



MÉTIS EDUCATION
FOUNDATION

2021-22 MÉTIS EDUCATION
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**ANNUAL
REPORT**
TO THE COMMUNITY

Métis Scholar Award Recipient Mikaela Kykkanen



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MÉTIS EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Established in 1991 by the Métis Nation of Alberta (MNA), the Métis Education Foundation (MEF) was incorporated as a non-profit charitable foundation with the goal of improving education outcomes for Alberta Métis. In 2006, the MNA and the Rupertsland Institute predecessor (the Labour Market Development Unit – LMD) began to capitalize the MEF and started the process of negotiating Métis endowments with post-secondary institutions across Alberta with funds derive from the Federal Indigenous Labour Market Program. Today the Métis Education Foundation holds an endowment portfolio with a market value approaching \$30 million dollars, and supports 20 post-secondary and two MEF internal endowments.

MEF BOARD MEMBERS

MEF is governed with a four-member Board of Directors that is made up of the Executive Committee of MNA Provincial Council. The Board meets as needed and generally at least once every quarter to consider matters placed before it by RLI such as new or changes to endowment agreements, reports from post-secondary institutions on the endowments, proposed amendments to these agreements where appropriate, and any other business hat may arise.



Audrey Poitras
MNA Provincial and Executive President



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MNA Provincial and Executive Vice President



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President, Region 3
MNA Treasurer





IN MEMORY OF CECIL BELLROSE

On Saturday, August 26, 2021 the Métis Nation of Alberta lost a dedicated, and long-time servant of the Métis people, as Cecil held public office from 1996 to 2018 as an elected member of the MNA provincial council. During that time, Cecil served initially as Vice-President of MNA Region 4 and then spent the rest of his time as the Region 4 President where he was known to represent his Region in a collegial and forthright manner. Cecil also served many years as a Métis Education Foundation Board member dedicated to improving the educational outcomes for Métis citizens.

Cecil was at the forefront of Métis Harvesting rights in Alberta and worked tirelessly for the Citizens of the Métis Nation as the portfolio holder of Métis Rights for many years. Over time, Cecil also became the patriarch of the Métis Nation Constitution where he took great pride in representing the MNA at the regional, provincial, and national level, and maintained that same level of enthusiasm for his dealings in business and negotiations with industry.

The Métis Nation of Alberta and Métis Education Foundation would like to express their gratitude to Cecil. He leaves behind a legacy of integrity, leadership, kindness, and Metis pride, and was an eager and zealous representative for Métis self-governance.



A YEAR IN REVIEW 2021-22

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This is going to help so much and further my education in Early Childhood.

- Renee Marie Greene

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Wow, thank you so much for this award. I am truly grateful for the support from Rupertsland Institute to assist me in completing my Doctor of Nursing Program at Aspen University. I am the first in my family to attend higher education (my father had to quit school in grade 9 to work on the farm, and my mom did not go to post-secondary either). I hope that over my career I can use my education and roles to create opportunities for other Metis people like myself. Thank you again, I truly appreciate this kind award.

- Kimberly Dawn Hogarth

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Kinanâskomitin mistahi
(you are thanked greatly by me!)

- Lisa Dawn Richards

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INTERNAL MÉTIS SCHOLAR AWARDS

The Métis Education Foundation Métis Scholar Awards are distributed to Alberta Métis citizens studying outside of Canada as well as within Canada at post-secondary institutions that do not hold MEF endowments, students pursuing unique athletic and artistic opportunities and Early Learning and Child Care programs.

The Métis Scholar Awards program disburses the proceeds of endowment investments from each partnered post-secondary institution and funds individual Alberta Métis citizens through Metis Scholar Awards. Since inception, the Metis Scholar Award program has provided over \$8 million to over 2000 citizens.

