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LETTER FROM THE CHAIRS & CEO

On behalf of the New Relationship Trust Foundation and our partner organizations, we are pleased to present the 2014–15 Scholarship and Bursary Recipient Brochure. This year's booklet showcases 165 deserving Aboriginal people from around the province who completed a year of post-secondary education in 2014, with support from the NRT Foundation and Foundation Partners.

Now entering its ninth year, the Scholarship and Bursary initiative continues to be one of our most popular and successful initiatives. Each year we face an overwhelming number of deserving applicants—a clear sign that there is both interest and motivation amongst the First Nations community to pursue higher levels of education.

At NRT and NRT Foundation, we measure success according to the positive changes that our initiatives create in the lives of First Nations individuals, and the increased capacity of First Nations to build prosperous, healthy futures. To these ends, scholarships and bursaries are

clear winners. Hundreds of First Nations people, from communities throughout the province, are pursuing their own dreams and creating better lives for themselves, their families and their home communities. Some even aspire to be future leaders, whether within their Nations or on a national or even global scale.

Reading the student bios and comments in this brochure is both gratifying and inspiring. Invariably, recipients express a deep level of gratitude for the support. Many talk about how the extra funds allow them to focus on their studies and some admit they simply could not have afforded to pursue a post-secondary degree, diploma or certificate without it.

On a more somber note, as the demand for this initiative grows we face harder and harder choices in granting awards. Due to a limit to the funds available, each year we turn down approximately 60% of the applicants. Thankfully, however, this ratio is shifting. Since the creation of the NRT



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Foundation in 2011, we have been able to attract sponsors and leverage upwards of \$920,000 in additional support. This in turn has enabled us to support more students annually; whereas in its first year fewer than 100 awards were granted, in 2014, we were able to award 165.

In 2015 and beyond, we expect to welcome new partners on board and expand the initiative accordingly. And of course we will once again host the annual NRT Foundation Golf Tournament (see page 7 for details). If you are able, come out and join us for a fun-filled day that raises support for the Scholarship and Bursaries initiative!

Respectfully,

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Judith Sayers
Chair, New Relationship Trust Foundation

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Hugh Braker".

Hugh Braker
Chair, New Relationship Trust

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Cliff Fregin".

Cliff Fregin
CEO, New Relationship Trust



ABOUT THE NEW RELATIONSHIP TRUST

MISSION Investing in First Nations in British Columbia.

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

We work to help First Nations build capacity by investing in five key capacity areas of BC First Nations governments, communities and individuals: governance, education, language & culture, youth & Elders, and economic development.

ABOUT THE NEW RELATIONSHIP TRUST FOUNDATION

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 (NRT Foundation) 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 the NRT Foundation's 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 four Directors.

THE CAPACITY OF OUR
YOUNG PEOPLE IS THE KEY
TO OUR FUTURE

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 Nations communities and people that there was a high demand for education in the area of Trades, Diplomas 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 NRT Foundation.

AWARDS TO DATE

	BURSARIES	UNDERGRAD	MASTERS	DOCTORATE	CHIEF JOE MATHIAS	TOTAL
2007/08	-	65	23	8	-	96
2008/09	58	51	16	13	27	165
2009/10	60	42	21	10	27	160
2010/11	59	42	23	11	17	152
2011/12	66	44	22	9	18	159
2012/13	113	40	15	9	17	194
2013/14	92	41	16	9	18	176
2014/15	93	51	14	8	-	166
TOTAL	541	376	150	77	124	1,268

ADDITIONAL FUNDS LEVERAGED

	2011	2012	2013	2014	TOTAL
GOLF TOURNAMENT	\$16,452	\$17,451	\$18,737	\$26,188	\$78,828
PARTNER FUNDS	-	\$260,000	\$337,000	\$246,100	\$843,100
TOTAL	\$16,452	\$277,451	\$355,737	\$272,288	\$921,928

To date, the NRT Foundation and its partners have contributed **\$5.9 million** toward **1,268 education grants** to support the post-secondary education of First Nations people in BC.

RECIPIENT DATABASE

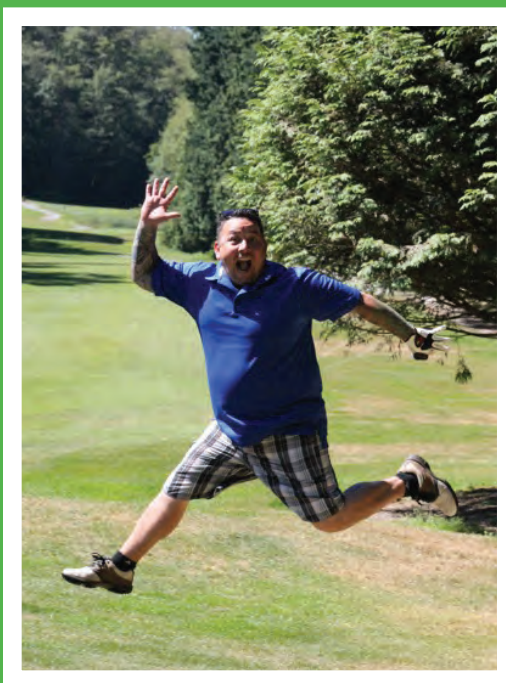
NRT Foundation maintains a database of past scholarship and bursary recipients. The individuals in the database can be contacted by the NRT Foundation to inform them about employment opportunities. This service is now available to NRT Foundation sponsors who are looking to fill positions with qualified First Nations people. To learn more about this opportunity, contact NRT's General Manager, Chanze Gamble at (604) 925-3338 or cgamble@nrta.ca.

PARTNERING

By creating the NRT Foundation, we are now able to offer partners the opportunity to make a meaningful contribution to the success of First Nations people. Sponsored scholarships and bursaries support students working toward an industry-specific post-secondary degree, diploma, trade or certificate. This in turn helps provide a qualified work force of First Nations people.

NRT Foundation is seeking additional industry partners to build mutually beneficial partnerships that build capacity through investment in education for BC First Nations. Joint partnerships between industry and the NRT Foundation present an ideal opportunity to pursue shared interests.

For information on partnering opportunities, contact NRT Foundation's Advancement Coordinator Mathew Hupfield at (604) 925-3338 ext. 226 or mhupfield@nrta.ca.



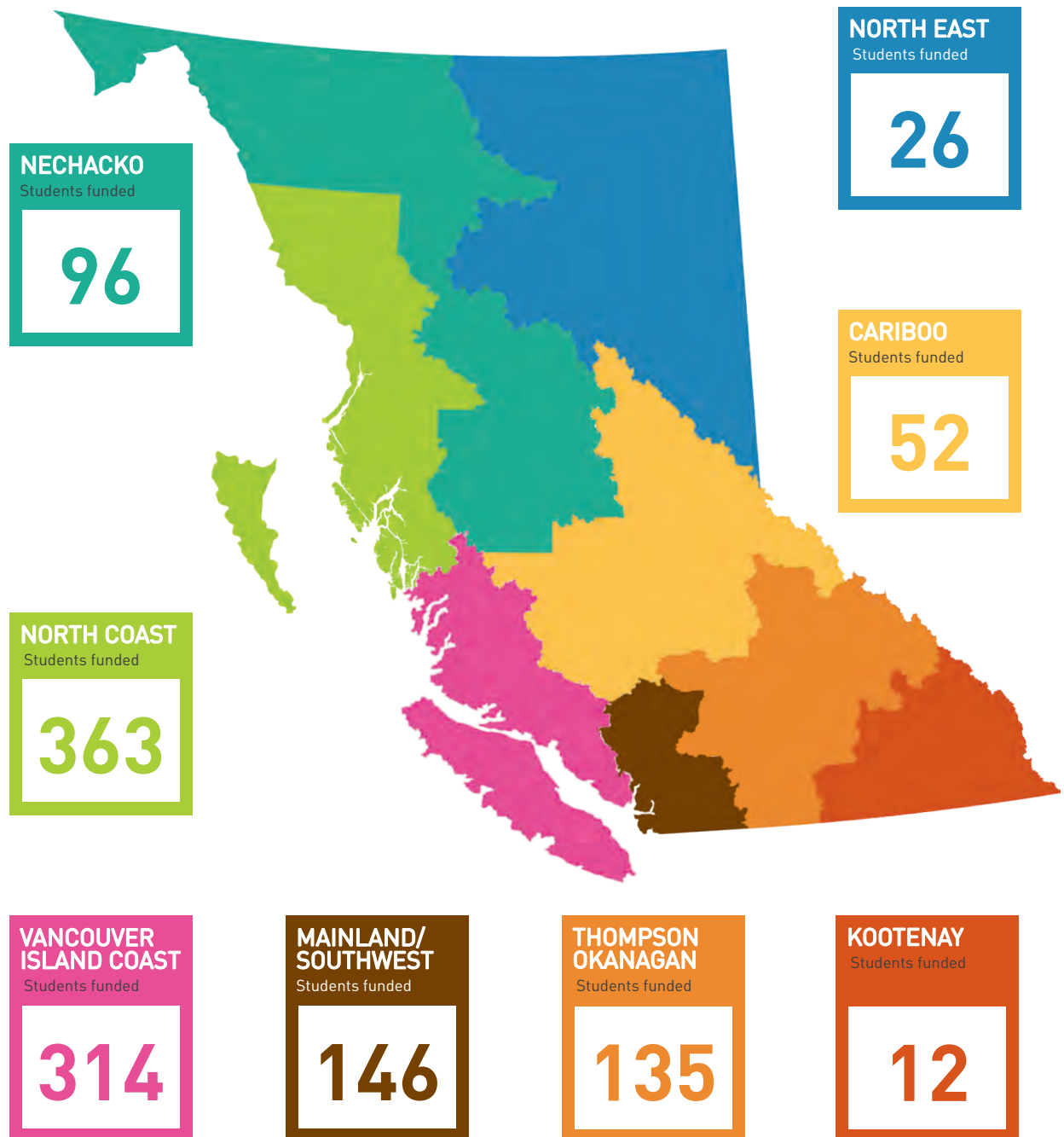
2015 GOLF TOURNAMENT JULY 30, 2015

A great way to support First Nations post-secondary students is to come out and take part at the Annual New Relationship Trust Foundation Golf Tournament. It costs \$250 to participate and the fee includes 18 holes of golf at the University of BC Golf Club in Vancouver, lunch, a golf cart, dinner at Westward Ho! Restaurant and loads of chances to win from over \$25,000 in prizes. All proceeds go to the NRT Foundation and contribute to scholarships and bursaries.

To learn more, visit the NRT website's GOLF page: www.NRTFGOLF.ca or contact NRT's Senior Project Officer Miranda Stirling at (604) 925-3338 or mstirling@nrta.ca.

WHERE THE FUNDING GOES

The map below shows the distribution of NRT Foundation Scholarship and Bursary awards to date.





FIRST NATIONS
HEALTH AUTHORITY
BURSARY AND
SCHOLARSHIP
RECIPIENTS 2014–15



First Nations Health Authority

Health through wellness

The First Nations Health Authority (FNHA) is a health service delivery organization, created and mandated to support and elevate BC First Nations health outcomes through the creation of an effective health care system. With their vision of healthy, self-determining and vibrant communities, FNHA have chosen to partner with the New Relationship Trust Foundation to encourage First Nations people to explore exciting career opportunities in the health field.

BURSARY



SHANIECE ANGUS
NISGA'A VILLAGE OF GITLAXT'AAMIKS
Northwest Indian College
Associate, Arts and Science

My goal has always been to make a positive impact on youth. I never knew what exactly I wanted to do, but I have recently figured out that I want to work in the special education area. I am not exactly sure what field I want to get into, but I will be volunteering and studying all fields during my second year. Personally, it is not about the amount of money I am going to make, but about how many lives I will have an impact on.



DUSTIN BLOWS
SKWXWÚ7MESH
Douglas College
Dispensing Optician

I never thought I would attend a post-secondary institution, but I always knew that I could do more with my life. I knew I wanted more than a job; I wanted a career. In a world of uncertainty you need to be able to support yourself and your loved ones. I was shown an amazing opportunity into a field of work that I had no idea about. I am now in my second year of studies, and the single most important reason for me being here now is that I believed in myself and realized my potential.



MAGDALENE BIRD
NE'TU'DEN CARRIER NATION
Nicola Valley Institute of Technology
Chemical Addictions Worker

Hello, my name is Magdalene Bird and I am a senior from the Ne'tu'den Nation. I am a retired registered nurse and building manger. I am taking courses in addiction as well as core pre-social work courses to help, advise and mentor Aboriginal youth. Our future is in our First Nations youth and through education I can encourage them to achieve thier dreams. I am very thankful for this New Relationship Trust Bursary granted to me.



JULIANNE BREWER
OKANAGAN INDIAN BAND
Okanagan College
Associate of Science

I am a member of the Syilx Nation from the Okanagan Indian Band. My passion for sciences intrigued me to work toward a PhD in Biochemistry. My summer 2014 work experience conducting aquatic species sampling in the lab at Okanagan Nation Alliance has reaffirmed my love of sciences. I am confident that my further academic studies will benefit my community, my Nation, my family and those who have not yet arrived. Wai lim limpt.

