous people and communities. I am appreciative for the opportunity that I have been given to pursue my dream and hopefully support the dream of others.

"I would like to thank the New Relationship Trust for providing funds to aid students in reaching their career goals."



RYAN DANROTH
LAX KW'ALAAMS BAND
Simon Fraser University / 1st Year
Bachelor of Science

By completing a Bachelor of Science I will acquire the skills and tools necessary to be able to contribute to the world and improve the lives of those in it. In the future I plan to do scientific research - to tackle once-thought unsolvable problems in the complex fields of pathology, immunology and genetics to help those who are unable to help themselves. I wish to dedicate my life to eliminating the hardships and suffering of those with terminal or crippling diseases.

"Thank you so much for the opportunity to follow my dreams."

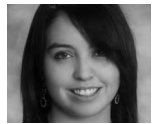
2011 UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



MICHAEL DAVIS
NISGA'A NATION - LAXGALTS'AP
University of Northern British Columbia
/ 4th Year | Bachelor of Social Work

I have chosen social work as my field of study because I enjoy helping people and seeing people improve their lives. In my spare time I enjoy coaching youth soccer and basketball. After completing my Bachelor of Social Work, I plan to work for a few years to get some experience in the field, and then eventually I would like to continue on to my master's degree in Counseling.

"Without the support of the New Relationship Trust Scholarship and Bursary program I would not have a good school experience, as most of my worrying would be about finances and bills. Thankfully, all I have to worry about is papers and tests because of the generosity of the NRT scholarship and bursary fund."



SAMANTHA DAVIS
SAULTEAU FIRST NATION
University of Northern British Columbia
/ 1st Year | Bachelor of Health Sciences

I am a 17 year old member of the Saulteau First Nation. My family consists of my mom, dad, younger brother and sister and my two year old cousin. I graduated from Chetwynd Secondary School with honors. I will be attending the University of Northern BC taking a Bachelor of Health Sciences. My interests include sports, practicing my traditional culture and being around my extended family and friends. My future plans are to coach minor hockey and traditional dancing, to return to northern BC to work as a sports therapist, and to become politically involved in my home community. My life philosophy is: work hard, be true to who you are and who you represent, never give up and enjoy life every day.

"Thank you so much for this opportunity as it will free me up from working part-time so I can focus on my studies and on gaining other skills through workshops such as coaching."



AMANDA ELLIOTT
STZ'UMINUS FIRST NATION
Vancouver Island University / 2nd Year
Psychology

My native name is Sial'tun aut. I am a proud First Nations woman who plans to one day help as many people as I can as a clinical psychologist. I will graduate this year with a Bachelor of Arts with a major in Psychology and a minor in History. After I graduate, I will continue on to graduate school to get master's and PhD degrees in Clinical Psychology.

"This has been a wonderful experience. I believe this is an initiative that will help myself and many others in completing their educational goals so I'd like to say hay ch q'a (thank you)."



NAOMI FINDLAY
LAKE BABINE NATION
University of Northern British Columbia
/ 3rd Year | Political Science

I will be finished my first degree and graduating in May of 2012. After that, I plan on attending law school. School is a lot of hard work and dedication but in the end 100% worth it. I have learned a lot from university and used every challenge as a learning opportunity. Law school has been my goal since high school and I am going to continue to strive for this goal until I successfully complete my law degree.

"I would like to thank you for your generous contribution and I am very grateful to have been accepted for this scholarship."



ANGIE GAGNON
WET'SUWET'EN FIRST NATION
College of New Caledonia / 2nd Year
Nursing

I am a mature student pursuing my second undergraduate degree. I have two young children and look forward to being in a career with the flexibility and freedom to work around the needs of my family. I hope to be able to make a difference in peoples' lives by being a healthy role model and providing exceptional therapeutic care to each person I work with. Traveling is also on the long-term agenda.



SHYLO GERRITSEN
NISGA'A NATION
University of Northern British Columbia
/ 3rd Year | Education

I am a proud Nisga'a woman that was born and raised in Prince Rupert, BC. I am happily married to my best friend Jeroen, and together we have three beautiful boys: Xander (9), Ryder (6) and River (21 months). I am currently enrolled in my first year of a two-year post-degree Education Program at University of Northern British Columbia. When I graduate with my Bachelor of Education I hope to get a teaching position here in Northern BC working with First Nation children. I look forward to bringing in some Aboriginal content into the curriculum for my future students.

"I really appreciate the financial assistance and plan on putting this generous donation towards childcare for our youngest son. Thank you so much!!"



KARINA HARRY
SLIAMMON FIRST NATION
University of British Columbia / 5th Year
Education

Greetings! My name is Karina Harry. I am from the Sliammon First Nation, located on the Sunshine Coast. I am currently in my final year of the Native Indian Teacher Education Program at UBC. My journey throughout the program has been a very rewarding and valuable experience. I have always been very passionate about working with children. Upon completing my degree, I plan to move back home and help revitalize my language and culture through teaching.

"NRT has helped make my dreams come true in becoming a teacher and for that I will be forever grateful. It is wonderful to see organizations such as NRT supporting First Nations youth. There is a strong need for positive role models in every community and NRT makes that possible in helping others achieve their goals."



WILLOW HUNT-SCOTT
KWAKIUTL INDIAN BAND / TAKU RIVER
TLINGIT FIRST NATION
Capilano University / 2nd Year

Environmental Studies

I am a second year university student of both Kwakiutl (Fort Rupert) and Taku River Tlingit (Atlin) ancestry. I am passionate about environmental stewardship, organic gardening, and my Aboriginal culture. This summer I was selected to participate in the Indigenous Youth Leadership Training Program through UVic. I also attended the Vancouver Island Traditional Foods Conference and learned the importance of taking care of the Earth. I have been a contributor of various healthy recipes to the Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities Indigenous Food Network. In the future I plan to become an Ethnobotanist, using my knowledge of local plants and traditional cultural teachings.