2021-22 MÉTIS SCHOLAR AWARD RECIPIENTS



CHRISTINA OLER

Open Studies Pursuing Nursing
Red Deer Polytechnic



DIANNE DE FERRARI

Practical Nurse Diploma
Red Deer Polytechnic



JENNIFER ROURKE

Addictions and
Community Counselling
Sundance College



BRENDAN HAMILTON

Bachelor of Design
Alberta University of the Arts



KIRT FORTNEY

Business Administration,
Sports Business
University of Oregon



EMMA ROSE KEAY

Doctor of Medicine
Harvard Medical School



MIKAELA KYKKANEN

Master of Arts in Counselling
Psychology Degree
Yorkville University



REBECCA MCBRIDE

Bachelor of Kinesiology
Red Deer Polytechnic



MADELAINE MCCRACKEN

Doctorate of Education
University of Ottawa



PRISCILLA GALLAGHER

Environmental Technology
Keyano College



TIANA SLOAT

Addictions & Community
Services Worker Diploma
CDI College



AMY DECHaine

Indigenous Bachelor of
Social Work
Blue Quills University



JASMINE AMBER BROWN

Bachelor of Science in
Nursing Program (BSN)
Red Deer Polytechnic



PAYCEN BJORKLUND

Math and Statistics
Concordia University Montréal



TRENT ELLIOT BONNEAU

Masters of Science in Health
Psychology also a Compassionate
Inquiry psychotherapy program
(separate from the Masters program).
The University of Derby, Derby, England



KIMBERLY DAWN HOGARTH

Doctor of Nursing Practice
Aspen University



LISA DAWN RICHARDS

Master of Arts
Blue Quills University



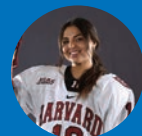
REBECCA LAARZ

Master of Counselling
City University of Seattle



ETHAN PAULIN-HATCH

Sports Management
Lindenwood University



TAZE THOMPSON

BSc. in Cognitive Neurology
Harvard University



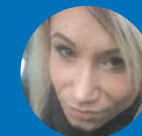
KENDRA JOHNSTON

Liberal Arts and Sciences
General Studies/Criminal Justice
Suny Morrisville University NY



JAMIE MACKINNON

Chiropractic
Life Chiropractic College West



NICOLE AMBER TAYLOR

Medical Office Administration
CDI College



PARIS RAYE PIRANI

Master of Arts- Interdisciplinary
Studies with a focus in Work,
Organization and Leadership
Athabasca University



KENDALL SEMOTIUK

Bachelor of Child and Youth Care
MacEwan University



RENEE GREENE

Early Learning Child Care Certificate
Portage College

MÉTIS SCHOLAR AWARDS

The Métis Scholar Awards program disburses the proceeds of endowment investments from each post-secondary institution and funds individual students through the Métis Scholar Awards. Under this program, students can access support in the years before the final year of their post-secondary studies. Once students reach the final two semesters of studies, they can be eligible for funding through RLI's Métis Training to Employment program. Since inception, the Métis Education Foundation has awarded more than \$7.4M and provided 1,865 Métis Scholar Awards.

This year \$854,700 was awarded to 182 Métis Scholars at our post secondary partners. Because the Métis Scholar Awards program is created in partnership with post-secondary institutions, the endowments and awards are administered directly by each post-secondary institution.

ENDOWMENT GROWTH

In 2021-2022, three new partnerships were formed adding \$1,875,000 to the endowment portfolio as follows: Keyano College with a \$1,000,000 endowment, Red Deer Polytechnic with a \$525,000 endowment, Olds College with a \$350,000 endowment.