I would like to sincerely thank the New Relationship Trust for this amazing award. I would also like to say thank you to all my Chiefs and council members, family and friends for all of their continuing love and support. I would strongly encourage all students to achieve to their best potential, and to never stop at one success, but instead create a strong momentum to achieve even more. —Dustin Blows



ALBERT DAWSON
DZAWADA'ENUXW FIRST NATION
Camosun College
Exercise and Wellness

I am from the Dzawada'enuxw First Nation and am pursuing a diploma in exercise and wellness at Camosun College. I have a diverse background in sports, including 18 years as a volunteer coach and working for the BC government. I played premier mens' league in Vancouver and now enjoy playing recreationally. In recent years, I was diagnosed with Ankylosing Spondylitis. This strengthened my resolve to maintain health and wellness and to find ways to combat the effects of my disease. My goal is to assist First Nations individuals with similar conditions after completion of the program at Camosun College.

Thank you NRT Foundation for the opportunity. I am very grateful to receive this support, it will enhance the early stages of my studies and give me a good foundation to build on.



COLE LAVIOLETTE
GITANMAAX
Taft College | Associate of Arts, Health and Physical Education

My name is Cole Laviolette and I am from Prince George. I am in my second year of study at Taft College in California where I am working on an associate arts degree in Health and Physical Education and also playing baseball. My long term goal is to complete a sports physiotherapy degree and work with professional athletes.



LAURA LEWIS
NISGA'A VILLAGE OF GINGOLX
Columbia Bible College | Caregiving and Counseling Diploma Program

I am Nisga'a and from the village of Kincolith. I am a graduate from Britannia Secondary School and am pursuing my dreams in playing basketball at the college level, while attending Columbia Bible College (CBC) in Abbotsford, BC. Here at CBC, I am finishing off my last year, graduating with a diploma in the Caregiving and Counselling Program.



JADE GAGNON
TAHLTAN BAND
University of Alberta
Dental Hygiene

I am currently in my final year for dental hygiene to receive a diploma. My future goal is to achieve a degree and I will be working on that part-time while I work in a private practice. I plan to return to Dease Lake, BC to help the community I grew up in and the surrounding communities with oral health care. My long term goal is to further my education by specializing in forensics.



PAULETTE NYCE
NISGA'A VILLAGE OF GITWINKSIHLKW
Native Education College
Family and Community Counseling

I am Nisga'a and Tsimshian, and have one daughter. We relocated to the Lower Mainland back in 2012 to pursue our educational goals. I am currently in my second year of the Family and Community Counseling diploma program at Native Education College. Once I complete this program, I plan to further my education and attend Nicola Valley Institute of Technology and enroll in the Bachelor of Social Work program. My long term goal is to gain experience, skills and knowledge within my chosen field, then relocate back to my home community of Gitwinksihlkw.



KAREN GEORGE
COWICHAN TRIBES
Vancouver Art Therapy Insitute
Art Therapy

I am a Cowichan Tribes member. I have completed a Bachelor of Arts in Child and Youth Care. Currently, I am enrolled with the Vancouver Art Therapy Institute. The core curriculum consists of the theories of art therapy, the melding of art and psychopathology, as well as the principles of the use of art therapy with children, adolescents and families. I am doing my practicum and have a full case load with a wait list. I also volunteer my time with Elders within my community and with agencies that work with families at risk of having their children removed.



SANDRA A. OLSEN
LIL'WAT NATION
Langara College
Registered Massage Therapy

I'm Sandra Olsen, a member of Lil'wat Nation. I have a beautiful daughter who helps me reach my career goals. In 2008, I asked myself, "What are you going to do with your career?" Knowing I wanted to help people, I found the Rehabilitation Assistant program and graduated in 2012. Working as a rehabilitation assistant, the residents asked me to massage them and I thought why not combine massage therapy with rehabilitation. So I did the Registered Massage Therapy requirements and registered for September, 2014.





MONIQUE HUBER

TSAWOUT FIRST NATION

Bow Valley College

Licensed Practical Nursing

My name is Monique Huber. I am of Coast Salish and Nuu-chah-nulth ancestry. I grew up in Tsawout First Nation on the Saanich Peninsula. I am a wife and mother to three children. Last year, I decided to pursue my goal of becoming a nurse. My journey began with the Camosun College Indigenous College Preparation Program. Through this program, I attained all of the prerequisites required to partake in the Licensed Practical Nurse program at Bow Valley College in Alberta. I am eager to begin this new leg of my journey and appreciate all the support and encouragement from my family and community.

My interest in the health industry stems from my observation that there are few nurses at public hospitals and health centers. I feel that our First Nations Elders and community members would feel a great deal of comfort with a First Nations nurse. I also feel that our youth will be motivated to pursue a career in the health industry with role models to show them it's possible. Being a mother, I'd love to be that role model for my own children; showing that education is something that is both attainable and necessary for personal growth and success I am extremely grateful to have received this bursary to help with my educational journey. Being a mother and student will be a large task and this bursary will definitely help to ease the financial burden.

**SHAWNA PETERS****STO:LO NATION****Native Education College****Family and Community Counseling**

I was born in Chilliwack, BC. I come from the Peters Road reserve. It is a very small reserve. I went to elementary school and some high school in Hope, BC. I finished high school at Chilliwack Senior Secondary. I worked for a couple years doing various jobs, finding the right place to live and right fit for me. I finally came to Vancouver, BC and I decided to go to the Native Education College to pursue a career working with and helping people. I enjoy working with my Aboriginal Culture and Heritage.

I am so grateful for this bursary, and I am so grateful to attend the Native Education College, to be able to learn more about my heritage and culture. I enjoy meeting new people that are Aboriginal and re-connecting with my people.

**PAIGE RICHARDSON-DUDOWARD****SKIDEGATE BAND****Institute of Holistic Nutrition****Applied Holistic Nutrition**

I have always been interested in a holistic approach to healing, which is what lead me to choose IHN Vancouver to further my education. Through my program, I have learned many valuable skills in nutrition as well as other areas of healing that I cannot wait to bring home with me to Haida Gwaii. Broadening community members' knowledge of alternative methods of medicine is my ultimate goal. Thank you NRT Foundation, for helping to bring me one step closer to this goal!

**SHAWNA SABOURIN****SEATON LAKE INDIAN BAND****Vancouver Community College****Licensed Practical Nursing**

When at a Vancouver Community College open house session, I signed up for a program called the Aboriginal Gateway to Health Care Careers. I was amongst the first to take this program which helped me choose a path I was passionate about. I wanted to be a practical nurse and started to take the pre-requisites for it, but I didn't finish a course on time, so I enrolled in VCC's first Health Care Assistant for Aboriginal Learners program. It was only one step below the PN program. I've had so many inspiring, motivating and encouraging teachers along the way.

**CHERISH SCHULTZ****SEABIRD ISLAND BAND****University of the Fraser Valley****Certified Dental Assistant**

Hi there! My name is Cherish Schultz. I'm from Seabird Island Reserve, just outside of Vancouver. I've lived on Seabird almost my whole life. I've worked in various positions in my Band office, and most recently the Seabird Island Dental Office. I absolutely fell in love with dentistry and oral hygiene. I've always known that I want to help and serve my community, and I'm doing that now. My work opportunity brought me UFV's CDA program. What I'm learning now I can apply to work next June, benefiting and bettering my community, and of course myself!

**PAULINE SELLARS****SODA CREEK/XATS'ULL FIRST NATION****Native Education College****Family and Community Counseling**

My name is Pauline Sellars and I am Secwepemc First Nation from Soda Creek. I am proud to say that I am a first year student at the Native Education College. I am taking the Family and Community Counselling certificate program that will develop into my Bachelor of Social Work degree at Nicola Valley Institute of Technology. This educational endeavour has been such a rewarding experience. In the future, I aspire to be an advocate and a support worker for Aboriginal people who are incarcerated. Doing so, I hope to make a difference within the community.

**CHELSEA SYLVESTER****CAPE MUDGE****Vancouver Community College****Licensed Practical Nursing**

I am close to finishing my LPN program in Vancouver and am excited to start working as a licensed practical nurse. I am very appreciative of the bursaries that NRT Foundation provides, as being a full time student can be financially stressful. When I am finished I plan to work for six months and then go back to school for Registered Nursing. Thank you NRT Foundation for your support!

**FELICIA WILLIAMS****OLD MASSETT****Northwest Community College****Health Care Assistant**

My name is Felicia Williams. I am a single mother of one, he is eight years old and I have devoted my life to giving him the best life he could possibly have. I have done the Health Care Assistant program through Northwest Community College. Even with all my doubts and worries, I graduated at the top of my class in July 2014. I plan to stay here at home on Haida Gwaii where I was hired immediately after graduation.

UNDERGRADUATE



BERNADINE BROWN
OKANAGAN INDIAN BAND
University of British Columbia
Bachelor of Kinesiology

My name is Bernadine Brown. I am a member of the Okanagan First Nation in Vernon BC. I am currently entering my third year of Kinesiology at UBC. I aspire to enter medical school after I finish this degree to become a General Physician. My goal is to contribute by working in First Nations communities. I am passionate about holistic health, wellness, nutrition, fitness, Crossfit, culture, traditions, language, and spirituality.



TIA FELIX
SPLATSIN
University of British Columbia
Bachelor of Midwifery

I am a proud Splatstin woman of the Secwepemc Nation which is located in the sunny Thompson Okanagan Region. I was able to overcome adversity by having a strong support system that encouraged my resilient and persistent spirit in pursuing my dream. My passion lies in the field of health and helping others. I am currently studying midwifery in the Faculty of Medicine at the University of British Columbia. I hope to better the future of health and safety for Aboriginal peoples' families. My strong support system, determination and passion are the fuel to my success. Kukwtsétsemc (Thank You).



STEPHANIE FELL
LEQ'A:MEL FIRST NATION
University of British Columbia
Science—Dietetics

Ann Wigmore said, "The food you eat can either be the safest and most powerful medicine or the slowest form of poison." As such, it is my goal to become a registered dietitian to influence the reduction of nutrition-related disease by encouraging preventative diet and lifestyle change. Currently, I am in my fourth year of UBC's dietetics program. Once I have completed the five-year program, I will be eligible to become a registered dietitian. When I become certified I hope to work with the community to prevent unnecessary food-related diseases such as diabetes, cancer and obesity.

I am extremely grateful for the support from the NRT Foundation, thank you for helping to make my educational goals a reality!



AMBER HAWKINS
TAHLTAN BAND
University of British Columbia
Bachelor of Science in Nursing

My name is Amber Hawkins and I am a member of the Tahltan First Nation! The last two years I have been working hard to achieve my high school diploma. Now, 25 years old, I can't tell you how thrilled I am to have reached my goal as a high school graduate! I have been accepted into the Nursing program at UBC Okanagan and I am excited to work hard for my degree. Health care has always been my passion and I am filled with joy that I am finally on my way to accomplishing this goal!



TYLER HOFMANN
UPPER NICOLA INDIAN BAND
University of Calgary
Kinesiology

My health career goals are to practice as an athletic therapist through my Kinesiology Degree. Athletic therapy is a highly competitive program that only accepts ten students per year. Taking this into consideration, I have looked further into pursuing chiropractic medicine for graduate school if I do not get into athletic therapy. Chiropractic college is a four year master's degree that is only offered in Toronto. Both of these careers would allow me to work in clinical and sports settings.



JAIMIE HOLT
OLD MASSETT VILLAGE COUNCIL
Camosun College
Bachelor of Science, Nursing

I was born and raised on Haida Gwaii. I graduated high school in 2010 and was off to college the following fall. I had no idea what I wanted to do with my life at that point so I took general studies for two years. After that I found nursing and quickly fell in love. I can't imagine doing any other career. I am right where I want to be.

I would just like to thank the NRT Foundation for continuing to support me throughout my educational journey; it is greatly appreciated. I would also like to thank the First Nation Health Authority for helping me succeed in my education, I could not have done it without you. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you.



LARISSA HUNSBEDT
SKUPPAH INDIAN BAND
University of Northern British Columbia
Nursing

My name is Larissa Hunsbedt and I am part of the Nlaka'pamux Nation located in Lytton BC. I am enrolled in my third year in the Northern Collaborative Baccalaureate Nursing Program and I love every moment of it. I hope to focus my future nursing studies in either community, rural, or First Nations health so I can return home and work with my community. I love learning, teaching, helping others and I am very passionate about nursing. I am truly thankful for the support from the NRT Foundation and my community, otherwise I would not be where I am today.



BRITTANY MORGAN
TOQUAHT NATION
University of Victoria
Bachelor of Science, Microbiology

I'm a science student going into my fourth year at UVIC with a major in microbiology and a minor in biology. I have completed the co-operative program and had the opportunity to work at two government positions. My educational goal is to become a physician and work in rural Aboriginal communities. I give back to the community by volunteering at the Victoria Native Friendship Centre, Victoria Literacy, and continuing to be a member of my community's Youth Council and a campus cousin at the First People House on the UVIC campus. I've learned to stay centered and keep connected.



JOSHUA NASH
TAHLTAN BAND
University of Saskatchewan
Biology

I currently am in my third year of studies of a four year Bachelor of Science majoring in biology at the University of Saskatchewan. I have eleven brothers and sisters whom I cherish dearly. They help keep me grounded and I always carry them in my thoughts and prayers. In the following year I plan to apply to medical school. I have a passion for helping others in a way that they cannot help themselves and medicine will provide a rewarding career to work with First Nations communities in this capacity.