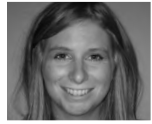


NICOLE IACI
KWANTLEN FIRST NATION
University of Victoria / 3rd Year
History and Political Science

As an ambitious young Aboriginal student at the University of Victoria, I am extremely proud of my heritage, and will continue finding ways to get more involved. I am working towards achieving a double major in History and Political Science. I intend to go to law school once I complete my undergraduate degree, with hopes of giving back to the community that has given me so much.

"I would first like to thank NRT for this wonderful opportunity. I have been working extremely hard to improve my grades in hopes of going to law school. This scholarship will be very helpful in my studies this year at the University of Victoria. NRT is such an admirable organization, and I truly commend you all for helping young aboriginal students on their academic journeys."

2011 UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



ALLISON JAMES
BRIDGE RIVER INDIAN BAND
Thompson Rivers University / 3rd Year
Human Geography and Economics

K'althwāf7alap: Hello, I am Allison James, daughter of Susan James from Xwisten in the Lillooet area of St'at'imc Territory. Currently, I live in Kamloops, BC and I will be attending Thompson Rivers University to complete an undergraduate degree in Human Geography with a minor in Environmental Economics and Sustainable Development. Afterwards, I want to work for a local government or Band in community or economic development and get a master's degree. I want to be a Chief or a Mayor one day.



JERRICA JOE
SHACKAN INDIAN BAND
Thompson Rivers University / 2nd Year
Engineering

Currently in my second year of studies at Thompson Rivers University in Kamloops, BC, I hope to get into the architecture program at McGill next year. To that end, I am taking some courses in engineering and other programs to fulfill the prerequisites, and some visual arts courses to help fill my portfolio. As a very family oriented person with a penchant for First Nations culture - I love talking to my elders to learn more about it - it will be difficult to be farther away, but I know that they all support me in my education and in reaching my goals.



KYLA KOTCHEA
FORT NELSON FIRST NATION
Western College of Veterinary Medicine
/ 1st Year | Veterinary Medicine

My goals have always been oriented around getting into Veterinary School so now that I have been accepted, they have slightly changed. Now I want to focus on keeping up with school while balancing some extracurricular activities (perhaps join a club or sign up for some classes). Eventually I think that I want to work with both small and large animals and return to northern BC, where I grew up. Personally, I want to keep up with friends that I made during my undergraduate years. With all of us being so busy I hope that we do not have trouble keeping in touch.



MELANIE LABATCH
SAIK'UZ FIRST NATION
College of New Caledonia / 2nd Year
Nursing

I am Dakelh from Sai'kuz. I am blessed with two wonderful children and a family that encourages continuing education. I worked with our youth within the school system for 11 years and have seen how a personal, caring relationship can nurture the development of an individual. Our communities struggle with holistic health and we must address this to become the strong Nations we once were. Once I complete my degree, I plan to work with my community to focus on health promotion and prevention in youth and to support our Elders by sharing and caring.

"I was extremely excited and honoured to be chosen as a 2011-2012 scholarship recipient. This program has supported me and my children, both financially and emotionally, through another school year. I appreciate the support and encourage NRT to continue supporting Aboriginal students with this great program!"



AARON LEON
SPALLUMCHEEN FIRST NATION
Concordia University / 3rd Year
Fine Arts

I am studying at Concordia in my third year of a Bachelor of Fine Arts, majoring in photography and minoring in sociology. My focus is in contemporary Aboriginal art, with a background in communications theory and representation in new media. My goal is to produce art and add to the Aboriginal art of Canada, and to further my education by pursuing a master's degree. Growing up in the community of Spallumcheen has given me insight into the roots of Aboriginal culture and the need to preserve and continue it. With the support of NRT this goal seems more tangible.

"Thank you for the support! It is a great help, and helps offset the cost to produce and study photography. This is a great initiative!"



SHELBY LINDLEY
UPPER NICOLA INDIAN BAND
Thompson Rivers University / 4th Year
Business Administration

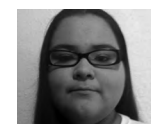
I am a student at Thompson Rivers University going into my fourth year of the Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) Program. I have declared my major in finance and my minor in environmental economics and sustainable development. I have maintained an above average GPA in my program of choice and take pride in my academic achievements. I have also been employed as an Aboriginal summer intern with the Royal Bank of Canada, and upon graduation, plan to obtain employment in some field of finance with a special interest in Aboriginal development.



ANN-MARIE LIVINGSTON
PACHEEDAHT FIRST NATION
Camosun College / 4th Year
Business

I am a mother of a 13 year old boy who plays hockey; his education and hobbies are equally important to me as my educational goals. By working hard at school, I hope to model guiding behaviour for my son, to show him that he can do whatever he wants by setting goals and being determined. Following the completion of my degree, I plan to work for my community and then start a master's degree program later.

"I appreciate the support that NRT has given me over the years by easing the financial burden of student life and allowing me to focus on my studies. Kleco kleco (thank you)."



MONTANA LIVINGSTONE
LAKE COWICHAN FIRST NATION
Camosun College / 1st Year
Psychology

While not attending school I work within my community and try to help out wherever possible. I hope to graduate with a master's degree in Psychology and work with children in and around my community.



ERICA LOUIS
OKANAGAN INDIAN BAND
Simon Fraser University / 1st Year
Criminology

My career goals include working at Canada Corrections Services as a Parole Officer working with Aboriginal offenders. After working here for a few years I want to go back to school to study science and medicine so that I can reach my ultimate goal of working with Coroner's Services as a Coroner. My personal goals include travelling to Spain, the Dominican Republic, Jamaica and Cuba by 2014.

"I think this is a really great opportunity provided to Aboriginal Students. The support makes things a little easier during the school year as most full-time students aren't able to work a job too. I have recommended the bursary/scholarship program to anyone who is Aboriginal and going to school on a full-time basis. I definitely really appreciate the help this program has offered me."



