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## Message from the CEO

**Greetings,**

The National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation (NAAF) continues to effect exciting and timely work on the national stage as we all hunker down for the winter season and the flurry of activities that it brings.



We are thrilled to announce that the 2010 NAAA Recipients have been chosen. A national announcement was made, followed by the presentation of our exceptional 14 award recipients to the House of Commons in Ottawa on November 17, 2009.

Our education division was primed and ready to inform and enthuse our young people from throughout Saskatchewan about their futures and the importance of education at our Blueprint for the Future Career Fair held in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan on November 10th. More than 600 students and chaperones filled the TCU place with extraordinary energy and excitement.

As we forge forward with exciting plans for 2010 NAAA broadcast on March 26th in Regina, we also pause to honour and celebrate the successes of last year's 2009 NAAA show held in Winnipeg. The outstanding broadcast was very deservedly nominated for a Gemini for 'Best Performance or Host in a Variety Program or Series' category. Proudly, NAAF attended the live awards in Calgary on Nov. 14th.

We are pleased to announce that all this extraordinary activity will be accessible on our newly refreshed and focused website. We encourage everyone to check out the new website at [naaf.ca](http://naaf.ca) - whether it's past recipients or education deadlines, you'll be able to handily maneuver the past, present and future that is the National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation.

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**Roberta Jamieson  
President and CEO  
National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation**



## BMO Capital Markets and NAAF open the market at TSX Stock Exchange

The National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation along with BMO Capital Markets opened the market to raise awareness to help increase education funds for First Nation, Inuit and Métis students across Canada. On September 23, 2009, all of the institutional equity trading commissions earned across North America were donated directly to organizations that improve access to education and this includes the National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation.



The National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation invited Peggy Simon, a BMO Equity Through Education student to open the market at Toronto Stock Exchange tomorrow.

Peggy Simon is Anishinabe from M'Chigeeng First Nation on Manitoulin Island. After 10 years of being out of school, she returned to pursue her Business Diploma. Simon will be graduating in January 2010 and aims to continue her education at the Laurentian University Business Program.

"In today's society you need to have the educational background to succeed in the workplace. Like the old saying goes, 'everything comes full circle.'

Equity Through Education has raised a total of \$6.6-million since the launch of the special trading day program in 2005. This translates into assistance to over 2,000 students through scholarships, bursaries and job search strategy forums.

Visit [naaf.ca](http://naaf.ca) for full press release.

## Saskatoon hosts Canada's largest Aboriginal Career Fair

The National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation (NAAF) delivered a successful Blueprint for the Future (BFF) national student career fair to over 600 Aboriginal youth who came from across Saskatchewan to the city of Saskatoon to interact with career professionals, collect educational resources, and see dynamic entertainment.



Taking place November 10 at the TCU Place, Saskatoon's Arts and

Convention Centre, Métis singer/songwriter and actress, Andrea Menard emceed the event and Saskatchewan Moosamin First Nations recording artist Joey Stylez performed a dynamic set of his latest musical hits.

Potential employers were invited from a wide range of professions - including government sector, private, trades, new technology - to operate info booths, carry out presentations, interact with students, and provide educational materials. Over its 10 year history serving 32, 000 students, this unique and dynamic opportunity has proven time and again its ability to get youth one step closer to fulfilling their dreams.

"It was very useful because I'm a grade 12 student who is making a transition in the fall to university. This career fair has opened my mind and given me more information and opportunities," said one student.

For more information, please visit our [website](#).



## NAAF launches newly designed, fresh and focused website



The National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation (NAAF) is excited to announce the launch of our next generation website; a newly designed, interactive and focused [naaf.ca](#).

The streamlined design fits the needs of students and supporters looking to utilize all of the services NAAF has to offer. The website includes greater interactivity, providing easier access to program information, bursary and scholarship applications.

Visitors will have greater access to models in the field of education, such as the popular 'Industry in the Classroom' modules, a series designed to increase awareness for Aboriginal youth about career opportunities in the Canadian workforce.

Videos, blogs, job board postings, and online polls engage visitors in a variety of ways, utilizing interactive tools such as Web 2.0 platforms that allow users to connect to social networks like Facebook, YouTube and Twitter.

"We are thrilled with the new website which encourages even more interaction between NAAF and our students and supporters," said Roberta Jamieson, President and CEO of the National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation.