This scholarship helps to provide a sense of recognizable achievement that I can carry and share with others to motivate them to pursue post secondary schooling.



AMANDA NEUFELD
SKEETCHSTN INDIAN BAND
University of British Columbia Okanagan
Psychology and Indigenous Studies

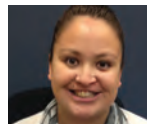
I am very excited to be in my final year of my undergraduate degree. I could not have come this far without the people in my life who have supported me and encouraged me every step of the way. I also cannot thank the NRT Foundation and their sponsors enough for their support. I plan to continue my education after graduation in a master's program at the University of British Columbia Okanagan. By continuing my education I hope to achieve my long term goal of working with children and families.

I cannot thank you enough for what this scholarship has allowed me to do over the years. I have been able to spend more time with my family, focus more on my school work, and volunteer avidly both on campus and in my community, all of which are often luxuries for a working student.



JESSIE NEWMAN
SKIDEGATE BAND COUNCIL
University of British Columbia
Dietetics

I am from Skidegate, Haida Gwaii and a member of the Gak'yaals Kiigawaay Clan within the Haida Nation. I am currently a dietetics student in the Food, Nutrition and Health program at UBC. I am completing my fifth year of study, interning with the Island Health Authority. As a registered dietitian, I hope to reduce the incidence of health-related diseases affecting the people of my community, rather than trying to correct it in the future. I am deeply committed to promoting traditional foods, as I feel they form an important connection between the health, culture and identity of my people.



CRYSTAL POINT
MUSQUEAM INDIAN BAND
Vancouver Community College
Bachelor of Science—Nursing

Hi, my name is Crystal Point. I am a member of the Musqueam First Nation. Wow! I would just like to say a huge thank you to the NRT Foundation and the First Nations Health Authority for being a successful recipient of this award! I am currently in my third year in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program. Since my last award, I have completed maternity/pediatrics as well as psychiatry nursing. I am now entering high acuity and then will complete community. I am really enjoying the program and look forward to finishing up my last year and start a new career as an RN.



TINA BROWN

LOWER NICOLA INDIAN BAND
Thompson Rivers University
Bachelor of Science in Nursing

I live in the sunny Shuswap with my husband Steve and son Zaine who support and inspire me every day. It feels amazing to be in my last year of school and I feel very lucky to have received this amazing gift to help my family. I hope to work in the palliative/hospice care field and support people

who wish to stay in their own homes/communities in their time of need. Thank you NRT Foundation for all of your support in helping me achieve my goal of becoming a registered nurse. My family and I appreciate it so much!

I have appreciated this scholarship so much. It takes a huge weight off of my shoulders knowing that we have help and financial support during the school year.



KATHRYN ROBINSON
TZEACHTEN FIRST NATION
Simon Fraser University
Molecular Biology and Biochemistry

My Name is Kathryn Robinson and I am from the Tzeachten First Nation. I am currently in my fourth year of studies at SFU to complete my bachelor of science in molecular biology and biochemistry. My educational journey up to this point in my life has been extremely important to me and I am very determined to be successful in my studies. I would like a career that provides an opportunity to help improve the lives of others, so following graduation I plan to apply to the Faculty of Dentistry at UBC.



RYAN TOMM
SETON LAKE BAND
University of British Columbia
Psychology / Neuroscience

Hello my name is Ryan Tomm and I am from the Seton Lake Band of the St'at'imc Nation. I'm currently a fourth year undergraduate student in psychology. My current research looks at the effects of aging on cognitive flexibility. My career goal is to develop a strong research background so I can work as a mental health researcher within our Aboriginal communities. I want to be a part of incorporating traditional knowledge in research and help change the perception of mental health within our communities.



NADINE SHAW
WUIKINUXV NATION
Camosun College
Bachelor of Science—Nursing

My name is Nadine Shaw and I am from a rural community—Wuikinuxv Nation, Oweekeno, Rivers Inlet. After grade seven, I moved to Port Hardy on Vancouver Island. A couple of years after graduating from high school I made a strong choice to become a registered nurse. Getting accepted into the program was going to be a challenge, but I was up for it. Now I am studying at Camosun College (and loving it) in hopes to have great success then to return home and educate and care for my community.



NATHAN VOGSTAD
SKIDEGATE BAND COUNCIL
Simon Fraser University
Health Sciences

I am currently enrolled at Simon Fraser University. I am studying health sciences. I am very proud to say that I play on the varsity basketball team here. I come from a small community on Haida Gwaii and I look forward to getting educated in both my studies and on the basketball court to bring my knowledge back home one day.



KIMBERLYN TEICHROEB
WESTBANK FIRST NATION
Camosun College
Bachelor of Sport and Fitness Leadership

I am a member of Westbank First Nation in the Okanagan. I am going into my third year of post-secondary school at Camosun College. I am in the Bachelor of Sport and Fitness Leadership program with a specialization in sport management. Health, fitness, sports and helping people are very important to me, and upon completion of my degree I would like to extend my knowledge to my Nation as well as to other First Nations communities.



DYLAN WHITNEY
XAXLI'P BAND
University of British Columbia
Bachelor of Applied Science

I have just completed my first year in the Bachelor of Science program at UBC. I have transferred into the first year in the Bachelor of Applied Science in engineering. I have decided to obtain an undergraduate degree in engineering while completing my prerequisite courses for medicine/dentistry admission requirements. A career in either of these health fields will provide me with the opportunity to give back to those in need. My ultimate goal is to improve the health of all my patients and educate them about self-empowerment over their own health.

I would like to thank the New Relationship Trust Foundation for their support in pursuing my educational goals. The scholarship will help me with achieving my academic and career goals. I will be able to spend more time on my studies and not worry about my finances.

I have had a very successful first year at university in the faculty of science, obtaining a final 82% average (A standing) in my ten courses. I would not have had such an academically successful year without the scholarship provided by the generous sponsors of the NRT Foundation scholarship. Thank you for selecting me as a recipient once again.



MASTERS



KIMBERLY BROWN
GITANMAAX BAND
University of Northern British Columbia
Education, Counseling

In the future, I hope to become a Registered Psychologist in BC in order to be able to provide required educational assessments that are difficult to obtain in our Northern Communities in BC. With that, young students will receive the support necessary for success in our educational system. In achieving my goals, I hope to also provide my two young children with a role model when they begin their endeavours.

I am extremely appreciative of the support received in attaining my educational goals. Despite the difficulty in raising a family while working towards these goals, I am motivated to achieve these goals to be able to help children achieve success into the future as well as to provide a role model for my children.



ROBYNNE GIGUERE
LAX'KWALAAMS BAND
University of Saskatchewan
Physical Therapy

Several Christmases ago, my parents and three older brothers were given an extraordinary gift—a baby girl, Robynne. Being of Irish, French, Gitksan and Tsimshian decent, I wear all of my heritages proudly. While my family has taught me to be compassionate, strong, and hardworking, growing up in Hazelton, BC has afforded me with firsthand knowledge of Aboriginal health disparities. Currently, I reside in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan with my husband, and I am working to get my Masters in Physical Therapy. After graduating in 2015, I plan to return to Hazelton to promote health and wellness, and to offer physiotherapy services.



TINA MARIE LYNN NASH
TAHLTAN FIRST NATION
University of Lethbridge
Counseling and Community Health Sciences

I am a member of Tahltan Nation, a mother of 11 children and grandmother of two. I am a firm believer in the power of education to liberate oneself from poverty, oppression and social and economic disparity. I also believe that we must be the change we wish to see in the world, so I try very hard to be a good role model for my children and community. My vision is to one day open a healing centre for Aboriginal women coming out of the prison system that has social, housing, economic, educational, spiritual, cultural and mental health support.

DOCTORATE



EMMA ELLIOTT
COWICHAN TRIBES
University of Washington | Education,
Sciences and Human Development

I am a doctoral student in the College of Education and a master's student in the School of Social Work. My areas of interest are related to First Nations adolescent suicide and adolescent development/identity. My dissertation research is titled, "Embracing the Sacredness of Life: Investigating the Incidence of Suicide in One Tribal Community." I am particularly interested in identifying community-specific traditional healing and helping ways and blending them with best social work practices. I am committed to community-based research methodologies and continue to do the work of cultivating relationships and following community protocols and needs.



ROBERTA PARTON
WEI WAI KUM FIRST NATION
University of British Columbia
Doctor of Medicine

I studied biochemistry and French before entering the medical program at UBC. I have am married with a seven year old daughter. I have a keen interest in family medicine and obstetrics. My dreams started with the goal of wanting to make a difference in Aboriginal health outcomes. I volunteer at the Vancouver Native Health Clinic cooking dinners for the youth to provide a warm meal and to connect them to resources such as health care, social support and outreach workers. I also chair the subcommittee of Aboriginal Women's Health, which is a part of the student run Aboriginal Health Initiative.

I cannot tell you how grateful I am to everyone at New Relationship Trust Foundation for all of the support! Your organization is without a doubt causing a ripple effect of positivity and good change for this generation and many generations to come. I do not think I could have made it this far in my education without the support of the NRT Foundation. Because you believed in me all these years, it helped me to believe in myself as well to help give me the motivation to do my best. I will always remember the kindness and generosity that NRT Foundation has shown to me and carry it forward for as long as I live. Gila'kas'la (thank you)!



TANU GAMBLE

GITXAALA NATION

University of British Columbia

Counseling Psychology

I was born and raised on the north coast of BC, and am a proud member of both the Gitxaala and Haida Nations. I am in my final year of the UBC counseling psychology program, and have begun a practicum at UBC Counseling Services. At my practicum I work with a diverse range of students, and have been fortunate to be able to include work with

Indigenous students as part of my training. As I prepare to finish my degree, I am excited to begin working in the community, and committed to contributing to the well-being of our people.

I feel incredibly fortunate to have received a scholarship from the NRT Foundation. It has made such a difference for my family, and has given me the ability to actually enjoy the learning experience.

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Canfor recognizes that building respectful, transparent relationships that reflect the interests of First Nations are critical to its vision of sustainable forestry practices and so Canfor is happy to partner with the New Relationship Trust Foundation to encourage First Nations people to explore career paths in the forest industry.



Peace Hills Trust is Canada's first and largest First Nation Trust Company. Established in 1980, it has more than 35 years of experience serving the financial needs of our clients. Peace Hills Trust is proudly owned by the Samson Cree Nation. Its head office is located on reserve in Maskwacis, Alberta and eight offices are located across the country. We are the financing partner of choice to Aboriginal Businesses and have been for 35 years.

BURSARY



ZANE GRAVELLE
TOBACCO PLAINS BAND
College of the Rockies
Electrical Apprenticeship Level Three

In 2011, I started the Electrical Foundations program at the College of the Rockies (COTR). Next spring, I will be completing my fourth year Industrial Electricians program, helping me to achieve the Red Seal Certification. Throughout my educational journey, I have been successful in landing a position with the Mining Apprentice Program through COTR. This has allowed me to gain full apprenticeship with the Teck Mines. I have worked at three of the five mines within the Elk Valley since 2012.



FREDRICK MOWATT
GITANMAAX BAND
Tsawwassen Gateway Skills Centre
Heavy Equipment Operator

I am from the Gitksan Nation, and was born and raised in Hazelton, BC. I moved to Terrace where I met my wife Billie. We have been together for 26 years, we have four children. I have worked in saw mills and in logging, until I made a fish charting business. We moved to Vancouver and we had to make career changes so I took a heavy equipment operator course in Tsawwassen, BC. I hope to secure a good paying job in the new industry I have chosen.

BURSARY



DENZEL SUTHERLAND-WILSON
KISPIOX BAND
Champlain College
Commerce / Social Sciences

I grew up in Kispiox, a Gitksan village, right where the Skeena and Kispiox rivers meet. I am a member of the fireweed clan, of Wilp Ts`Basa. I am now attending Champlain College, a CEGEP in Lennoxville, Quebec. I am studying commerce, which is what I plan on pursuing in university as well. Some of my personal goals are to complete my education, and to learn my language, Gitksanimaax. I would like to return to Kispiox when I am done my education to help with the healing of the Gitksan nation.

NEW RELATIONSHIP
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NEW RELATIONSHIP TRUST FOUNDATION BURSARY AND SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The following bursary and scholarships were granted by the New Relationship Trust Foundation.

BURSARY



STEFAN ALEXCEE
NISGA'A VILLAGE OF GINGOLX
Piping Industry College of BC
Welding Level B

I am an accomplished C level welder. I have worked my way through to receive my B level stamp and am working towards my A level to become a teacher and or a welding inspector some day soon. My resume includes a variety of jobs ranging from commercial fisherman to roofing installer/ foreman. I am presently a full-time student and have had job offers to work back in Northern BC and Alberta in the welding field. I am very family oriented and am working hard to further my career in the welding trade.



DANA ALPHONSE
WILLIAMS LAKE INDIAN BAND
Blanche MacDonald Centre
Professional Hairstyling Advanced Diploma

I am Shuswap from Sugar Cane, BC. I first became interested in Hairstyling as a teenager. Becoming a parent at an early age was life changing. I put my dreams on hold to raise my beautiful daughter. By the time she reached kindergarten, I decided it was time to pursue my education. I took some courses at Thompson Rivers University then worked for my Band for two years. I am now following my dreams and have relocated and am taking the Professional Hairstyling Advanced Diploma at Blanche Macdonald Centre in Vancouver.