NICOLE MACK
TL'ETINQOX-T'IN
Thompson Rivers University / 1st Year
Science

Hi, I am Nicole Mack, I am a new graduate from Columneetza Secondary School in Williams Lake and looking forward to moving down to Kamloops. I have been accepted into the Bachelor of Science in nursing program and plan to complete my degree in five years. I am from the community of Tl'etinqox-T'in (Anaham) within the Chilcotin Nation.

"I am very grateful that the New Relationship Trust is able to support me financially and very much appreciate the support to helping me reach my goal. Thank you again."

2011 UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



CONNIE MARTIN
K'OMOKS FIRST NATION
University of Victoria / 4th Year
Social Work

My name is Connie Martin and I come from K'omoks First Nation on Vancouver Island. My mother is Leslee Martin; her mother was Mable Frank. Upon graduation, my goal is to continue my work with First Nations children and their families by joining a First Nations delegated child welfare agency. I feel very privileged to participate in such dynamic circles with people who are interested in working together for community.

"The New Relationship Trust Scholarship Program has helped me tremendously with my ability to achieve my educational goals, and for that I am forever grateful. Much respect."



LEIGH-ANNE MATHIESON
HAIDA NATION
University of British Columbia / 5th Year
Computer Science

I am in my final year of my Bachelor of Science in computer science. I found a new love for my field while doing research during the summer of 2009 when I worked on a project on RNA folding pathways and I have been planning to pursue research ever since. I am currently applying to graduate programs in computer science and am excited to continue my research in computational biology.



JOSHUA MCLEOD
HAIDA NATION
University of Northern British Columbia
/ 1st Year | Political Science

My name is Joshua McLeod and I am from Haida Gwaii, BC, an archipelago of more than 150 islands. I come from the small community of Masset which is about one km from the Old Masset reserve. I find in a world of mass media and other moral-twisting influences, we tend to forget where we came from and how we got here. I plan to become a public figure in showing people the truth and if that means becoming a politician or a lawyer, I'll do whatever it takes to help change the world.

"I am very grateful that NRT has awarded me with such a blessing. This is an opportunity of a lifetime and I'll do my best for everyone who believes in me. Thank you. Josh."



TAMARA MORRISON
NAMGIS FIRST NATION
Simon Fraser University / 1st Year
Communications, Art & Technology

I plan to use my experience at Simon Fraser University to help me enter the Journalism industry. My goal is to become a traveling journalist and I hope to share the stories of those who go unheard across the world. In the future, I dream of travelling to Africa to learn more about their exotic culture and to offer my hand in a few volunteer initiatives. For now, I am excited to start my journey at SFU and hope to pick up a new sport and hobby during my first year.



AMANDA NEUFELD
SKEETCHESTN INDIAN BAND
University of British Columbia
(Okanagan Campus) / 2nd Year | Science

My parents instilled in me a strong set of morals and a willingness to help others. This is why I am striving to become a psychologist, to help Aboriginal people live happy, well-balanced lives. I have always had a difficult time knowing what my personal goals are due to the fact that since grade 10 I have been determined to earn a PhD. However, as I get older I realize that the only personal goals I need for my future are to never lose the incredible bond I have with my family and to be proud of my achievements.

"I would just like to thank NRT for the incredible support they have provided for me. Over the past year I have come to realize what living on your own actually entails. It is a reality filled with bills and rent payments. I didn't want to go to school and put strain on my parents financially, so I have tried my hardest to support myself and so far have not needed to ask them for financial support. The funding I have been offered means the world to me, and my family. I thank you for being a huge step in my pathway to achieving my goals."



JESSIE NEWMAN
HAIDA NATION / HEILTSUK NATION
University of British Columbia / 3rd Year
Food, Nutrition and Health

I am entering my second year at the University of British Columbia as a food, nutrition and health major with a minor in nutritional sciences. I hope to enter the dietetics major next year. My goal is to become a Registered Dietitian and Certified Diabetes Educator upon graduation. I would like to help spread awareness within Aboriginal communities on the benefits of improved nutrition, specifically the prevention of obesity and diabetes.



ALYSHA O'BRIEN
GITXSAN NATION
University of Northern British Columbia
/ 2nd Year | Education

My name is Alysha O'Brien, I am 23 years old and I am from Hazelton, BC. I graduated from Hazelton Secondary School in 2005 and moved to Kamloops, BC where I attended Thompson Rivers University. I graduated from TRU in 2010 with a Bachelor of Arts. I majored in sociology and minored in math. In the fall of 2010, I began the Elementary Education Program at the University of Northern British Columbia. I am in my final year of the program and I look forward to completing my degree and beginning my career as a teacher.



CORA PARNELL
HAIDA NATION
University of British Columbia / 4th Year
Psychology

I will be entering my fourth year of studies at the University of British Columbia in September. I completed my first two years of study at the University of Victoria and transferred to UBC in 2010. After receiving my Bachelor of Arts in psychology at UBC in December 2012, I plan to complete the 12 month education program. I have always loved working with children and I am eager to start my career as an elementary school teacher.



ROBERTA PARTON
WEIWAUKUM NATION
University of Victoria / 3rd Year
Science

I feel a strong passion to help my community and to be a strong role model for my four year old daughter. As a teen mother, no one thought I would accomplish as much as I have already done. I am currently in my third year in a biochemistry program, and will be applying to medical school in the summer of 2012. I always work towards the betterment of our people, and I hope to contribute as much as possible in the process.

"I would like to thank the New Relationship Trust from the bottom of my heart for their continued support of my education. I have been privileged to receive their scholarship award for a third year in a row, and the financial relief it provides for me and my family is indescribable."



ALICIA PEARSON
HAIDA NATION
Thompson Rivers University / 4th Year
Commerce

I was born on Haida Gwaii and am of both Haida and Mohawk heritage. I grew up in Vancouver and after graduating high school moved back to Haida Gwaii and obtained several years of managerial experience working within an Aboriginal organization. I am in the process of completing my Bachelor of Commerce degree at Thompson Rivers University and am devoted to completing my education, which will provide the foundation for a successful career in human resource management and allow me to become an influential leader in my Aboriginal community.

