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May 20, 2004

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This award is yet another jewel in your crown of distinguished accomplishments and please accept my best wishes on this special occasion.

Sincerely,

Phil Fontaine
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On behalf of the Government of Saskatchewan, I am pleased to offer my warmest congratulations to you on receiving the Athol Murray College of Notre Dame's Humanitarian Award.

Through your commitment to Aboriginal history, you have helped to bring a more accurate historical perspective to the history of Canada and First Nations people. This prestigious recognition is a tribute to your academic work, and I regret that I cannot be with you to help celebrate your success.

Again, congratulations, and best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lorne C.".

*Lorne Calvert
Premier*



**A Message from Her Honour
The Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan
in Recognition of Dr. Olive P. Dickason
Athol Murray College of Notre Dame
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I am delighted to extend greetings on behalf of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Queen of Canada to everyone assembled in recognition of the extraordinary Dr. Olive P. Dickason.

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Dr. L.M. Haverstock
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*Dr. Olive P. Dickason
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Dear Dr. Dickason:

I wish to offer my sincere congratulations to you on receiving the Athol Murray College of Notre Dame's Humanitarian Award.

Your contributions to Canadian historiography have been instrumental in securing a truer view of Canada's First Nations and the role they played in the development of our country. These valuable achievements are, indeed, commendable and appreciated.

My personal best wishes to you in your future endeavours.

Sincerely,



*Hon. Ralph Goodale, P.C., M.P.
Wascana
Minister of Finance*





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This tribute is a concrete expression of the admiration and respect that your professional achievements and your dedication to First Nations have elicited over the years. Your groundbreaking studies on the history of Canada and its Aboriginal peoples, as well as your many contributions to the community at large, make you most deserving of this honour.

I join with your family and many friends in commending you on a life marked by professional excellence. Please accept my best wishes for continued success.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Paul Martin".

Dr. Olive P. Dickason





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May 24, 2004

Dr. Olive Dickason
#808 – 500 Laurier Ave. W.
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Dear Olive:

What a delightful weekend we had together with our “*Hounds*” and Debby and I. You are such a worthy recipient of the Humanitarian Award and further, a fine inspiration for our students and Alumni. All of that and such fun too. Thank you for honouring the College and our home with your presence on campus.

I hope your journey to Ottawa wasn't too tiring. Debby and I will be sure to send to you that wonderful book of Murray MacDonald's and the “nail file!!” That was something that you had to give over your nail file at the security entrance. At least you can take comfort in the fact that the authorities are thorough in their duty at airport gates. We will send along in the package a CD with the coverage of the humanitarian evening as well.

As we discussed, if it is at all possible, the College would love to have your books and personal papers for its library. I can see now the “*Dr. Olive P. Dickason First Nations Research Room*” and Jim Williams and I have even discussed where we would put the volumes in a specially built room at the entrance of the current Library. Jim has said he will add his Inuit carving collection to the room as well. The books themselves are a treasure, but, in my opinion, your story of becoming a scholar is equally as valuable to history and our students -- and your personal papers reveal that story.

The College would be responsible for the transportation of any materials and we would assist in the cost of providing you with help in sorting out your papers.

We will await your decision eagerly.

Debby sends her warmest personal regards as do I,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Terry O'Malley".

Terry O'Malley
President



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June 23/84.

Dear Mr. Mickson,

Enclosed are two letters to add to your folder. We had given you faxed copies. These are the originals.

We sure had a great time and enjoyed the evening. I have to get copies of the pictures from the dinner to send you. I hope to do that before the summer is over. Time goes by so quickly that it's fall before you know it.

Hoping this letter finds you in good health.

Sincerely,

Yvonne Schmalz
Alumni Office