ANTHONY ALEXIS
OKANAGAN INDIAN BAND
Okanagan College
Electrician Pre-Apprenticeship

I am a member of the Okanagan Indian Band in Vernon BC. My mother is Janet Quaw of the Cheslatta Carrier Nation and my father is Michael Alexis from the Okanagan. I am completing the Electrician Pre-Apprenticeship program at the Okanagan College in Kelowna BC. When I am not busy with school, I enjoy spending my free time with my family, playing guitar and hunting.



SORAYA ANDERSEN
LAX KW' ALAAMS
IUOE Local 115 Training Association
Heavy Equipment Operator

My name is Soraya Andersen and I am from the Tsimshian Nation. I come from fishing people on the North Coast of BC. I grew up in Prince Rupert learning how to process all the foods from the ocean from my grandparents. I have my own boat and gillnet up and down the coast. I have decided to combine fishing with a new career as a heavy-duty equipment operator and look forward to the future.



LUKE ALEXIS
OKANAGAN INDIAN BAND
British Columbia Institute of Technology
Level One Pipefitter/Gasfitter

I am from the Okanagan Indian Reserve and started working in Fort Saint John in 2012 at Patch Point. I decided to register in an apprenticeship program as soon as I started work. I wanted to complete my journeyman by late 2013. I am currently at BCIT completing my Levels two and three. I want to start my own business and become an independent contractor with flexible hours and lots of time off to travel the world. Having received your award is a real boost to my morale! Thank you for your support. This is so incredible and appreciated greatly!



VIVIAN AUSTIN
HAGWILGET VILLAGE
Langara College
Associate of Arts, Aboriginal Studies

My name is Vivian Austin. I am a single mother of two, and my children are the reasons for doing my best in whatever I do in life because they inspire me to keep moving forward and stay positive. I am from Hagwilget Village, BC. My maternal bloodline is from the Dakelth Nation and my paternal bloodline is from the Wet'suwet'en and Gitksan Nations. I am currently working on completing my Associate of Arts Degree in Aboriginal Studies at Langara College. On

completion, I plan to transfer to the University of BC to obtain my Bachelor of Arts degree in Aboriginal Studies, and then complete my educational journey by obtaining a degree in law, where I plan to focus on Aboriginal human rights and Aboriginal child welfare.



RHONDA BIRD
NE'TU'DEN CARRIER NATION
Nicola Valley Institute of Technology
Associate of Arts

My Name is Rhonda Bird and I am a Carrier from the Ne'tu'den Nation. I am enrolled at NVIT full-time completing pre-social work classes in the General Arts Diploma program, in order to enter into the Bachelor of Arts in Social Work Degree program for September 2015. I am very thankful to the NRT Foundation for awarding me with this bursary at the present time, as it enables me to attend my classes without financial stress. It is my goal to advocate for and protect children and through my chosen field of social work I can accomplish this goal.



TRYNN BOB
UPPER NICOLA
Camosun College
Community, Family and Child Studies

I am registered with my mom's Band—Upper Nicola—but I grew up in Victoria and learned some of my dad's culture from Pauquachin. I have been a foster parent for five and a half years. Becoming a foster parent and seeing the amount of children that needed support helped influence me to go back to school. I am in the Community, Family and Child Studies (CFCS), year two. After I graduate from CFCS I plan on taking Child and Youth Care to become a child youth worker so I can work with the youth in the communities.

I would like to thank The NRT Foundation for the Bursary I have been given. I am honored and I will continue to work my hardest.



KELLI BOUZOVETSKY
STS'AILES
The Art Institute of Vancouver
Culinary Arts

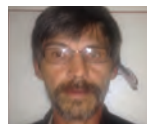
My name is Kelli Bouzovetsky and I am from Sts'ailes, BC. I am currently enrolled in the Culinary Arts program at The Art Institute of Vancouver. I have always loved to cook and provide for others but over the years my ability to eat certain foods has decreased to very little. I wanted to go to culinary school to learn how to use alternatives for people with rare allergies and in the end to possibly own a store for specialty foods.



EARL BROWN
OLD MASSETT
UA Piping Industry College of BC
Welding Level One-Two

I am a level one student enrolled At UA Piping Industry Collage of BC in Delta. The course is 28 weeks and will be finished January 23, 2015. Upon completing this program, I will be fully trained in all aspects of level 1-2 welding. I plan to get at least three or possibly four Canadian Welding Bureau tickets to enhance my job search upon completion. Employers definitely want these tickets in the workforce. Eventually, I would like to own and run my own business. I loves beaches and hard work.

It's never to late to go for your dreams! I am very thankful for this opportunity and very grateful for this award and again its never to late! And thank you very much NRTF.



ERIC CLAYTON
NISGA'A VILLAGE OF GITLAXT'AAMIKS
IUOE Local 115 Training Association
Heavy Equipment Operator / Foundation

I am a Nisga'a from New Aiyansh, BC, an active member of the wolf tribe—Gitwilnaak'il—and hail from the House of Duuk. My Nisga'a name is Gal gwo'oskw (to fade in and out like a ghost). Respected, motivated and a committed worker, I have proven my ability to succeed in my personal goals. In 2013, I successfully completed the Interior Heavy Equipment Operator School in Kelowna, BC. I was awarded with non-union certification on the articulated rock truck, dozer, excavator, grader, loader and rubber tire backhoe. I am employed with the Gitlaxt'aamiks Village Government as an apprentice Heavy Duty Equipment Operator. I also have experience in the fishing industry and am a carver and artist who works with wood, prints and moose bone. Committed to the preservation of the Nisga'a culture, my work is mainly depictions of the Nisga'a adawaak (stories).



VANESSA CLAYTON
NISGA'A VILLAGE OF GITLAXT'AAMIKS
IUOE Local 115 Training Association
Road Building / Heavy Equipment Operator

Hi, I am Vanessa Clayton. Recently I made a choice to change my career. In the past I have always been in the food industry, whether it was in the fast food/coffee place or a third cook in camp or just a dishwasher/chambermaid. I choose to become a Heavy Equipment Operator. I must say its one of the best choices I have made to date as I so enjoy what I am doing, and what I will be doing for the years to come. I never loved my career choice as much as I do today.



LORETTA BIRD
NAK'AZDLI FIRST NATION
College of New Caledonia
Professional Cooks Level One

My name is Loretta Bird. I am a proud Carrier Indian Woman from Fort St James, B.C. I belong to the "Lusilyoo" (frog) clan. My

parents are Catherine Bird (Coldwell) and James Bird who have since passed. I am currently enrolled at the College of New Caledonia in

Fort St James, BC taking the Professional Cooks Program Level One. I am proud to have been selected for the Trades Bursary. Upon

completion of the program, I am going to pursue my career and work in the food industry sector.

I am a single parent and have been blessed with four beautiful children—three boys and one girl—who are all continuing their education. One of my sons is going for his Red Seal in welding, one in electrical and carpentry, and my daughter is in business administration then later she will be going for her nursing degree. I encourage everyone to pursue their dreams as I have. You can do it. Believe in yourself!



KELLI CLIFTON
GITGA'AT Northwest Community
College Freda Diesing School of Northwest
Coast Art | First Nations Fine Arts 2

I am an artist from the Tsimshian Nation. My family has a strong background in commercial fishing, and having grown up in Prince Rupert, my works are often influenced by my coastal upbringing. In 2011, I graduated from the University of Victoria with my Bachelor of Fine Arts. In August 2013, I completed the Aboriginal Youth Internship program where I worked for nine months with the BC Arts Council and three months with the First Peoples' Cultural Council. I am currently attending my final year at the Freda Diesing School of Northwest Coast Art.



JOHN ETZEL
TSAWOUT FIRST NATION
Camosun College
Plumbing and Pipes Trades

Hello, I am John M. Etzel. My traditional name is YEXPILEMTEN. I have six children and two grandchildren. I am a strong believer in family, community, culture, tradition and language. I have completed the Plumbing and Pipes Trades program at Camosun College. I will be completing my 1,500 hours of apprenticeship and will be enrolled with Camosun College to complete my second year of plumbing. Thank you for awarding me the NRT Foundation Bursary. This bursary will help me immensely with the financial expenses I have incurred while completing my first year of plumbing.



KIANA DENNIS
BURNS LAKE BAND
Thompson Rivers University
Early Childhood Education

Hi, my name is Kiana Dennis. I have lived in Burns Lake for my whole life and I am from the Burns Lake Band. I plan on finishing the ECE course and then carrying on to the Infant and Toddlers and Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders course and after that maybe getting my Bachelors of Education. I feel that being a good Aboriginal role model is the best feeling ever because we can do it; we can be successful.



DANIEL FINNEY
XAXLIP FIRST NATION
Thompson Rivers University
Welding Level C

Hello. My name is Daniel Finney. I'm 33 and working my way into a new career. The prospects in trades are huge and opportunities are there, so the reasoning for my career choice really speaks for itself. I have found the people in trades to be original and genuine, so from a social perspective it's gratifying. I hold those values in people in a high regard.



SABRINA ELLIOTT
COWICHAN TRIBES
Vancouver Island University
Business Certificate

My name is Sabrina Elliott. I am honored to represent Cowichan Tribes on Vancouver Island. As a cultural member of the community, I strive to maintain and strengthen my family and our community through participating in our rich culture and traditions. My grandparents were instrumental in helping me pursue my goals. I am a proud mother of seven children and feel that one of the most important experiences that I can provide is through being a positive role model. Cowichan peoples have magnificent talents in carving, jewelry design/carving, cedar weaving, traditional medicine and Cowichan knitting, to name a few. My goal is to complete the Business Certificate program and to transfer into a business degree in management and accounting in order to assist community members in terms of financial independence.



CHANEA GABRIEL
SEABIRD ISLAND BAND
University of the Fraser Valley
Hospitality and Event Planning

Takwoselmot tel skwix. My English name is Chanea Gabriel. My grandparents are Ivan Gabriel and Mayann Frank; Claude Smith Jr. and Versa Smith. My parents are Danielle Gabriel and Maurice Smith. I am from the Seabird Island Band. I like to travel, dance at powwows and learn the Sto:lo culture. I have recently been accepted into the University of the Fraser Valley for the Hospitality Event Planning course. I joined this course because I enjoy seeing the beginning, middle and end of an event. I would like to become an event coordinator after my course is done.



JACQUELYN GERMYN
HEILTSUK
Pacific Rim Institute
Early Childhood Education

I am currently in the Early Childhood Education program with Pacific Rim Institute. Upon completion, I would like to transfer to Capilano University into the Early Childhood Care and Education Bachelors Degree program. My long term goal is to become a teacher so once I complete the degree program at Capilano I will transfer to University of BC and one day return to my home town to teach and work with the children of my community.

I raise my hands to express my deepest gratitude to the NRT Foundation for supporting me in my goal to assist my community in achieving economic sustainability across all families.



ANGELINE GLADSTONE
HEILTSUK NATION
 Vancouver Island University
 Events Management Certificate

I am Angeline Gladstone of the Heiltsuk First Nation. I am 39 years old. My husband and I have four children. We recently moved to Vancouver Island so I could return to school. Once I have completed my educational journey I plan to return to my community and contribute to positive change.

I'm very grateful that I was awarded this bursary, as it will alleviate financial stress and allow me to focus my energy on my studies.



MATHEW GLADSTONE
SKIDEGATE BAND
 College of New Caledonia | Natural Resources and Environmental Technology

I am attending the College of New Caledonia taking the Natural Resources and Environmental Technology program to work towards becoming a Registered Professional Forester (RFT). Once I have completed my two years, I will work and do some training to take the RPF exam and go into a long career in forestry.



COLLEEN GOATS
TL'AZT'EN NATION
 College of New Caledonia
 Social Service Worker

Hi, I'm Colleen and I'm in the Social Service Worker University Transfer Diploma program at the College of New Caledonia in Prince George, BC. I've lived in the foster care system my whole life, and because of this and being around social workers, I wanted to give back and become one myself. I'm so delighted that I have the opportunity for this program and my acceptance for this bursary, and I'll use it to my advantage in my college journey.



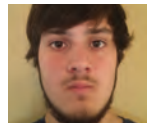
TIANNA GROSSE
OLD MASSETT
 Langara College
 General Arts and Science

I was born and raised on Haida Gwaii. I just completed the first year of the Indigenous Studies program at Camosun College and this coming fall I will begin the Indigenous Family Support program. I plan on attending university after the program to achieve my Bachelors in Education to be a teacher at home. I think it is important to bring the education I receive back and contribute to my community. I would also like to thank New Relationship Trust Foundation for helping me along my educational journey with this bursary.



COURTNEY GUNO
NISGA'A VILLAGE OF GITLAXT'AAMIKS
 British Columbia Institute of Technology
 Machinist Foundation

My name is Courtney Guno. I am from New Aiyansh. I come from the Eagle clan (Laxsgiik), from the house of Laay. I finished my first year of schooling as a machinist this past May. I plan on doing the next three years and moving on to get my Red Seal.



KEEGAN HARRIS
GITWANGAK
 Douglas College | Computer Science and Information Technology

I have been accepted into the Computer Science and Information Technology Program at Douglas College in New Westminster. Upon completion, I will receive a diploma and decide if I am ready to work in this field or pursue further studies at BC Institute of Technology or Simon Fraser University. I represented BC at the North American Indigenous Games in Regina on the U18 Aboriginal Boys Soccer Team. We won Silver.