"I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank the New Relationship Trust for their support. This funding will help alleviate financial stresses so that I can better focus on my studies. I am fully devoted to completing my degree and utilizing the skills and knowledge I gain in helping my Aboriginal community grow. Aboriginal post-secondary education is vital for First Nations' community health and prosperity and the New Relationship Trust is certainly helping individuals like myself follow their dreams."

2011 UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



BRANDON PETERS
SLIAMMON FIRST NATION
University of British Columbia / 4th Year
Education

I am Brandon Peters, from the Sliammon First Nation, located in Powell River, BC. I am entering my fourth year of a five year education program at UBC. I taught the Sliammon language for a year before I came to UBC. It was there that I realised how in danger my language was, and how close it was to being forgotten. It was there that I realised that many First Nation children are struggling though their academic careers. I wish to help revamp the Sliammon language and ensure that the children in my class are given a chance.



KRISTOPHER PETERS
SEABIRD ISLAND BAND
Lakehead University / 4th Year
Civil Engineering

I chose Civil Engineering for my undergraduate degree to develop my aptitude in mathematics and applied sciences. It is the broadest discipline of engineering in my opinion, and this can be advantageous to completing my career goal: I want to be of service to my people in our determination to become self-sufficient and also maintain a holistic way-of-life. A personal goal of mine is to increase the awareness of engineering as a career choice for the younger generations of my people. In the future, I will own an engineering consulting firm employing my people of the Stó:loḏ Nation.

"This is a very excellent source of support for the educational journey. I believe our people have the intelligence to persevere through post-secondary challenges. Finances are the most difficult hurdle when completing school. I really appreciate the fact that I could attend school in Ontario and qualify for your financial support."



TYLER PETERS
SLIAMMON FIRST NATION
University of British Columbia / 4th Year
Education

Hello, My name is Tyler Peters and I am currently in my fourth year of the Native Indian Teacher Education Program at UBC. I have always had a passion and desire to work with children. After witnessing the struggles that

many Aboriginal students face today, I decided that the best way for me to make a difference was to become a teacher. After graduation, I plan on returning to my home community and teaching locally to help preserve and ensure the future of my community and its members.

"I would just like to thank NRT and all of their staff for the support they have shown me over the past few years. They have honoured me with a scholarship, which will go a long way towards helping me pursue my dreams."



SIENNA RICHARDSON-ISBERG
HAIDA NATION
University of British Columbia / 1st Year
Business

After attending Shawnigan Lake boarding school for five years, I was accepted into the Sauder School of Business at University of British Columbia, where I am taking many different commerce, economics and math courses. These courses are very interesting and I am excited yet apprehensive about what my next four years will entail. As for career goals, I am still discovering the many jobs a business student can have, however, I do find particular interest in the field of professional event planning.



KELLY SHOPLAND
K'OMOKS FIRST NATION
Vancouver Island University / 2nd Year
Education

I am a member of the K'omoks First Nation on Vancouver Island. I grew up in my community before moving to Victoria in 2001 to attend the University of Victoria. In 2004, I took a break from my studies to intern at the Hamatla Treaty Society. I completed a Bachelor of Science in Psychology in 2007, and have since moved back to my hometown. I work as an Aboriginal Education Advisor at North Island College. This career path has opened my eyes to the importance of education. I am looking forward to continuing my education with a Post-Baccalaureate in Elementary Education.



CHERRY SMILEY
NLAKA'PAMUX (THOMPSON), DINE' (NAVAJO)
Emily Carr University of Art and Design / 3rd Year | Fine Arts

I am from the Nlaka'pamux (Thompson) and Dine' (Navajo) Nations. I am an anti-violence worker at a rape crisis centre and transition house for battered women and their children, as well as a radical feminist, activist, and photography student at the Emily Carr University of Art and Design. I have spoken locally, nationally, and internationally on issues of violence against Indigenous women and girls. I am currently on exchange, studying at the Royal Institute of Art in Stockholm, Sweden. Since 2008, I have lived, worked, and studied on unceded Coast Salish Territories (Vancouver BC).

"Thank you NRT! Your financial support is absolutely invaluable!"



CHERI SMITH
NUCHATLAHT NATION
North Island College / 4th Year
Business Administration

After eight years of working in office administration for my home community, I returned to school. My goals are to obtain a Certified General Accountant designation and provide business consulting services. Building business skills facilitates my ability to contribute to the enrichment and success of my community. Having a balance between family, school and culture is important. During my free time I enjoy camping, fishing and cultural nights. While in school, I enjoy meeting First Nations business students (Ch'nook Scholars) at UBC each year where we build business skills and encourage younger generations to pursue their educational and career goals.



SUZANNE STERLING
NADLEH WHUT'EN INDIAN BAND
Nicola Valley Institute of Technology / 3rd Year | Social Work

I am from the Nlaka'pamux Nation in Merritt, BC. I currently sit with the Dumdehmyoo (Bear) Clan with the Nadleh Whut'en Indian Band from the Carrier Sekani Nation. I was honoured with my traditional Aboriginal name from the Yarra Yarra Tribe in Australia,

"Gwonawah"ḏ which means "Black Swan." I am the mother of two beautiful children, Darian and Brittani, and they keep me active and busy with their many ventures in life. I am a traditional hand drummer and two of my favourite places to be are on top of a mountain or by the river.

"Thank you very much for the opportunity to apply for this scholarship. The support from NRT is imperative in my success for my post secondary education."



CHERYL STEWART
NISGA'A NATION
Simon Fraser University / 3rd Year
Criminology and Psychology

I come from the house Heelk, Chief Joe Gosnell, from the Eagle tribe of the Village of Gitwinksihlkw, BC. My career goal is to be part of the First Nations transformative justice system. I have a passion for psychology. I have a strong interest in preserving relationships with First Nations couples and families. Not only would I like to make it a goal to earn my Bachelor of Arts in Criminology and Psychology, I would also like to study the history of First Nations gender differences, specifically of the Nisga'a Nation.