2020/2021* Métis Scholar Award Endowment Chart

Endowment	Original Date Established	MEF-RLI Contribution	Post Sec or Partner Contribution	Total Endowment Amount	2021 Market Value
MacEwan University	2008	1,750,000	1,000,000	2,750,000	3,997,872
University of Alberta**	2008	3,250,000	2,000,000	5,250,000	5,845,919
NorQuest College**	2008	625,000	375,000	1,000,000	850,000
NAIT	2009	1,300,000	1,070,000	2,370,000	3,502,977
Portage College	2009	1,000,000	1,000,000	2,000,000	1,278,529
Northwestern Polytechnic****	2011	250,000	250,000	500,000	405,021
University of Calgary	2012	1,500,000	750,000	2,250,000	3,351,848
Mount Royal University	2012	250,000	250,000	500,000	760,504
University of Lethbridge***	2012	500,000	500,000	1,000,000	1,319,662
Lethbridge College**	2013	250,000	250,000	500,000	531,255
Athabasca University	2014	250,000	250,000	500,000	554,225
Northern Lakes College	2015	375,000	125,000	500,000	121,756
Lakeland College	2015	400,000	100,000	500,000	526,690
Bow Valley College**	2015	250,000	200,000	450,000	488,889
MEF Endowment Trust Fund	2015	2,000,000	n/a	2,000,000	2,635,000
Medicine Hat College	2018	170,000	30,000	200,000	130,000
SAIT	2018	500,000	250,000	750,000	765,097
Concordia University	2018	250,000	250,000	500,000	247,500
ELCC Endowment Trust Fund	2020	1,500,000	n/a	1,500,000	1,400,000
Keyano College - Pending	2021	500,000	500,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Red Deer University	2021	350,000	175,000	525,000	525,000
Olds College	2021	250,000	100,000	350,000	350,000
Total Contributions/Market Value		17,470,000	9,425,000	26,895,000	30,587,744

* Reporting is lagged 1-year to due to post-secondary fiscal-years ending beyond this reporting period

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**** Latest data from 2019/2020 fiscal year, previously called Grande Prairie Regional College

2020-2021 MÉTIS SCHOLAR AWARDS DISBURSEMENTS

Institution	Total Funds	Total Number of Awards
MacEwan University	81,000	17
University of Alberta	244,000	25
NorQuest College	13,500	8
NAIT	114,000	25
Portage College	30,000	10
Northwestern Polytechnic***	6,000	3
University of Calgary	85,000	14
Mount Royal University	25,200	7
University of Lethbridge	47,500	13
Lethbridge College	14,000	4
Athabasca University**	7,500	3
Northern Lakes College	11,200	6
Lakeland College	18,000	6
Bow Valley College	10,000	2
MEF Endowment Trust Fund	94,000	19
Medicine Hat College	8,000	2
SAIT	9,000	3
Concordia University	2,500	1
ELCC Endowment Trust Fund	10,000	6
Keyano College - Pending	-	
Red Deer University - Pending	-	
Olds College - Pending	-	

Dear Métis Scholar Awards selection committee,

Thank you for choosing me for this award and your generous support with the Métis Scholar Awards. It truly makes a difference, being supported by organizations like Rupertsland is a key to ensuring my educational and career dreams come true.

I have a sense of pride in my community and myself and I am ensuring by working hard that I maintain a high-grade point average. Having this chance to go to post-secondary will not be wasted on me, I will learn everything I can to ensure career success in the future.

I am currently in my second year at NAIT. My program choice of a Bachelor of Business with a concentration on Entrepreneurship and Innovation is in line with my career aspirations. This semester I excelled in my classes, Strategic Management and Small Business Management, receiving great marks of A- and B+ this is a good indicator that I am on the right path.

My future aspirations are to be able to work in business that has a component of social or community enhancement. After attending high school with a heavy sports focus I learned many skills, through the hockey and golf programs I attended during my earlier years of schooling. Someday I would like to provide Métis youth the opportunity to grow personally from exposure to sports. One idea I have is to start a sponsored golf program that funds Métis youth to learn to golf, creating future golf mentors that will in turn teach and inspire their friends and family.

In closing again thanks very much for investing in me and I will continue to work hard, to grow interest on your investment in me, and I look forward to my future career in Business.

Sincerely,

Steele Bailey
NAIT Business Student 2022

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Note - Due to the reporting timelines for the Metis Education Foundation Report to the Community Endowment and Award information is based on the 2020/21 academic year.



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