ALYSHA HAWKINS
TAHLTAN
 London School of Hairdressing and Esthetics
 Make-up Artistry and Nail Technology

My name is Alysha, I am 25 years old and I am attending the London School of Hairdressing and Esthetics. I graduated from my hairstyling program and received my diploma in July of 2014. I have always wanted to do nails and make-up and at this point in my life I am finally able to pursue my life goals. I am excited to finish my program in the beauty industry and to gain experience for my clientele. Thank you NRT Foundation for this bursary, it has helped more than words can say and I am truly grateful for the support



BARBARA HEARD
LOWER NICOLA INDIAN BAND
 Nicola Valley Institute of Technology
 Aboriginal Early Childhood Education

I am Swxexmx of the Nlaka'pamux Nation in Lower Nicola. I am presently a private child care provider equipped with real life experiences as a loving mother of four wonderful children and 11 beautiful grandchildren. I have worked as a practical nurse for nearly ten years and I have always loved helping and caring for people. Children are so fascinating and love to learn. The need for qualified daycare, especially in Aboriginal communities, is on the rise. My goal is to become a licensed daycare provider.



SUSAN HELIN

LAX KW' ALAAMS

Northwest Community College
Professional Cook Apprentice 1 & 2

I am a First Nations woman and a Tsimshian Nation member. I grew up on the reserve of Lax Kw'alaams which is also called Port Simpson. After grade 10, I was required to move to Prince Rupert Senior High School to Complete Grades 11 and 12. I am currently attending the Northwest Community College's Terrace Campus and am in the Professional Cook 1 Trades program. I am enjoying the journey toward my career goal of achieving my Red Seal in the Culinary Arts Program.



FAWN HENRY

MT. CURRIE AND STO:LO NATION

University of the Fraser Valley
Veterinary Assistant

Hello, my traditional name Ntsetswek but I am also known as Fawn. I am an animal lover, so it is what had helped me in choosing my career path in this direction. I am currently doing a veterinary assistant course but I plan on working my way up in education until I became a veterinarian. I was so excited to hear back from the NRT. Being approved for this bursary made it easier for me to move forward in my chosen career. I'm glad I was able to have this opportunity.



ALI HUNT

KWAKIUTL

North Island College
Aircraft Structures Technician

I am from the Kwakiutl nation from T'saxis, BC. I grew up surrounded by the riches of my culture and have always been involved in cultural and community events. Having a love of outdoors, I worked in adventure tourism for a few years but always knew trades was where I would end up. After taking a trades discovery program, I decided a career in the aviation world is the direction I wanted to take. I look forward to the Aircraft Structures Technician program and the possibilities it will bring.



CORY HUNT

KWAKUITL

British Columbia Institute of Technology
Electrician Level Two Apprenticeship

Hi, my name is Cory Hunt. I am of Kwakuitl descent. My parents are Marion and Wilfred Hunt. I have four brothers and one sister. Their names, from oldest to youngest, are Rachel, Chris, Hutch and Gavin. Family is very important to me. My passion is my work. I am an electrician. That means the world to me. I am building homes for people here in Vancouver and I love it. There is nothing cooler than to me than knowing that I helped build these homes. In my spare time, I love to snowboard and play soccer.



JAMES JEFFERSON

STS' AILES

Thompson Rivers University
Welding Level C

My name is James K. Jefferson. I come from a family that is very strong on culture. My favorite part of my culture is drumming and singing. Canoe pulling is another cultural hobby I like to do. Others activities including fishing, crabbing and hunting are what I grew up around. My goals are to finish up with school and then after I get my degree I would like to find a job to put in some work hours. I want to be a good role model for my younger generation—my baby sister, my god-daughter and also my nephew.



CODI JIM

SQUAMISH NATION

Aveda Institute
Hairstyling / Esthology

My name is Codi Jim and I'm 18 years old. I have chosen to go to this school and to be in this program because I would like to start my own hairstyling program for First Nation students. This is my ultimate goal. I want it to be more accessible for First Nations students to attend a program such as this. Through my own experience I understand it can be hard to get funded. As for a short term goal, I want to go through this program with high grades and to be super successful in the work industry after I complete the course.



ALFREDA JOE

COWICHAN TRIBES

Vancouver Island University
Applied Business Technology

I am Cowichan Tribes member, born and raised in Cowichan. I graduated high school in 1995 from Cowichan Secondary in Duncan, BC. I am now currently a returning student at Vancouver Island University's Nanaimo campus, enrolled in the Applied Business Technology program—Administrative Assistant specialty. I attempted this course in 2007 and had to withdraw due to health issues. Eight years and three beautiful children later, here I am, determined to complete this program. I took a year leave from work to complete this certificate program.



KARI-LYNN JOHNSON

OWEEKENO/WUIKINUXV NATION

Douglas College
Office Administration Diploma

My name is Kari-Lynn Johnson and I am from the Wuikinuxv First Nation. I come from a small remote reserve along the central coast region of BC. I have had an opportunity to work within my community, which has inspired me to work with an Aboriginal organization. My father has greatly influenced me to further my education. There has been some concern within our community on how we need educated leaders/

Elders to pass down essential knowledge. My hope is to be able play some part in this and to expand our traditions to our children.



PAYTON KELLY

METLAKATLA

Northwest Community College

General Arts

My name is Payton Ashley Barbara Kelly. I come from Metlakatla, BC. I live in Prince Rupert, BC and I am currently attending Northwest Community College. I come from a good family; they are very supportive. They made sure I went to school and had everything I needed to attend. I have a beautiful daughter named Skylar Kelly. Even though I had a lower education level and had to work from ground up (grade 8 to grade 12), I was determined to make Skylar proud of me. In one year and nine months, I graduated with more than passing grades.



JOLENE LAVIOLETTE

GITANMAAX

College of New Caledonia

Associate of Arts, Education

My name is Jolene Laviolette. I have just graduated high school and am excited to start my first year of college. I am enrolled in an Associate Arts—University Transfer program at the College of New Caledonia in Prince George. In my first year, I plan to complete the general education requirements and then take more of the specialized courses in the second year.



SHELDON MARTIN

NISGA'A VILLAGE OF LAXGALTS'AP

Native Education College

Aboriginal Tourism Management Diploma

I am from the Nisga'a Nation and I have successfully completed the Aboriginal Tourism Operations Certificate program at the Native Education College (NEC). Thanks to the NRT Foundation for supporting me via this bursary. This is my second year and now I move onto the Aboriginal Tourism Management Diploma program from the NEC. I wouldn't be successful if it wasn't for the NRT Foundation, as I use these funds to make ends meet throughout the school year. Thank you!



ALLISON MATCHETT

SECWPEMC

Selkirk College

Social Service Worker

I have recently completed a Bachelor of Arts degree, majoring in Indigenous Studies. My next step is to obtain a Social Service Worker certificate, which I will combine with my knowledge gained from my degree in order to help Aboriginal children and families. I'm excited to be reaching the point where I will be able to put all my schooling into

action. This certificate won't be the end of my schooling though; in the future I plan to become an art therapist for children. Art therapy will allow me to help children on a deeper level in their healing process.



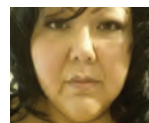
KRISTEN MCKAY

LAX-KW'ALAAMS Northwest Community

College Freda Diesing School of Northwest

Coast Art | First Nations Fine Arts 2

My name is Kristen and I am Tsimshian; my family comes from Lax Kw'alaams. I am in the second year of the First Nations Fine Arts program at the Freda Diesing School of Northwest Coast Art. Art is our history, it tells our stories, and I am grateful for this opportunity.



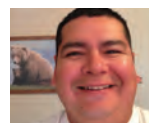
ROSALEE MORGAN

GITXSAN / UNIST'OT'EN

Northwest Community College

Social Services Worker

I was raised with traditional and contemporary values in my Gitxsan community of Gitwangak, BC. Currently, I am completing the diploma program in Social Work and plan on working toward a bachelor's degree. Living in my community, I am a witness to the generational effects of the Indian residential schools. There's a need for advocates from the grassroots people, so that healing, dealing and understanding is coming from within our Nation. Mental health is where I have been advocating for our Indigenous people, with a prevention and intervention approach. Healthy leaders lead healthy communities and it all begins with understanding: "why?".



AARON MORVEN

NISGA'A VILLAGE OF GITLAXT'AAMIKS

IUOE Local 115 Training Association

Heavy Equipment Operator, Foundation

Hello, my name is Aaron Morven. I'm from the Nisga'a Nation and currently residing in New Aiyansh, BC. Upon completion of my course in Maple Ridge, I wish to find a career opportunity as a heavy equipment operator. I must say that the course was very educational and look forward to work and learning more skills as I move on.



SHELDON MORVEN

NISGA'A VILLAGE OF GITLAXT'AAMIKS

IUOE Local 115 Training Association

Heavy Equipment Operator, Foundation

I am Nisga'a and from the village of Kincolith. I am a graduate of Britannia Secondary School and am pursuing my dreams of playing basketball at the college level, while attending Columbia Bible College in Abbotsford, BC. Here at CBC I am finishing off my last year, graduating with a diploma in the Caregiving and Counselling Program.



BILLIEJO MOWATT
KITSUMKALUM FIRST NATION
Tsawwassen Gateway Skills Centre
Heavy Equipment Operator

I am from the Tsimshian Nation, and I was born and raised in Terrace, BC. My husband Fred and I have been together for 26 years, we have four children. I have worked for Safeway Ltd. for 24 years, but recently decided to change careers and have taken a heavy equipment operator course in Tsawwassen, BC. I hope to secure a good paying job in the new industry I have chosen.



DALLAS NIKAL
MORICETOWN BAND
Northwest Community College
Associate of Science Degree

My name is Dallas Nikal. I am a member of the Wet'suwet'en First Nation from Moricetown, BC. I am taking the Associates of Science Degree through Northwest Community College because I love working in the outdoors. I strive to be a biologist to be able to work on my traditional territories, and to study the environment. I very much enjoy being in the outdoors.



CODY NORRIS
SAULTEAU FIRST NATION
Northern Lights College | Alaska Highway
Consortium on Teacher Education

Hello, my name is Cody Norris. I am a mother of two wonderful nine year-old twin girls. I live in Moberly Lake, BC and I am a proud member of the Saulteau First Nations. I enjoy fishing, hunting, trapping and snowboarding. I have spent the last 10 years working in our education system; I decided to become a certified teacher. I will be a role model to our youth—show them that it is never too late to pursue your dreams, to set new goals and that with hard work and perseverance, anything is attainable.



ANNA PAGE
COWICHAN TRIBES
University of the Fraser Valley
Child and Youth Care Studies

Anna Page (tel skwix) is my name. Telitsel kwa Cowichan (I am from the Cowichan Territory) but I currently reside in the Fraser Valley to focus on my educational goals and work towards obtaining my degree in Social Work. I am a single parent of three beautiful children, and currently a summer employee at Sto:lo Nation as an administrative assistant in the social development department. I will be continuing as a full-time student at the University of the Fraser Valley in the fall. Yalh Yexw Kw'as H:oy Ey cha ta' swayel (Thank you, Have a good day).



DEVIN PAUL
STS'AILES
University of the Fraser Valley
Automotive Services Technician

My name is Devin Paul. I am 19 years of age, and from Sts'ailes First Nation. I am a first year student taking the Automotive Service Technician Certificate program at University of the Fraser Valley. I have four more years of university to receive my Read Seal. This is an exciting journey in my life that I have started and plan to complete. I am an active member within my community and surrounding community with our traditional canoeing. I have received my National Coaching Certificates A and B. I participated in the North American Indigenous Games in Regina, Saskatchewan.



TRAE PHELAN
SYILX/OKANAGAN
Okanagan College
Welding Apprenticeship Year 3

My name is Trae Phelan and I am a member of the Syilx/Okanagan Nation. I have lived all of my life on Okanagan Indian Reserve number one in Vernon, BC. I believe in being a steward of our land and protecting our watersheds. Since graduating from high school, I have worked continuously as a welder and I am currently earning my Welding Level B Red Seal ticket. I am also a certified first responder for the Okanagan Indian Band fire department. To the Indigenous youth out there... get involved in protecting the land's natural resources!



ARNOLD PLANTE
NISGA'A VILLAGE OF GITLAXT'AAMIKS
IUOE Local 115 Training Association
Heavy Equipment Operator / Foundation

My name is Arnold Plante but everyone calls me Sonny. I am Nisga'a and I am an active member of the wolf tribe—Gitwilnaak'il—from the House of Duuk. I am also Cree from Alberta. I am currently living up in the beautiful Nass Valley in New Aiyansh, BC. I have a beautiful daughter named Raine who is 11 years old and she is my world! I have had to privilege to experience different careers in my life—from being a fisherman to a bartender, working in television as an editor to what I currently do, which is a heavy equipment operator.



KAILENE RAMAGE
LAX-KW'ALAAMS
Okanagan College
Business Administration

Before enrolling at Okanagan College, I worked at Theytus Books Ltd. located on the Penticton Indian Reserve. I gained experience in the publishing industry, and realized I wanted to expand my skills—which led to my decision to obtain my Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration. I will continue to work at Theytus Books while attending school and I look forward to the great opportunities my future holds.