"I'd like to thank NRT for granting me the scholarship that will eliminate some of the financial barriers that most of us students face while pursuing our educational goals."



ARIANA VALLEE
LOWER NICOLA INDIAN BAND
Thompson Rivers University / 4th Year
Nursing

I am currently entering into my fourth year of a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. As a Registered Nurse, I hope to positively influence and work with First Nation individuals, families and communities. As an individual, I hope to influence my family and friends to strive for their full potential. My career path will allow me to accomplish my dreams and allow my children to realize their dreams.

2011 MASTERS SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



CARMELLA ALEXIS OKANAGAN
INDIAN BAND University of British
Columbia (Okanagan Campus) / 2nd
Year | Indigenous Health

Way' xast sxelxalt, my name is Carmella Alexis and I am a member of the Okanagan Indian Band. I am currently in my last year of the Master of Arts program with UBC Okanagan. My research encompasses Syilx health, Indigenous health, health policy, public policy, research and health ethics, palliative care and communicable diseases. My thesis examines Okanagan concepts of cultural safety and palliative care while utilizing a Syilx focused epistemological framework involving community members at all levels. Way' kn way'.



CLAIRE ANDERSON
TAKU RIVER TLINGIT FIRST NATION
University of British Columbia / 2nd
Year | Law

My name is Claire Anderson, and I belong to the Crow Clan of the Taku River Tlingit First Nation. I am in my second year of law school at UBC, and after I complete my juris doctorate, I plan on practicing law in First Nation communities back home and elsewhere in BC. In my free time I enjoy dancing with the Taku Kwan dance group, as well as participating in as many Tlingit events as possible. I would like to extend my gratitude to the Musqueam Nation for allowing us to attend classes on their traditional territory. Gunalcheesh.



KYLA ATKINSON
SNUNEYMUXW FIRST NATION
University of Victoria / 2nd Year
Counseling Psychology

Hello. My name is Kyla Atkinson. I am 41 years old and a member of the Snuneymuxw First Nation. I live in Nanaimo, BC and have one ten year old son. I am currently completing my Masters of Education in Counseling Psychology at UVic. I recently completed my internship with Aboriginal Child and Youth Mental Health and I look

forward to continued work with First Nations children, youth and their families.

"I am thrilled to receive a second scholarship from NRT for my final year in this masters program. Hych'qa!"



MAVIS BENSON
CHESLATTA CARRIER NATION
University of British Columbia / 2nd
Year | Faculty of Law

I am from Cheslatta Carrier Nation and am from the frog clan. I have three young children ages eight, seven and four. I worked for my community as a council member for three consecutive terms. My ultimate goal is to improve the overall quality of life for Aboriginal people. With this goal in mind, I have worked passionately and diligently for the betterment of my people. I will continue to work towards my goal of becoming the most effective and efficient lawyer that I can be by studying hard and focusing on the issues.



DON ELLIOTT
COWICHAN TRIBES
McGill University / 2nd Year
Urban Planning

I am 28 years old and am from the Cowichan Valley. I am entering the second year of my master's degree in Urban Planning at McGill University. My hope is to look at the relationship between our communities and the increasingly urban landscape. I wish to work towards ensuring that we can continue to maintain our heritage and culture while effectively utilizing economic opportunities that stand to benefit our communities and residents. Through controlled, culturally sensitive development initiatives we could begin to see a stronger reflection of ourselves and our capabilities rippling across this rapidly changing and increasingly urban landscape.



KELLY BAPTY
TAHLTAN NATION
University of British Columbia / 4th Year
Architecture

As a Master of Architecture student, my research is to explore how architecture can serve to foster socio-economic sovereignty in First Nations communities. My thesis, entitled "First Nations

Without Reservations: Cultural Community Revitalization" is an exploration in how First Nations communities are re-defining contemporary identity, through effective Nation planning plus capacity building from a

point of environmental stewardship. The foundation of my practice in architecture is the advocacy of First Nations culture, local slow-food initiatives, and value added economic stimulation, as a

regional approach to sustainable living and cultural continuum.

"I am thankful for the opportunities that the NRT Masters Scholarship have afforded me in my educational and personal career; the depth in perspective and personal growth provided by access to remote cultural participation are invaluable assets to my ethnographic research, and in understanding valuable contributions and engagement within my First Nation and sister Nations. Meduh (Thank you) for the support and encouragement."

2011 MASTERS SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



CORBIN GREENING
GITGA'AT NATION
University of Northern British Columbia
/ 2nd Year | First Nations Studies

My name is Corbin Greening, and I am from Burns Lake, BC. My band is Hartley Bay, and I am from the Raven Clan. My academic passions are for political philosophy and Aboriginal self-governance and I am currently doing research with the Lake Babine Nation on conceptions of ownership and property. I currently live in Prince George, BC, and am completing a Master of Arts in First Nations Studies at the University of Northern British Columbia. When I complete my degree, I hope to pursue more education in hopes of teaching at a university or college.



SPENCER GREENING
GITGA'AT NATION
University of Northern British Columbia / 1st Year | Masters of Interdisciplinary Studies

My name is Spencer Greening, I am from the Raven Clan of the Tsimshian Nation and my village is Gitga'at. I strive to continue educating myself not only for personal benefit but for that of my community as well. My community, elders, and ancestors give me strength and guidance while I pursue my post-secondary education. I am passionate about dedicating my research to the process of decolonization and I believe there is a great responsibility on our youth to become educated and pursue a social paradigm in which Indigenous people will thrive. Our educated youth are our modern day warriors.