Visit [naaf.ca](#) to see the newly designed website.



## Recent Bursary Recipients

### Karen Aglukark

*Inuk*

*Nunavut*

*First year of a four year Bachelor of Arts program at the University of Guelph*

"I want to achieve everything possible, so that I can come to Nunavut and say that this is why I could do it, these people, this culture."



### Micheal Conway

*Métis*

*Manitoba*

*First year of a University I program at the University of Manitoba*

"I believe that the more Aboriginal students can become nurses, doctors, and other health care providers, the sooner we will begin to see an improvement in the health status of Aboriginal people."



[2009/2010 Scholarship Recipients](#)

## Fast Forward >>

### An update with NAAA Laureate

*John Arcand*

*2003 Arts Award Recipient*

John Arcand the 2003 National Aboriginal Achievement Award recipient for the Arts & Culture is the undisputed "Master of the Métis Fiddle".

Originally from the Debden - Big River area of Saskatchewan, John makes his home on acreage southwest of Saskatoon. He started playing fiddle at the age six, with coaching from his Father and Grandfather and by age twelve he was playing for dances.



John has spent his lifetime promoting and preserving the traditions of Fiddle Métis and Dance and old time fiddling. His contribution to the music world encompasses the preservation of these traditions, and his on-going efforts to offer a venue where all of this can be seen, appreciated and shared - The John Arcand Fiddle Fest. Held annually on the second weekend of August on his acreage, the John Arcand Fiddle Fest has become one of the major fiddle events in Western Canada.

His proudest achievements include being selected as one of 27 people worldwide to represent Western Canada at the Fiddles of the World Conference in Halifax in 1999. Being chosen as a delegate in an Irish/ Métis Cultural Exchange in 2001 where he played for and met the President of Ireland. And, of course playing for and meeting the Queen at the Lieutenant Governor's Centennial Gala in Saskatoon in 2005.

His passions for the preservation of the Métis Traditions, old time fiddling and work with youth have been recognized by his peers. On his being honoured with the 2003 National Aboriginal Achievement Award (NAAF) for Arts and Culture, Chartrand stated, "Receiving the NAAF Award was special to me, as it was an honor to be recognized by my people, and it will always be one of the proudest achievements in my musical career".

Other awards include a Lifetime Achievement Award for his "Outstanding Contribution to Old Time Fiddling." from the Canadian Grand Masters in 2003 and in 2004 the Lifetime Achievement Award in the Inaugural Lieutenant Governor's Saskatchewan Arts Awards. In 2005 the Province of Saskatchewan honoured him with the Saskatchewan Centennial Medal, and in the spring of 2006 he received the Cultural Diversity and Race Relations "Living in Harmony" Award from the City of Saskatoon. In April of 2008, he received the Order of Canada - our country's highest civilian honor.

A prolific writer having composed over 350 original tunes, John has made fifteen recordings to date, and still plays and records the Traditional Métis tunes of his father and grandfather as well as those he continues to research, learn and pass on.

With a lifetime of accomplishments and a busy schedule John is still happiest and most at home with a fiddle in his hand.

For NAAF recipients, visit [naaf.ca](http://naaf.ca).

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A rectangular advertisement with a dark brown background. On the left is a circular logo with a stylized design. To the right, the text "Job Board" is written in large, bold, yellow letters. Below that, in smaller yellow text, it says "EMPLOYERS - Post your jobs!" and "STUDENTS - Fill these jobs!". At the bottom right, in even smaller white text, are the email addresses "communications@naaf.ca" and "naaf.ca".

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## NAAF nominated for two Gemini Awards

The National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation attended the Academy of Canadian Cinema & Television 24th Annual Gemini Awards Industry Gala October 20 for the nomination of



'Best Achievement in Main Title Design.' The opening title design was created by Boyan Stergulc for the 16th Annual National Aboriginal Achievement Awards broadcast.

The National Aboriginal Achievement Awards hosts Adam Beach and Tina Keeper were also nominated in the 'Best Performance or Host in a Variety Program or Series' category, that took place on November 14th in Calgary, Alberta during the live broadcast of the Geminis.

"This is an honour to be nominated for two Geminis for the outstanding show this year," said Roberta Jamieson, President and CEO for the National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation who is Executive Producer of the annual awards show. "Our dedicated team worked very hard this year in creating one of the most vibrant and professional shows we have ever produced."

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