CODY ROBINSON

GITGA'AT

Northwest Community College

Electrical 2nd Year Apprenticeship

I am a matrilineal member of the Gitga'at (Hartley Bay) Nation and have lived in traditional territories most of my life. I am currently taking a second year electrical apprenticeship at Northwest Community College's Terrace campus. Earlier this year, I was granted the Lieutenant Governor's Award for my achievement in the Electrical Foundations Program at NWCC. I am an IBEW union member and have represented my union and school during the ITA competition last spring.



SHAREEN ROBINSON

NISGA'A VILLAGE OF LAXGALTS'AP

Northwest Community College

Early Childhood Education Certificate

My name is Shareen Justine Robinson. I was born on July 24th, 1996, in Prince Rupert, BC. My Parents are Frederick and Lillian Robinson. I am the youngest of seven children. When I was ten years old my father passed away and life changed for me from there. I graduated from grade twelve at Caledonia Senior Secondary School in June, 2014. My career goals are to attend college and complete the Early Childhood Education program, and in the future I would like to open a daycare of my own. I'm excited to see what is to come next.



SAMANTHA RULLIN

OLD MASSETT

Capilano University

Arts and Entertainment Management

I am from Haida Gwaii; my Haida name is Skil Jaadee. I am currently enrolled in my second year at Capilano University in the Arts and Entertainment Management Program. I am enjoying the challenges and experience that this program has taught me so far. I hope to work in the entertainment business one day.



MARLA SAMPSON

STZ'UMINUS FIRST NATION

Camosun College

Business Administration

I am in my first year of business administration, with a goal of obtaining a Bachelor of Business Administration Human Resource Management and Leadership major. Currently I am doing Indigenous business leadership as my minor and I see how beneficial this program is to myself in understanding our Indigenous business world. I have always had a strong interest in business and decided to pursue my dream and enrolled at Camosun College to dedicate the next four years to my schooling.

I am very honored and very thankful to NRT Foundation for the opportunity to apply and be awarded a bursary. This has helped me greatly in my endeavour of pursuing an education and has reduced my stress level where my financial situation is concerned.



KARLY SANTIAGO

NISGA'A VILLAGE OF GITLAXT'AAMIKS

Blanche Macdonald

Esthetician / Spa Therapist

I'm a young Nisga'a woman eager to learn and make a name for myself. Success is what I dream of and want to accomplish. As I grew up, I had absolutely no idea what I wanted my career to be, but as I grow I continue to find all the incredible possibilities. I'm still young, but down the road I want to be a entrepreneur, be my own boss and be able to motivate myself as well as others. I want to be a leader who made it from the 'East Side' and to inspire people to know that anyone can make it.



ALANA SEWID

'NAMGIS FIRST NATION

Southern Alberta Institute of Technology

Data Analysis and Reporting

My name is Alana Sewid. I am Tsimshian and Kwakwaka'wakw. I'm currently completing the Business Intelligence—Data Analysis and Reporting program at the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology. I also have a Law Degree and a Bachelor of Arts Degree with a major in psychology. After I complete my program, I plan to work with Big Data and do predictive analytics. I'll make my living turning data into information.



ALVIN SMITH

LAX KW' ALAAMS

Nicola Valley Institute of Technology

Electrical Pre-apprenticeship

I was born in Prince Rupert, BC and graduated high school in 1986. I worked in a fish plant until 2010. I got my class one drivers license and drove in Alberta and Northeastern BC and then log trucks in McKenzie, Ft. St. John and Prince George. I came to Kamloops and was given the chance to take an electrical course at NVIT in Merritt BC, which I successfully completed with highest marks.

I would like to thank everyone who helped me succeed in that source and the NRT Foundation for awarding me this bursary. It is nice to get recognition for my accomplishments.



EDWARD SPENCER
LAX KW' ALAAMS Northwest Community College Freda Diesing School of Northwest Coast Art | First Nations Fine Arts 2

I was born at Kitkatla, BC in 1963. My mother is from Kitkatla and my father is from Port Simpson (Lax kw'laams). I come from the Tsimshian Nation, Killer Whale Clan. I became serious about being an artist/painter at the age of 15. I have donated my time and art to community clubs and have raised money for community causes such as Elders' travel and sports team travel. I will be completing my diploma year at Freda Diesing (2014/2015) and plan to continue my studies at Emily Carr Institute in Vancouver for a bachelor's degree.



GARY STEVENS
NISGA'A VILLAGE OF GINGOLX Northwest Community College Heavy Equipment Operator, Foundation

I decided on a career as a heavy equipment operator because I wanted to work towards a change from working with a chain saw to working on heavy equipment machinery. I completed the foundation program in the top percentile of my class through Northwest Community College. My goal is to learn every aspect of being a heavy equipment operator and to drive heavy equipment machinery. I am planning to specialize and go further with the Heavy Equipment Operator course to become a heavy duty equipment operator specializing in operating heavy equipment machinery once I finish my apprenticeship.



BERTRAM STEWART
NISGA'A VILLAGE OF GITLAXT'AAMIKS IUOE Training Facility Heavy Equipment Operator Foundation

I am from the Nisga'a village of Gitlaxt'aamiks and recently finished the heavy equipment operator training course in Maple Ridge at the IUOE training facility. I am now a registered apprentice with the ITA and look forward to becoming a certified heavy equipment operator. I chose this field due to the economy in my area and the amount of work coming in future with the Kitsault mine and other projects. I would like to thank the NRT Foundation for choosing me to receive the bursary.



PAULINE A. STEWART
NISGA'A VILLAGE OF LAXGALTS'AP Nicola Valley Institute of Technology Business Administration

Aama Sa! Anhluut'uk'sim-Gakw niyy. Nisga'a hanak ii Laxgalts'ap wil wigtwiy. Good day! Precious-Swan is my Nisga'a name. I am a proud Nisga'a woman and live in my hometown of Greenville BC. At 30 years young, I have completed my Business Administration Certificate and am working full-time at our Laxgalts'ap Village Government

office during my education journey. Education is a must in my family. I encourage you to never give-up as great opportunities arise as they did with me. I am continuing my journey this fall and I challenge others to continue. Thank-you NRT for your support! T'ooyaksiipNiin. Much Love and Respect!

This scholarship/bursary has opened my eyes about bettering myself as a role-model, inspirational speaker, and as a person. I am VERY thankful for the opportunity that you take your trust in me with this scholarship/bursary. I look forward to the support and will continue on encouraging others to continue with their educational journey. All of my family is looking up to me, supporting me in anyway they feel necessary. Juggling full-time employment and school is a challenge and I love it. Thank you again New Relationship Trust Foundation for this extremely amazing opportunity you are giving me. I will do my best! This is a wonderful opportunity and I will continue to better myself as well as our Nisga'a people. Thanks again!



CHRISTOPHER THIELE
TL'ETINQOX-T'IN FIRST NATION British Columbia Institute of Technology Tech Support Professional

After spending some time learning about the wide world of IT, I have narrowed down my career choice to working for a company that does managed service providing, as that would provide the broadest range of experience and challenge me to constantly keep learning. I am so grateful to have had the opportunity to go back to school while still being able to pay the bills. It's been incredibly rewarding and fulfilling.



CHRISTOPHER WEALICK
TZEACHTEN FIRST NATION British Columbia Institute of Technology CNC Machinist Technician

My name is Chris Wealick. I am a member of the Tzeachten First Nation in Sardis, BC. I am enrolled in a two-year program at BCIT: the CNC Machinist Technician course. The BCIT program leads to a Red Seal apprenticeship certificate, which will take a total of four years to complete. I have completed level one and am starting on level two. Level two

is a co-op term, where I will be placed with a company that works in the industry. I am looking forward to this term as it puts my newly learned skill to work. My goal is to complete the apprentice program, get my Red Seal and possibly start my own business.



BRANDI WESLEY
KWAKIUTL BAND
John Casablanca Institute
Makeup Artistry

I am starting school at John Casablanca Institute and will be partaking in the makeup program. I currently have a certificate in hair dressing as well. I found a love in the beauty industry and have found myself in it as well. I hope that in future I can be a big part of the industry and do amazing things. I love waking up and doing something I truly enjoy. Making people feel special or beautiful is truly a great feeling. I can't wait to see what my future will bring.



AUDREY WILBY
NISGA'A VILLAGE OF GITLAXT'AAMIKS
Northern Lights College
Education Assistant

My name is Audrey Wilby. I'm Nisga'a from the community of Gitlaxdamix. I'm a mother of three boys, two step-daughters and a PROUD grandma. My goal is to finish off my Education Assistant Program Certificate and work in the field of education. My long-term goal is to work in the school district and share the knowledge that I have gained in my schooling to bring forth the children.

Thank you NRT Foundation for this opportunity to further my goal to move ahead in my education to bring to my community and build a future in the education field.



TARA WILLIAMS
TAKU RIVER TLINGIT
SAIT Polytechnic
Petroleum Engineering Technology

I am in my second year of the Petroleum Engineering Technology program. The program opens up many avenues to pursue in the petroleum industry. My interest in the industry increased from my employment as a chemical technologist for an oil and gas service company. My goal, upon graduation, is to work in the operations side of the industry. I also really enjoy my reservoir engineering classes and may one day head in that direction. Eventually, I would like to pursue a career as an Aboriginal liaison between First Nations and oil and gas companies to help create a good working relationship.

I would like to thank the NRT Foundation for the support I have received this school year. The bursary award helps alleviate some of the financial stress of post-secondary education and is greatly appreciated. Gunalchéesh!



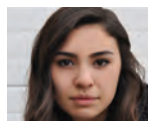
HELEN WILSON
KWAKIUTL BAND
Visions Learning Centre
Hair Artistry

I am a mature women that has been employed with my Band now for 20 years. I have always been a very responsible and reliable employee. I feel that I have been given the opportunity to pursue my long-time dreams and goals of becoming a certified hair dresser. I feel it is time to make a career change and I believe that I am a good candidate, someone that loves meeting new people and I would have fun and help them not only look good but feel great about themselves. I also love new fashion and trying new beauty products in hair or skin.



ROBERT WILSON
GITSEGUKLA BAND
Camosun College
Carpentry Level Two

The personal goals that I have are almost the same as my career goal. I am going into the third and fourth level in Carpentry, and by 2015 I will have my Journeyman Certificate. This is a career goal, but is also my personal goal because I am doing this for my newly growing family. The motivation I have to complete this course positively impacts my quality of work towards perfection, and is brought out in my finished projects.



NOELLE YOUNG
TZEACHTEN BAND
The School of Toronto Dance Theatre
Contemporary Dance

I have currently finished my first year of university at The School of Toronto Dance Theatre and will be going into my second year this coming fall. I love the art of contemporary and modern dance. Therefore, having the opportunity to go to such a prestigious school will only help me to improve and polish my technique as a dancer and as an artist. After I graduate from the school, my goal is to be accepted into a professional contemporary dance company.

Thank you so much NRT Foundation!

UNDERGRADUATE



CATHERINE ADAMS
NISGA'A VILLAGE OF LAXGALTS'AP
Nicola Valley Institute of Technology
Bachelor of Social Work

My name is Catherine Adams, and I am mature student, mother of five and grandmother of three. I am from the Nisga'a Nation, and hail from the House of Nagwa'uun and belong to the Wolf Clan. I am a second generation residential school survivor. I just received my diploma in Family and Community Counselling at Native Education College in 2013. I discovered my passion and self while taking that course and became confident in myself and excelled. I am starting my fourth and final year in my BSW program this fall.

Going back to school was a major life altering experience for me. I discovered my passion—culture and families, and wanting to be an effective helper. My goal is to work in a proactive, preventative way that helps heal individuals, families, and communities from the negative effects that colonization has had upon them. I am feeling very grateful, and supported by the NRT Foundation for awarding me this scholarship. The stress of being so far away from my family support is very stressful for a single parent. I felt the stress melt off my shoulders when I read that I had won a scholarship. Thank you NRT Foundation.



PAUL BEEVOR-POTTS
STS'AILES FIRST NATION
University of Calgary
Bachelor of Actuarial Science

I was born and raised in Salmon Arm, BC, lucky enough to grow up in such a great community. I recently graduated from high school and look forward to starting my university years at the University of Calgary. I will be studying actuarial science there and I look forward following graduation to move into a career in finance, banking or an insurance path. I look forward to meeting new friends and getting involved with intramural sports at the University of Calgary.



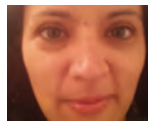
RILEY BONSHOR
DZAWADA'ENUXW FIRST NATION
University of British Columbia
Arts

I just graduated from Semiahmoo Secondary and was elected valedictorian of my grad class. I have a keen interest in studying the various subjects the Faculty of Arts has to offer. In my free time I like to volunteer for a good cause, play sports such as tennis, read a good book, and hang out with my friends. I cannot wait for the new experiences that await me at UBC!



DANIELLE CLINGWALL
LAX'KW'ALAAMS BAND
University of the Fraser Valley | Bachelor of Arts, Criminology and Criminal Justice

My name is Dani. I am currently a volunteer for the Mission RCMP Victim Services and a practicum student at Am'ut Program with Elizabeth Fry Society of Greater Vancouver. I strive to do my best in my education because I understand its value for the future. I do not know what I want to do in the future as far as a career goes, but I know I want to be happy. My goal is to find what I love and do that, and I know my education will take me there.