MARIE HUNT
KWAKIUTL NATION
University of Victoria / 2nd Year
Anthropology

HaidaduÅ. (Reaching for the Stars) is a Mowachaht name given to me by my husband, Hereditary Chief Nasomuse, Calvin Hunt. I am honoured with this name as it demonstrates respect, honour and support from my family. I am Dzawada'enuxw from Gwa'yi (Kingcome Inlet, BC). I am the third eldest of Dzawada'enuxw Hereditary Chief Leslie Nelson, and Mae Williams, Tahltan of Telegraph Creek. I attended Camosun College in Victoria, BC, earning my Administrative Secretarial certificate. In 2005, I began my educational journey, earning a Bachelor

of Arts in Anthropology in 2010. I am now in the master's program in Anthropology at UVic.



LEIGH JOSEPH
SQUAMISH FIRST NATION
University of Victoria / 2nd Year
Science

I am a member of the Squamish Nation and I am in the second year of a Master of Science program in the Department of Environmental Studies at the University of Victoria with a focus on ethnobotany. Ethnobotany is the study of how plants have been, and are currently, used medicinally and for food by different cultures. The study of ethnobotany combines biology with traditional ecological knowledge and works towards creating healthy ways of life and connections to the land. I have recently completed my field research season working on an estuary restoration project with the Squamish Nation.



REBECCA JULES
ADAMS LAKE INDIAN BAND
University of Regina / 2nd Year
Public Policy

I am Secwepemc from Adams Lake in Chase, BC. I am a graduate of the Criminology honours program from Simon Fraser University. More recently, I graduated from the Rediscovery Outdoor Leadership program, First Nations governance and completed an extended Certificate in Child and Human Rights. I have focused on utilizing my education to develop programs for Aboriginal youth that enhance leadership, advocacy, child rights and healthy living. In addition, my work experience has allowed me to engage in policy and community development and governance. I will be entering the Master of Public Policy Program at the University of Regina in fall 2011.

"I appreciate that there is an avenue of support for First Nations students in a Master's Program. My program is limiting in the number of hours you can work outside of the program and therefore financial stability is a great stress. Thank you!"



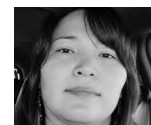
DARA KELLY
LEQ'A:MEL FIRST NATION
University of Auckland / 2nd Year
Commerce

I am from the Leq'a:mel First Nation in Deroche, BC. I grew up in Vancouver, and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in First Nations Studies from the University of British Columbia in 2008. I am currently writing my thesis toward completion of a Master of Commerce in Management at the University of Auckland Business School in New Zealand. My thesis focuses on a feminine quality of leadership and looks to Maori Business Leaders for their perspectives on this topic. I expect to graduate in May of 2012.



PAUL MERCER
NISGA'A NATION
University of Northern British Columbia
/ 1st Year | Business Administration

I am a member of the Nisga'a Nation. My ancestral name is Ts' uuts'im Tya' aytkw. I am 45 years old, a husband and a father to four children. I am currently an Economic Development Coordinator for Gitlaxt'aamix Village Government and volunteer my time to support youth initiatives in the community. I am actively involved in the revival of canoeing within the Nisga'a Nation and am excited about the potential growth of the Gathering Strength canoe journey – a journey that provides youth a positive way to challenge themselves. By retracing our ancestors footsteps, we are honouring ourselves.



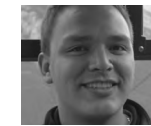
BIANCA MICHELL
TL'AZT'EN NATION
University of Northern British Columbia
/ 1st Year | Community Health Science

I am from Tl'azt'en Nation, of the Lusilyoo (Frog) clan, and have a son (Wayde Michell) who is in high school. I will be studying in the Community Health Science master's program at the University of Northern British Columbia. I have a passion for learning about diabetes and its effects on First Nations people. My aspiration is to teach First Nations how to better manage and prevent diabetes in their communities, and to build healthier communities that are culturally appropriate. I have a strong sense of love for the health and well-being of First Nations people.



JOHN REID
QUALICUM FIRST NATION
Royal Roads University / 1st Year
Learning and Technology

I am from the Qualicum First Nation on Vancouver Island and was born and raised in Hazelton, BC. I moved to the Yukon in 1989 with my wife Annabelle and we now have three kids, including one at the University of Northern BC. I work as an Instructor/coordinator at the Mayo Campus for Yukon College and in the past have worked for the First Nation Initiatives department. In addition to my work at the college, I spent five years working as the Executive Director of the Mayo Renewable Resources Council, and have been a Justice of the Peace for 18 years.



RUPERT RICHARDSON
QUATSINO FIRST NATION / NUXALK NATION
University of British Columbia / 1st Year
Society, Culture and Politics in Education

I'd like to start by thanking my family for thier support. I'm the oldest of 5 and the first person in my family to attend post-secondary school. I've experienced many challenges, such as incarceration, addictions and abuse in youth and adulthood, but those experiences allowed me to create a new healthy lifestyle for myself. I volunteer with Aboriginal youth in care and detention centers. I am currently working at creating curriculum at UBC that will be focused on Aboriginal health. I feel it's my life purpose to help our people succeed and overcome the many challenges imposed upon us. Gilakasla, Rupert.

"THANK YOU! I cannot express enough how much this helps and the amount of stress it alleviates is immeasurable."

2011 MASTERS SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



DENELLE SPENCER
LIARD FIRST NATION
University of Saskatchewan / 2nd Year
Public Administration

I am Kaska Dene from the northern area of BC. My father's people are Tlingit. I graduated with a Bachelor of Social Work and continued to work with non-profit organizations, government and First Nations. I understand the complexities of building new relationships between governments and people, yet believe there is success in working towards common goals with best practice in mind. I believe in education and people. I am so grateful for this scholarship because it will assist me in meeting my dreams and goals.

"Thank you so much for this great opportunity! I will do my very best. This scholarship makes it less stressful for me to go back to school and it gave me great incentive to complete my goals. I am very proud for our people to have this opportunity and thank those who gave us the chance to utilize the funds. Mussi Cho!"



CICI STERRITT
GITXSAN NATION
University of Northern British Columbia
/ 1st Year | Business Administration

I am a member of the Gitksan Nation from the Frog Clan, House of Nikate'en, located in northwestern BC. I have been involved in the education field for approximately nine years, working with First Nation communities and the public sector to advance education for First Nations people in BC. My recent decision to pursue a Master of Business Administration at the University of Northern BC shows my commitment to education. Once completed, I aspire to continue to work with and assist First Nation communities.



