



NATIONAL ABORIGINAL ACHIEVEMENT FOUNDATION



VISION STATEMENT

Enriching Canada by Advancing
Aboriginal Achievement

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The National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation's mission, working in partnership with Aboriginal, private and public sector stakeholders, is to promote, support and celebrate the achievement of Canada's Aboriginal Peoples.

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The summer months are some of the busiest at the National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation as we continue to work towards enriching Canada by advancing Aboriginal achievement. Great strides are continually being made to ensure that First Nations, Métis, and Inuit youth are given the widest possible range of opportunities for success. In fact, our jury is now in the process of selecting Aboriginal post-secondary students who will be receiving NAAF bursaries and scholarships to help them achieve their educational goals. I am happy to report that this year over 1395 recipients were given \$5, 035, 250 in post-secondary funding from the Foundation.

We also recently had two successful launches for the National Aboriginal Achievement Awards in Edmonton and Toronto. I highly recommend that you visit naaf.ca/nominate to download a nomination form and nominate an aboriginal role-model in your community.

Nya weh!

Roberta Jamieson

NEWS: NAAF President and CEO urged for equitable funding guarantee for First Nation students as an investment in Canada's future

Roberta Jamieson, President and CEO of NAAF appeared before the Senate Committee on Aboriginal Peoples on June 15 to lay out the Foundation's response to the tragic crisis of so few First Nations, Inuit and Métis students going on to high school and graduating as compared to non-aboriginal students.

She also drew the Committee's attention to the fact that for those who do graduate, there are not enough sufficient financial resources available so they can obtain post-secondary and trades training.

JULY



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

NEWS: 2011 NAAA Nomination Call Launched in host city, Edmonton and Toronto



**NAAF President & CEO,
Roberta Jamieson and CIBC
President and CEO, Gerry
McCaughey**

On June 8, NAAF launched its 2011 nomination call for the National Aboriginal Achievement Awards (NAAA) in Edmonton, AB, which will be hosting the 18th annual NAAA, and held a second launch for the NAAA in Toronto in the CIBC Building in Toronto, ON. The launch provided a great prelude to the eventual celebration of Aboriginal achievement that will be taking place in Edmonton on March 11, 2011.

"We are bringing the message across the country that we want First Nations, Metis, and Inuit communities throughout Canada to nominate their achievers, so that we can acknowledge and celebrate them at the 18th National Aboriginal Achievement Awards in Edmonton," said Roberta Jamieson, President and CEO of NAAF. "The Awards give us the opportunity to recognize the achievements of 14 extraordinary Aboriginal leaders in Canada, who are inspiring examples of commitment, courage, and community spirit."

Nominating an achiever is easier than ever this year with a nomination form easily available on NAAF's website at naaf.ca/nominate. Nomination deadline is September 22, 2010.



NEWS: Blueprint for the Future in Prince George

Hundreds of Aboriginal students descended on the Prince George Civic Center in Prince George, British Columbia on May 11, for the National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation's (NAAF) Blueprint for the Future (BFF) career conference.

The conference was exciting for all the students in attendance, who were thrilled by the dynamic workshops and presentations that clearly laid out for them post-secondary options and possible career paths in the technology, trade, government, and corporate sectors.

The Prince George conference was hosted by entrepreneur, promoter, and media personality Suzette Amaya, while entertainment was provided by hip-hop performer Joey Stylez, who got the kids moving to his latest hits.

"This fair has been great, inspirational, and has shown me to go forward in my schooling," wrote one Aboriginal student who attended.

The closing ceremonies were enjoyable and memorable for the students as NAAF distributed five laptops and two students received scholarships from NAAF worth \$500 each.

Please visit our [website](#) for more information on Blueprint for the Future Career Fairs.





BLUEPRINT 

For the future

Aboriginal Youth Career Fair

EDMONTON, ALBERTA
TUESDAY, OCT 26, 2010
 THE SHAW CONFERENCE CENTRE
 REGISTRATION DEADLINE
 OCTOBER 8, 2010
 VISIT [NAAF.CA](http://naaf.ca) TO REGISTER

FEATURE: NAAF Bursary and Scholarship Recipients



Promotion Name

CHRISTINE CREYKE
First Nation
British Columbia

Masters degree in Natural Resource and Environmental Studies (NRES) at UNBC

Due to the abundance of exploration/mining companies within our backyard and the overwhelming hurt my people are feeling I decided to continue my studies at the masters level with a Masters degree in Natural Resource and Environmental Studies (NRES) at UNBC. I know that by educating myself, both in traditional ways and western ways, I will help my people stay strong and culturally significant.

The National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation provided me with a scholarship in 2008 that helped me carry out my masters field research. Since my research is focused in the North and I attend University in Prince George, it was rather costly to travel back and forth from UNBC to my home communities to conduct interviews. The scholarship has contributed to the success of my research and I would like to thank the NAAF for all the support you provide to Aboriginal students across Canada.

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Promotion Name

ELIZABETH KEEPER
Métis
Manitoba

Second year of a three-year Bachelor of Science program at the University of Manitoba

I am currently working towards a general degree in order to apply to the Faculty of Dentistry. I grew up in Winnipeg's inner city and have seen the experience many of the difficulties in life that result from poverty. Winnipeg's inner city has a high aboriginal population and the majority of the community lives below the poverty line. There is a need for change in the neighborhood and I want to use my education to positively influence the lives of those in my community.

For more information on NAAF's bursary and scholarship recipients, visit our [website](#).



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Looking for a summer job? Ask us how you can get access to job postings from a variety of employers across the country.

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FAST FORWARD: NAAA Laureate Update



Muriel Stanley Venne **Law & Justice - 2004**

Muriel Stanley Venne, a Métis born in Lamont, Alberta, is the President and Founder of the Institute for the Advancement of Aboriginal Women (IAAW). Her tireless work as an advocate for social justice in the Aboriginal community and her efforts to raise awareness about the issue of violence against Aboriginal women has been an inspiration to Aboriginal people throughout Canada.

She served as Director of Native Outreach for 10 years, providing employment opportunities for Aboriginal workers. She was also a Director on the National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation's Board and is a lifetime member of the Canadian Native Friendship Centre. In September 2008, she was elected Vice President of the Metis Nation of Alberta. In addition to her responsibilities with IAAW, she sits on the Board of Directors for Accessible Media, which provides reading and voice print services to the visually impaired.

Mrs. Venne is the recipient of numerous awards. In 2005, she was made a member of the Order of Canada, received the Governor General's Commemorative Medal, and also the Alberta Government Centennial Medal. In February 2007, she was honoured as a Woman of Vision by Global Television. In November 2007, Canadian Ambassador to the UN John McNee cited her as a "Human Rights Defender" in recognition of her work with Aboriginal children, women, and families.

Visit our [Laureate page](#) on our website for additional NAAA recipient bios.

NATIONAL ABORIGINAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS



National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation
NOMINATE SOMEONE TODAY
FOR A NATIONAL ABORIGINAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
Deadline - Sept 22, 2010 Visit naaf.ca for more info

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