VIOLET CROSS
SKIDEGATE BAND COUNCIL
Capilano University | Bachelor of Early Childhood Care and Education

Hello, I'm of Haida/Italian ancestry. My clan is the Eagle/Frog Staastas Clan of old Masset. My vision and educational goal is to complete my Bachelor of Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) degree at Capilano University. Afterwards, open up my own daycare back home on Haida Gwaii. Thanks to the NRT Foundation scholarship I'm able to better manage my finances as a student and single mother. I look forward to graduating from the ECCE degree program and moving back home in two years.



ASHLIE DANIELS
CANIM LAKE INDIAN BAND
Thompson Rivers University
Bachelor of Social Work

My name is Ashlie Daniels. I am 22 years old and I have a three year old son. I recently graduated from the Human Service Diploma Program. Our family is moving to Kamloops so I can continue my studies in the Bachelor of Social Work. Once I graduate from the program I will go out into the field and gain experience. Eventually, I would like to return to school to do the master's program.



KEGAN BELINA

GITWANGAK

British Columbia Institute of Technology
Bachelor of Business Administration

I graduated from the two-year BCIT Diploma of Technology in Business Information Technology Management Program, with distinction, and I am thrilled to be entering my third year as an undergraduate, Bachelor of Business Administration student. I will graduate with a BBA degree in 2015. I take pride in being First Nations, and I do my best to promote success for all Aboriginal people. I plan to put my skills in business and information technology to good use in my career, and I hope to blend in my passion for Aboriginal early childhood care and education mentorship as I move forward in my career.

It is absolutely incredible what organizations like NRT Foundation are doing for the Aboriginal community. One of the most challenging obstacles in the way of student success is financial limitation. With scholarship programs like this, students are able to remove that barrier, and focus on what matters most: our education. I will have to take more academic English courses to increase my vocabulary, so I can find the words to truly show my appreciation to NRTF. "Amazing, incredible, fantastic" is all I have now, and I feel that is a huge understatement. Thank you so much to NRTF for everything you do; hopefully, one day, when I have graduated and ready to enter the workforce, I, too, can work for an organization that supports and promotes success for Aboriginal students in BC. Thank you!



TREVOR DAY
BONAPARTE INDIAN BAND
 Nicola Valley Institute of Technology
 Bachelor of Social Work

My name is Trevor Day, I have English, Chinese and Secwepemc ancestry. I'm entering my third year of the Bachelor of Social Work Degree Program at NVIT in Merritt, BC. My goal is to work in Aboriginal community development within my traditional Secwepemc territory. I grew up on Haisla territory in Kitimat, BC and have spent the last 11 years on Lkwungen and WSÁNEĆ territory in Victoria, BC. I'm happy to move back to the Interior and connect with my Nlaka'pamux relatives and to eventually move to Tk'emlups. I'm very appreciative of this award from the New Relationship Trust Foundation.



TRYSTAN DUNN-JONES
PACHEEDAHT FIRST NATION
 University of British Columbia | Native
 Indigenous Teaching Education Program

My name is Trystan Dunn-Jones. I am from Pacheedaht First Nation located in Port Renfrew, BC. I graduated from Edward Milne Community School in 2014. I am a first year student at the University of British Columbia enrolled in the Native Indigenous Teaching Education Program. I am pursuing my dream to complete my Bachelor of Education to become an elementary school teacher. I enjoy sports, hiking, and traveling. I'm looking forward to meeting new people and making new friends. I've been awarded the NRT Foundation scholarship in the category of undergraduate and I greatly appreciate the support provided.



DEREK EPP
TZEACHTEN FIRST NATION
 University of the Fraser Valley
 Bachelor of Social Work

I will be completing my Bachelor of Social Work by April 2015. Upon graduation I plan on working in child protection within the Stó:lō Nation where I will begin to give back to my community through supporting children and families. I have a long term goal of opening an on-reserve group home for at-risk, First Nation youth. This is where I believe I can truly make an impact within my home community.

I would like to thank the NRT Foundation for supporting me through my education journey. This scholarship has allowed me to focus on my studies and I am thankful for the opportunity this program has provided.



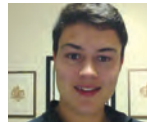
TYLER EPP
TZEACHTEN FIRST NATION
 University of the Fraser Valley
 Bachelor of Social Work

I am currently in my final year of the Bachelor of Social Work Degree Program at UFV. This has been an amazing journey for me and I look forward to beginning my career as a child protection worker at Stó:lō Nation in my home community. I plan on working in my community for a number of years and going back to university to complete my master's before the age of 30. I am excited to have the opportunity to give back to my community.



ROWAN FORSETH
SEABIRD ISLAND BAND
 Simon Fraser University
 Business

I am Stó:lō and member of the Seabird Island Band. I grew up in a small town on Vancouver Island called Coombs. I eventually left my hometown to embark on a journey of finding my individuality. During these times I developed a drive to get more involved with Aboriginal relations, and to work towards improving the well-being of our Aboriginal communities. I plan to continue my education at Simon Fraser University in business to equip myself with the right skills to embark upon new opportunities to change our world for the better.



COHEN ISBERG
SKIDEGATE BAND COUNCIL
 University of British Columbia
 Arts

I am a young Aboriginal student who, through hard work and dedication, has earned the honour of attending the University of British Columbia. As a Haida student I have dedicated much of my time in the pursuit of knowledge and have delved into my Haida culture and traditions. Currently I am working towards my bachelor's degree, majoring in either economics or organization behaviour and human resources. Once I have attained my bachelor's I will either exit school and start my career or continue my schooling and pursue my master's degree in consulting and strategic management.



CHRISTINE JOHNSON
OLD MASSETT VILLAGE COUNCIL
 Simon Fraser University
 Archaeology

I am a fourth year Haida student studying archaeology at Simon Fraser University. Although this was not my intended career path, I have found that it is something that I am truly passionate about; I enjoy learning about the past and what it has to teach us in the present. I have one year left to finish my under-graduate degree. After that I hope to continue my education by pursuing a graduate degree in anthropology or history.



LUCY HEMPHILL

GWA'SALA-'NAKWAXDA'XW NATIONS

University of British Columbia
Arts

Much of my childhood was spent exploring the coast. As an adult I spent three years travelling. During my travels I saw the damage done by colonization. I came home wanting to make a difference in my own community. I started by studying natural nutrition. Then I started a community garden on reserve. A year

later, with the help of the Elders, I started a nutrition program and Good-Food-Box program. The purpose of these programs was to revitalize traditional foods practices and make healthy food accessible. I'm studying at UBC with the aim of facilitating change on a broader scale.

I'm incredibly grateful to the NRT Foundation. I wouldn't have embarked on this journey had NRTF not awarded me the bursary that enabled me to study nutrition three years ago. Now through this scholarship NRTF is enabling me to acquire the skills and knowledge needed to affect change on a broader scale. I never thought I could afford to study at UBC. Thank you for making this possible.



LAURA LEASK
LAX KW'ALAAMS BAND
University of Northern British Columbia
Education

I am a wife and a mother of three young children. I am currently enrolled in the Bachelor of Education Program with the University of Northern British Columbia. Once I finish this program I plan to teach at the elementary school level. I want to be able to incorporate our First Nations' culture into the classroom, help build the culture into curriculum and help educate our First Nations' children. Living away from my family is financially challenging and I am very thankful to be awarded this scholarship. It will help in so many ways.



CANDICE LORING
GITWANGAK
University of British Columbia Okanagan
Management

I am a proud mother of two boys, and I am in my third year of management at UBC Okanagan. I dropped out of school in grade ten, and believed university was an unattainable dream. At age 27 I decided to return to school, and have never looked back. I am the co-president of the UBCO Indigenous Student Association, and work at the university as an Aboriginal Peer Support Mentor. I am so grateful for this generous scholarship I have been awarded, and know that it will provide the financial security necessary to enable me to excel in my academics.



GEOFFREY MARTYNUIK
SKIDEGATE BAND COUNCIL
University of Victoria
Engineering

Hello, my name is Geoffrey Martynuik. I was born and raised on Haida Gwaii. For the next chapter of my life I will be attending the University of Victoria in pursuit of an engineering degree with the final goal of becoming a professional engineer.



HANNAH MORALES
COWICHAN TRIBES
University of Ottawa
English Major, History Minor

I hope to one day be a teacher. I have had wonderful teachers in my life who have taught me to love learning, and I cannot wait until I am able to do that for other students. I was on a study abroad for a semester last year and it opened up the world to me. It challenged me both intellectually and in the way I viewed the world. It also showed me how my education can take me places. I would also love to be able to teach English abroad one day because of this experience.



JOEL MORALES
COWICHAN TRIBES
University of Ottawa
Spanish and Business Administration

My name is Joel Morales. I am from the Cowichan Valley and am entering my final year of undergrad at the University of Ottawa. I have studied both Spanish and business administration during my time in the capital. After I have completed my studies I plan to work in business. I would like to one day run my own business.



ZAKARY MYERS
FORT NELSON FIRST NATION
Vancouver Island University | Bachelor of Education Post-Baccalaureate Elementary

I wish to thank the land and our ancestors for allowing me to be where I am today. My name is Zakary Myers and I am a Band member of the Fort Nelson First Nation. I have just recently graduated from Vancouver Island University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in First Nations Studies and Anthropology. I am currently pursuing a Bachelor of Education Degree while focusing on integrating Indigenous ways of being and knowing into BC's public education system. My dream is to witness future generations bring our ancestor's ways of being back to life in its fullest capacity.



JEFFREY NICHOLLS
LAX'KW'ALAAMS BAND
University of Victoria | Political Science Honours, Indigenous Studies Minor

My name is Jeff Nicholls and I am from the Ganhada, Raven Clan of the Tsimshian Nation. I study political science and Indigenous studies at the University of Victoria. I volunteer extensively with the Friendship Centre movement and I currently sit on the Executive Committee of the BC Association of Friendship Centres. I love being out on my ancestral lands and have worked as a guide in Tsimshian territory fishing, hiking, and kayaking. I am very grateful for the support of my family, friends and the New Relationship Trust Foundation in furthering my educational journey.



CORA PARNELL
OLD MASSETT VILLAGE COUNCIL
University of Northern British Columbia
Bachelor of Education, Elementary Years

Hello! My name is Cora Parnell and I am 24 years old. My family is of Haida ancestry, originating from Massett, Haida Gwaii. However, I was born and raised in Prince Rupert, BC. I completed my Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology at the University of British Columbia in May 2013 and went straight to the University of Northern BC in September 2013 to work towards my Bachelor of Education. My career goal has always been to become an elementary school teacher, and by April 2015, I will finally become one!



ANDREW PHILLIPS
MUSQUEAM INDIAN BAND
 Trinity Western University
 Bachelor of Arts

I plan to complete my Bachelor of Arts from Trinity Western by spring 2016. My major is political studies and this upcoming spring I have applied to study at my university's extension program at the Laurentian Leadership Centre in Ottawa. If I am accepted I will be taking three courses and working as an intern hopefully with any of these three: a Member of Parliament, a Cabinet Minister, or even the Assembly of First Nations. Politics has always interested me, whether local, provincial or federal. My goal is to continue schooling after my undergrad and then pursue a political career.

Last year the scholarship gave me the opportunity to continue university without having to take out student loans, which I greatly appreciate. It helped me live comfortably during school while working full time was not an option. Again, this scholarship will help me pay for my tuition, books, and supplies. Thank you NRTF for your support and generosity.



LAURA PHYPERS
LOWER KOOTENAY INDIAN BAND
 University of Lethbridge
 Native American Studies

My name is Laura Phipers ("she who the spirit sings through") and I come from the Lower Kootenay Indian Band and I am a proud Ktunaxa Indian. I am currently striving to attain a law degree by completing first an undergraduate degree in Native American Studies and then attending Law School directly after. I am very passionate to help address the issues surrounding the child welfare system and the impacts it has on Aboriginal families, youth and children. I have a promised articles position at an Aboriginal law firm based in central Alberta upon completion of the law degree.

I am so very grateful for this scholarship. It is scholarships like this one that allow for Aboriginal students who struggle financially to pursue their dreams. I have been so blessed to receive this scholarship and I really feel I am on my way to success with the assistance of this foundation. I cannot express my gratitude enough.



SIENNA RICHARDSON-ISBERG
SKIDEGATE BAND COUNCIL
 University of British Columbia
 Sauder School of Business

My family and community on Haida Gwaii have greatly contributed to my success in university. I grew up in Haida Gwaii, BC. My mother is Haida and my father is Icelandic. I am a member of the Ts'aalth Eagle Clan. During my third year of university I studied at the Stockholm School of Economics in Sweden, as a part of our school exchange program. I am currently in my fourth year of my undergraduate degree and am studying marketing. This year I was excited to be chosen as the Health and Wellness Coordinator for our faculty sports committee.



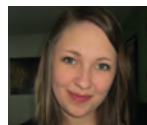
NICOLE SAM
LOWER NICOLA INDIAN BAND
 Arizona State University
 Global Studies

I am currently entering my third year of studies at Arizona State University to pursue a degree in Global Studies. This career works towards providing opportunities to work with and improve the livelihood of others. Upon completion of my bachelor's degree, I wish to volunteer in work related to human rights in Canada then later volunteer internationally. I am Nlaka'pamux and Navajo, belonging to the Lower Nicola Indian Band in Merritt and the Navajo Nation from Whitecone, Arizona. My interest in global studies is to experience endless opportunities and to contribute as much as I can in the work ahead of me.