VAL STUMP TL'ETINQOX
(FORMERLY ANAHAM BAND) University
of Northern British Columbia / 2nd Year
First Nations Studies

I am currently in my first year of graduate studies. I'm a single parent with one beautiful daughter, Shania. I believe that education is the key to protecting our culture, land, language, and heritage. My message to the youth

is to stop and listen to our Elders because they are the educators. Determination is what helped me make it this far. Finally, I want to thank all those who have been supporting me in my journey, including my Band.



CATRINA WEBSTER
UPPER NICOLA BAND
University of British Columbia / 1st Year
Law

I am of Okanagan ancestry from the Upper Nicola Band of BC. I have just completed my Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in psychology and a minor in law and society and look forward to embarking on my next educational pursuit in law. I plan to practice law in Vancouver upon graduation and work with local First Nations as well as in my home community of Merritt, BC.

"This scholarship has really made a huge impact on my ability to fund my education. After years of struggling to get First Nations status from the Bill C-31 legacy, I finally received status this summer. My Band has always accepted and supported me, but unfortunately Band funds had already been distributed by this time so I was not able to receive funding. This scholarship is directly helping me to complete my goals and I am so grateful. Thank you to everyone who makes this program possible."



MELISSA WOOD
OKANAGAN INDIAN BAND
University of British Columbia (Okanagan
Campus) / 2nd Year Social Work

My name is Melissa Wood and I am from the Okanagan Nation in Vernon, BC. In June of 2009, I graduated from University of BC Okanagan with my Bachelor of Social Work. For the past two years I have been passionate about working with children and youth in my local community, and have met a number of inspirational young people. My goal is to use my graduate degree to practice art and play therapy with children. I am thankful for this opportunity to complete my graduate studies so that I can continue to be an advocate for youth in my community.



AARON WILSON
MUSQUEAM NATION
University of British Columbia / 2nd Year
Law

I am a member of Musqueam First Nation in Vancouver, BC, and I am currently in my second year of Law at the University of British Columbia. Inspired by historic Aboriginal court cases and the

achievements of my fellow band members, I view increased Aboriginal involvement in the field of law as a means of advancing Aboriginal issues both locally and nationally. I am also on the executive of the UBC

Indigenous Law Students' Association, and am the student coordinator for Musqueam 101, a community meal and speaker series held weekly on the Musqueam Reserve.

2011 DOCTORATE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



EMMA ELLIOTT
COWICHAN TRIBES
University of Washington / 2nd Year
Educational Psychology

I am honoured to represent Cowichan Tribes. Most recently, I graduated with a Master of Education from the University of Washington; I have been admitted into the PhD program in the educational psychology department. For my PhD dissertation, I will continue my research documenting Indigenous language retention/loss. My cultural, economic, and educational experiences have prepared me for the arduous task of exploring cross-cultural relationships, issues, and identity while giving voice to underrepresented communities. Research as a means to achieve social, economic, and political goals is vital for me as I strive to make a difference in Indigenous communities.



DUSTIN LOUIE
NEE-TAHI-BUHN FIRST NATION
University of Calgary / 1st Year
Education

I am a member of Nee-Tahi-Buhn First Nation, and grew up in a number of communities within Carrier traditional territory. This has been a long academic journey, which has been made possible by the support of my mother, family, friends and community. My goals for the future include advising government(s) on domestic and international policy. I hope to be a positive role model for my community and help to create transformational change that will empower First Nations people, in both urban and rural communities.

"Thank you for this award. I really appreciate your support during this crucial period of my academic career. Without the help of your organization, I'm not sure I would be able to completely focus on my studies and conduct the international research necessary to remain at the top of my field."



KELSEY LOUIE
SLIAMMON FIRST NATION
University of British Columbia / 1st Year
Medicine

