



*Le Conseil Scolaire des Premières Nations en Éducation
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**THE FIRST NATIONS ADULT EDUCATION SCHOOL COUNCIL
ANNOUNCES SIX NEW BURSARIES FOR ADULT LEARNERS ACROSS
THE PROVINCE**

Adult learners across the province will be able to apply for six new bursaries this year, two of which will be awarded to students who demonstrate their engagement to their Indigenous language.

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Kahnawake – May 28, 2019 – At a press conference held at the Business Complex in Kahnawake this morning, the First Nations Adult Education School Council (FNAESC) announced three new sponsorships enabling them to offer four new bursaries to students across the province. A new profit generating branch at the FNAESC will also sponsor two local bursaries in memory of student Catherine Pinette and Trustee Kevin John Papatie. A total of \$4,000 in bursaries will be awarded to adult learners.

Fabien Lamothe, the new president of the First Nations Adult Education School Council explained that two new corporate sponsors: MNP and Desjardins, will offer a grant of \$1,000 each to students who demonstrate engagement to learning and promoting their Indigenous language. One student studying in English and one student studying in French will be awarded a bursary in the fall.

Mr. Martin Legaré, from the Aboriginal Savings Corporation of Canada is located in Wendake announced that ABSCAN would award two \$500 bursaries to students who completed their Attestation of Collegial Studies in Housing Management. This program, also supported by the FNAESC, helped 18 individuals obtain their attestation and nine more are preparing to graduate this fall.

Center Directors from Lac Simon and Uashat mak Mani-Utenam shared stories about the student and Trustee who will be remembered through local bursaries to be awarded at their centers this spring. Ms. Catherine Pinette was a devoted student whose life was taken too soon in an accident two years ago. A \$500 bursary will be awarded in her honour in Uashat mak Mani-Utenam. Mr. Kevin John Papatie was a founding Trustee of the First Nations Adult Education School Council and had returned for another mandate when his life ended tragically on route 117 just outside of Val d'Or. A \$500 bursary will be awarded in his honour in Lac Simon.

“Returning to school after many years with the objective of bettering yourself and being a model for your children, your family and your community is quite a feat. We wanted to give adult learners the opportunity to earn a bursary to help them achieve their goals. It is exciting to have three partners willing to encourage adult learners as well and thank MNP, Desjardins and ABSCAN for their support.” Rola Helou, Executive Director of the FNAESC.



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The First Nations Adult Education School Council was created by the First Nations Human Resources Development Commission in 2012 to support the opening of culturally relevant regional adult education centers in First Nations communities throughout Quebec. Adult general education services are currently offered in Kahnawake, Kanasatake, Lac Simon, Val d'Or, Uashat mak Mani-Utenam, Listuguj, Montreal and Gesgapegiag, in both English and French in addition to offering language and culture courses from the Nation where the center is located.

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