CLAYTON SCHROEDER
TZEACHTEN FIRST NATION
 University of British Columbia
 Business Management

I am a 22-year-old UBC student working towards my degree in business management. I am from the Tzeachten First Nation, a member of the Stó:lō Nation. My family, friends and foundations like the NRT Foundation have supported me throughout my educational journey. I am very grateful for their support, and it inspires me to continue towards my career and personal goals. I hope to find a career where I can apply my knowledge in a way that benefits First Nations people.



JESSIE STIRLING
WEI WAI KUM FIRST NATION
 University of British Columbia
 Bachelor of Arts

My name is Jessie Stirling and I'm a member of the Wei Wai Kum (Campbell River) First Nation. I am a second year student at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, and I am studying within the Faculty of Arts. My main focus is political science, and I plan to declare my major in this field of study. My hope is to begin law school after I've completed my undergraduate degree, where I intend to focus my studies in First Nations law.



MARSHA THERRIEN
OLD MASSETT VILLAGE COUNCIL
 Camosun College | Bachelor of Business
 Administration—Accounting Major

I became interested in business after owning my own small business back home, decorating custom cakes. I have learned a lot about the financial side of business in my program. After completing two summers of work experience, my current area of interest is operational efficiency within organizations. My plan right now is to finish my degree, and then work on becoming designated as a Certified Public Accountant. I would like to get experience in public practice in a firm that offers business advisory services. Then, I would like to use what I learn to help businesses back home become more successful.



KAYLA UREN
SQUAMISH NATION
 Simon Fraser University
 Bachelor of Arts—Communications

My name is Kayla Uren. I am the great granddaughter of the late Chief Simon Baker and daughter of Angela Uren. My first year at Simon Fraser University was successful. I completed the Explorations—Arts and Social Sciences Program, designed for first year students. My second year will be focused in the Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology. My educational goals include completing a Bachelor of Arts degree with a focus in communications, public relations and marketing in the fashion industry. I want to have a successful career that I look forward to doing each day.

I want to thank the NRT Foundation for supporting my goals and aspirations. This scholarship will enable me to be a positive role model with strength, determination, and education.



TAYLOR WHITNEY
XAXLI'P
 University of British Columbia
 Bachelor of Commerce

I have just started my first year at UBC's Sauder School of Business with the intention to specialize in accounting and international business. After my bachelor's degree I will be applying to a joint Juris Doctorate and MBA program which will allow me to succeed in our modern international market. With these goals in mind, I hope to be a role model for the future generation of Aboriginal youth and my peers.

MASTERS



JACKSON CRICK
XENI GWET'IN FIRST NATION
 University of British Columbia
 Juris Doctor

I grew up hunting and gathering food and respecting our relationship to the land. Over the years I've witnessed Indigenous peoples' struggle to prevent the destruction of our land. Understanding the law will be one of the steps I can take that will help work toward the goal of Indigenous sovereignty. I would like to thank the NRT Foundation for supporting me in my studies, without which it would have been a financial hardship. I'd also like to thank the FNHA for a great summer contract job. And, I'd like to thank the Manuelistas for giving me political and spiritual guidance.

It's a relief to be able to accept a scholarship that doesn't make me feel as though I'm compromising my values to finance my education.



NICOLE IACI
KWANTLEN FIRST NATION
 University of British Columbia
 Juris Doctor

I am a proud member of Kwantlen First Nation. 'Kwantlen' means 'tireless runner,' and I very much feel that this best describes both myself and my home community. I am pursuing a career in law as I believe that this will best enable me to help contribute to my Nation's growing capacity as a leader in economic development, cultural revitalization and self-governance. After working with my First Nation this summer, I am feeling more positive than ever about my future as an Indigenous lawyer and leader among my community.



ROBYN KRUGER
PENTICTON INDIAN BAND
 University of Victoria
 Education—Curriculum and Instruction

An Interdisciplinary visual and performance artist, I am an award winning stop-motion photographer for my media arts short video projects and am developing my credentials as an arts educator. I facilitate art workshops for K-12 and recently for undergraduate level students at the University of Victoria and am currently featured in several community and collective exhibitions. I will be receiving my Graduate Studies MA Education in designing curriculum in 2015 from the University of Victoria. My art-based research is geared towards inclusive creative learning inspired by Indigenous pedagogy.



DUANE NODDIN

TZEACHTEN FIRST NATION

University of Alberta

Science—Biology and Ecology

I have a passion for leading an active, outdoor lifestyle. It is rewarding to watch a moose calf and mom walk through the boreal, just as it is to sit on the edge of a ridge top and watch the coming of a new day. Recently I sat on a bluff overlooking Lac de Gras, in

the North West Territories, soaking up the cool onshore breeze. This is where I do research, and this is why I study biology. Being a biologist gives my life balance with the outcome being meaningful work and promoting positive change in the world.

I thank my extended family, who offered encouragement, and helped guide me to this opportunity and others. I thank NRT Foundation. With this funding, much of the financial challenges of being a father while going to school will be relieved. This is very meaningful to me and I am truly thankful.



DESIREE LOUIE
ULKATCHO FIRST NATION
University of Victoria
Juris Doctor / MA in Indigenous Governance

My name is Desiree Louie. I am the mother of three young sons. We belong to a large family in a rural community. Like many rural Native communities, ours experiences socio-economic factors that have a disproportionately negative effect on the state of families and health. Recognition of this led me to pursue a concurrent degree between a Juris Doctor, and Master of Arts in Indigenous Governance at UVic. I hope to bring what I've learned home and, through advocacy and empowerment, to encourage our community to reassert the importance of our traditional governance structures that can ultimately lead to community wellness.

I feel very fortunate to have received this scholarship. It will go a long way toward ensuring success in my educational endeavours. Attending institutions far from home with a family of young children is challenging at best, and support in all forms are greatly appreciated. This scholarship will not only enrich my educational experience, but also that of my children. Thank you.



DOREEN MANUEL
NESKONLITH INDIAN BAND
University of British Columbia | Fine Arts—
Film Production and Creative Writing

I am from Secwepemc/Ktunuxa First Nations and am a graduate of the Capilano University Aboriginal Film and Television Program (AFTP) and Thompson Rivers University Bachelor of Arts degree program. I am currently attending the Master's Degree of Fine Arts Film Production program at UBC. I am the recipient of the Governor General of Canada Bronze Medal Award for academic excellence. I have worked as a news correspondent, story producer, episode director, assistant studio director, co-host program coordinator of a university film studies program and in various community development roles. I come from a long line of First Nations oral historians and factual storytellers.



SHERIDAN MARTIN
GITANMAAX BAND
Wilfrid Laurier University
Social Work

Education is freedom! Thanks to New Relationship Trust Foundation, I am able to focus on my studies more so than finances. As a student, finances are scarce at the best of times, but the NRT Foundation has alleviated a substantial

amount of the stress related to a student's financial needs during the year. I give heartfelt thanks to Wilps Dawa muux (my mom). A huge appreciation and much love to my Mom and three adult children who were my cheerleaders throughout the past four years! The next year will bring a new journey to Ontario's Wilfrid Laurier University.



VANESSA MITCHELL
OKANAGAN INDIAN BAND
University of British Columbia
Multidisciplinary Studies

Wai', my name is Vanessa Mitchell and I am an Okanagan—St'at'imc woman. For the past 20 years, I have worked within urban and on-reserve organizations involving youth, Elders, leadership and grassroots initiatives. My professional aspiration is to establish meaningful partnerships in order to foster change in the health and well-being of our current generations to positively impact our future generations. To be successful, I believe we must begin by looking at ourselves and considering how we can influence and impact decision-making, for it is the individual who creates the family and the communities we live in.



CASANDRA PUCKETT
TAHLTAN FIRST NATION
Wilfrid Laurier University
Social Work—Aboriginal Field of Study

Over the past four years, I have gained insight into the field of social work and the impact it has had on Indigenous people. As I carry forward to the MSW - Aboriginal Field of Study program at Wilfrid Laurier, I am excited at the prospect of utilizing Indigenous teachings, worldviews, and methodologies into mainstream social work. It is my goal to help mainstream society to understand the importance of culture, identity and traditional teachings for Indigenous people. I believe that through culture and a sense of self there are no limits to what one can achieve in life.



BARBARA WILSON
SKIDEGATE BAND COUNCIL
Simon Fraser University
Education

I am Barbara Wilson. My personal and career goals are to inspire our young people to learn our Nation, our lands, oceans and resources of Haida Gwaii as well as our obligation to make our world better than we have found it. I am so honoured to be chosen as a recipient of your scholarship. This will help me to fulfill my dream of paying forward and honouring the place I occupy in this world. Haawa, haawa, haawa.

DOCTORATE



JORDAN ABEL
GINGOLX VILLAGE GOVERNMENT
Simon Fraser University
English

I am a Nisga'a writer, and my goal is to teach Creative Writing and English. I have chapbooks published by JackPine Press and Above/Ground Press, and my work has appeared in numerous magazines and journals across Canada including Prairie Fire, EVENT, ARC, The Capilano Review, Grain, and Canadian Literature. I am an editor for Poetry Is Dead magazine and the former editor for PRISM International and Geist. My first book, *The Place of Scraps*, was published by Talonbooks in 2013, and was shortlisted for the Gerald Lampert Memorial Award and was the winner of the Dorothy Livesay Poetry Prize.

My sincerest thanks for all of your generosity. The New Relationship Trust Foundation Doctoral Scholarship will be exceptionally helpful on my continuing journey towards my career goal.



CLIFFORD ATLEO
AHOUSAHT FIRST NATION
University of Alberta
Political Science

My Nuuchahnulth name is Chachim'multhnii and my Tsimshian name is Kam'ayaam. I am from Ahousaht, Kitselas and Kitsumkalum. I am completing my final year of my PhD as the 2014–2015 Henry Roe Cloud Fellow at Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut with my wife, our son and another baby on the way. My research focuses on economic alternatives to neoliberal capitalism rooted in Nuuchahnulth values and principles. In particular, I am interested in efforts by Nuuchahnulth families to re-connect to our ancestral lands and waters.

I am grateful to the New Relationship Trust for their support throughout my academic career, the Ahousaht First Nation, my family and houses (Tlaakishpilt and Nishaywaaxs), my academic peers and mentors and of course my loving and supportive wife and our patient son. I am honoured to receive so much support to conduct research that I feel is important to our communities and our futures as strong Indigenous nations and families.



SKA-HIISH MANUEL
NESKONLITH INDIAN BAND
University of British Columbia
Electrical Engineering

My name is Ska-Hiish Manuel and I am a Secwepemc Nation member. With the support of my family, community and educational institutions, I have completed three university degrees. I am in my first year at UBC Vancouver in the PhD program in electrical engineering. With my education, I look forward to applying technology to the limited factors of production on reserve to raise the standard of living for Aboriginal peoples. I would like to thank the NRT Foundation for the doctorate half scholarship. This scholarship is supportive for myself and all Aboriginal students to continue at the graduate level.



MICHAEL SCOW
NAMGIS FIRST NATION
University of Victoria
Indigenous Governance

Uy'skweyul/Gilakes'la! My name is Mick Scow and I am Kwakwaka'wakw and Snuneymuxw, representing the Scow and Good families respectively. My wife Carla and I are raising our two children, Addyson and Oliver, on our coastal homelands. My research is focused on Indigenous masculinities and manhood, as well as on fatherhood and parenting. I hope to teach at the university and community levels, focusing on youth engagement. I am honoured to hold the NRT Foundation doctoral scholarship and I look forward to sharing my findings within my community and along the coast.



SAYLESH WESLEY
SKOWKALE FIRST NATION
Simon Fraser University
Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies

Éy Swayel (Good Day), My name is Ms. Saylesh Wesley and I am Xwélmexw (a citizen of the Stó:lō Nation) on my mother's side, and Tsimshian on my father's. I currently reside in Chilliwack BC, located in the heart of Stó:lō territory and I am registered with the Skowkale First Nation. My work continues to harvest the ancient knowledge that pertains to the unknown two-spirited stories of the Coast Salish. Given that I am a trained educator, I will continue to "share back" anything two-spirited in nature with the teachings I locate, regenerate and re-create in a future faculty teaching capacity.



DAWN SMITH

EHATTESHT CHINEHKINT FIRST NATION

University of British Columbia

Educational Leadership and Policy

My family name is Sii-yaa-ilth-supt. I am Nuu-chah-nulth from Ehattesaht (Smith family) and WSA NEC from Tsawout (Claxton family). Entering the third year of doctoral studies, I am in the process of completing my comprehensive exams before moving on to the research proposal and dissertation. My research interests include leadership and

contributing to Indigenous self-determination through decolonization. Given the generosity afforded to me during my doctorate I would like to give back to our people, particularly on Vancouver Island, by securing a leadership role in areas related to education (teaching), policy and governance.

I would like to take this opportunity to raise my hands to the NRT Foundation and say a big kleco, kleco (thank you)! Recognizing the number of doctoral applicants I feel honoured to have been selected for this distinguished scholarship. I am grateful to NRT for the opportunity to continue my studies with less financial stress and more time to study (read, write, edit)! Kleco!



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