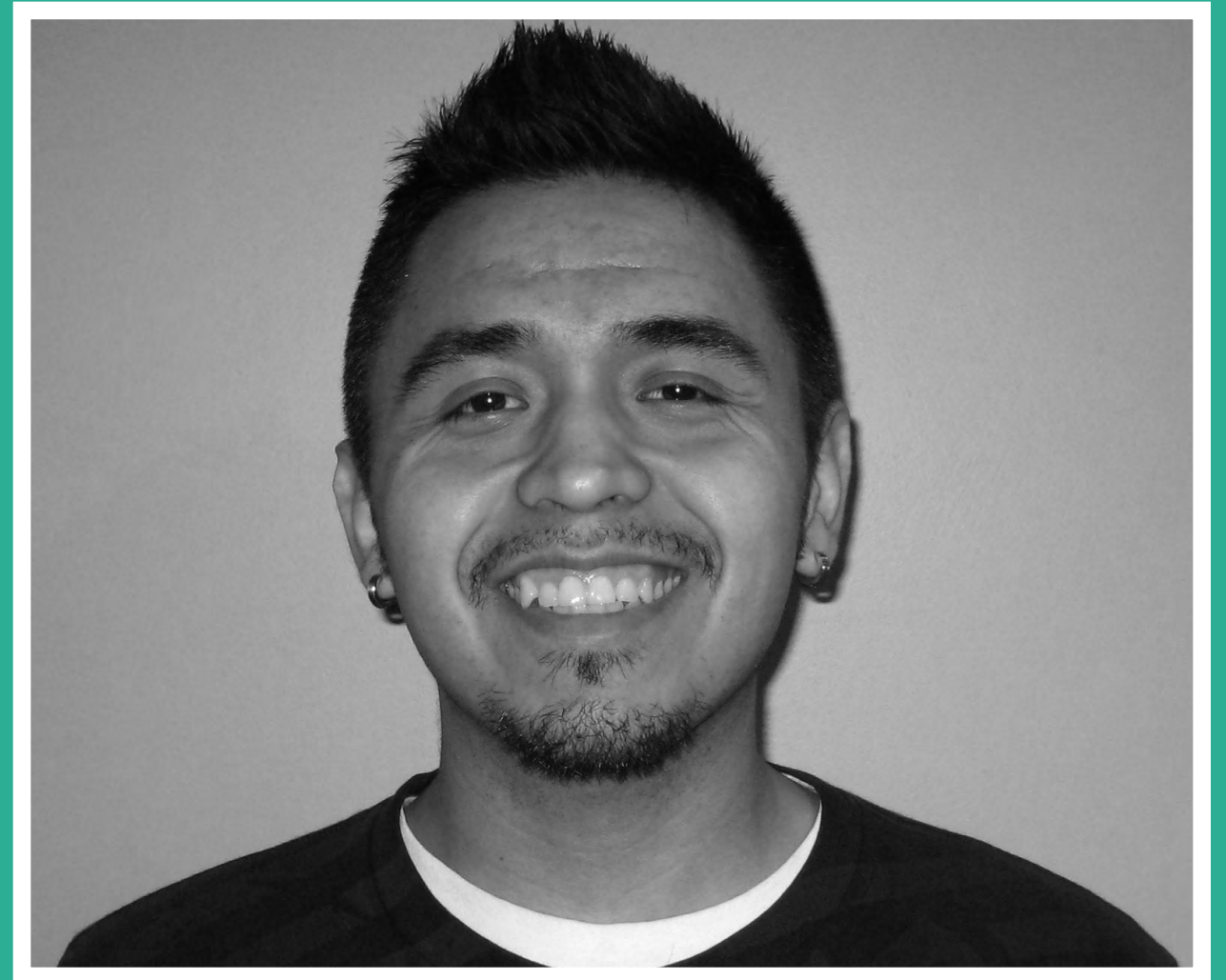
My name is Kelsey Louie. My traditional name is Men ahl elten. I am a proud member of the Sliammon First Nation, who are a part of the Coast Salish peoples located along the west coast of BC. My future plans include pursuing a career as a doctor. I not only have a passion for medicine, but also a vision to help make my community a healthier place to live. I hope to do this by working with our people to help empower and support them to be in greater control of their own health and wellness.

"I am honoured to be a recipient of a New Relationship Trust Scholarship. Your generous support is helping me to fulfill a lifelong dream of pursuing medicine. The financial support provided will help me continue my journey in achieving my goal of becoming a doctor and supporting the health and well-being of our people. Thank you for your support."



MARIANNE NICOLSON
DZAWADA'ENUXW FIRST NATION
University of Victoria / 2nd Year
Linguistics and Anthropology

I am a member of the Dzawada'enuxw First Nation of the Kwakwaka'wakw tribes. I hold a Bachelor of Fine Arts from Emily Carr University, a Master of Fine Arts from the University of Victoria as well as a Master of Arts in linguistics and anthropology. I am currently completing an Interdisciplinary PhD in Linguistics and Anthropology where I am studying the concept of space as expressed in the Kwak'wala language.



BRENT JIM
WET'SUWET'EN FIRST NATION
University of British Columbia / 4th Year
Medicine

Hadih', my name is Brent Jim. I am from the Wet'suwet'en Nation. I was born and raised in the small community of Moricetown, BC. I belong to the Likhsilyu clan in the house of Tse K'al Kiyikh. After leaving Moricetown at the age of 17 to attend McGill University in Montreal,

I received a Bachelor of Science degree. I am currently in my fourth year of Medicine at UBC. It has been gruelling, but rewarding.

I hope to go back to the community that shaped who I am today to practice medicine and be a positive role model for future generations.

2011 DOCTORATE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



MICHELE A SAM

KTUNAXA - ST. MARY'S INDIAN BAND
University of British Columbia /
2nd Year | Interdisciplinary Studies

I am one of the 60's scoop kids who came back to my people, first through education, then by choice. I went to university to understand how the 60's scoop happened in the first place and to be of service to my people, because while my people and I had no choice in where or how I was raised at that time, times are changing. Now that I understand and appreciate the past, I'm looking at Indigenous ways to raise up our peoples, from the early years onward. As a mom to two amazing people, I am inspired for change.

"The NRT scholarship makes a world of difference to being able to concentrate on the work that I do within my program. It makes it or breaks it for me, as I work part-time, raise my two kids whose own experiences in education are challenged due to learning disabilities and otherwise a non-responsive education system. Money is not an end but it enables me to cover child care and other necessities so that I can concentrate and do the work that I need to do, for my own peoples, and with other Indigenous peoples. In addition, it enables me to be able to be ready to do the research and policy work that is emerging as nations take on more and more responsibilities and accountabilities specific to knowledge relationships. It also enables me to be there for other students too, undergraduate and graduate, who are seeking our mentoring and dialogue. I cannot say enough in praise for the opportunity to continue my studies."



SAYLESH WESLEY

SKOWKALE FIRST NATION
Simon Fraser University / First Year
Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies

I am Sto:lo / Tsimshian and have completed both my Bachelor and Master of Education at the University of British Columbia. I am currently enrolled in the Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies Program at Simon Fraser University, and have successfully completed my first year. My mission is to revitalize the extinct two-spirited roles as they were once upheld prior to contact. I am motivated to formally publish the knowledge I locate and to contribute my findings to post-secondary levels of scholarship.

"I am truly thankful in being selected."



KAREN WHONNOCK

WET'SUWET'EN FIRST NATION
Royal Roads University / 2nd Year
Social Sciences

My name is Karen Whonnock (Tse Miih) and I am Wet'suwet'en First Nations from Gitdumden (Bear/Wolf) clan. I have been a member of the Law Society in good standing since 2000. I have a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Simon Fraser University (1996) and a law degree (Juris Doctor) from University of Toronto (1999). I completed a Masters in Law in alternative dispute resolution from York University (2003) where I studied mediation, negotiation and arbitration as well as traditional indigenous ways of resolving disputes.

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