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GDI Celebrates 3rd Cohort of Master of Education Grads

By James Oloo

It seems like yesterday when 25 individuals gathered together at Gabriel Dumont Institute in Prince Albert to start their first day of a two-year Community-based Master of Education class. Exactly two years later, the same individuals gathered at Prince Albert Golf and Curling Club to celebrate the completion of their studies.

Congratulations to our third graduating cohort, the Class of 2019, which includes Joanne Berg; Jennifer Brown; Caitlin Crawford-Morley; Suzanne DePeel; Heather Carter; Darcie Eschyschyn; Amanda L. Fisher; Joel Hamilton; Tristan Hayunga; Elisa Hryniuk; Leanne Jordan; Joseph Kaufhold; Kari Korczak; Lazar Lafleur; Rebecca Lafond; Jodi Lentendre; Tracy Mckay; Bonnie Novotny; Rayanne Patterson; Kristin Pawliw; Christine Quennelle; Angela K. J. Rancourt; Shauna St. Amand; Robyn Stanford; and Megan Walsh.

To celebrate their achievements, Gabriel Dumont Institute held a reception for the graduates and their loved ones on July 25, 2019, where we had a number of faculty and staff who have been integral to the program's development express their congratulations to the graduates.

Almost all the graduates are teachers at schools in the Prince Albert Area. Many knew each other or had common friends before they came to Gabriel Dumont Institute. When asked what they liked about the program, which is offered by Gabriel Dumont Institute in partnership with the University of Regina, many of the graduates mentioned "smaller classes" and the "cohort system," in which the whole class start the program together and graduate together as a group. One said, "We have been a family for the past two years. I have learned a lot from my classmates. Even after graduation, we will maintain a strong professional learning network."

Suzanne DePeel described the Master of Education program as "Amazing!" Caitlin Crawford-Morley pointed out that because the program is offered at an area with a big Indigenous population, "it has provided me with a culturally responsive pedagogy that not only benefits me, but will also enable my students to be successful."

Megan Walsh liked the fact that the program is offered locally in Prince Albert thus expanding access for students who are working as they don't have to travel or leave work to enroll in the program. Megan asserted,

"The program used instructional scaffolding technique which involved breaking down learning objectives for each class into manageable steps, and providing adequate support throughout the programs."

The program employs a cohort-based system which enables students, usually bachelor of education degree holders who are working as teachers, to take same classes together. The focus in cohorts allows for students to think independently and engage in innovative learning while the continuity it presents could result in more effective supports and success for students. The Class of 2019 included a cohort of 25 students who started the program in the summer of 2017. They all plan to attend the fall 2019 convocation at the University of Regina later this year.

The Master of Education program head Michael Relland congratulated the graduates and thanked families and friends who were in the audience for their "support, sacrifice, and guidance," noting that he was "so proud of this program and seeing the students grow and develop. We have always believed in the importance of making a positive change for ourselves, our students, and our country as we take steps towards reconciliation."

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Gabriel Dumont College

DTI Launches New HETT Certificate Program

By Daniel A. Downs



Bonnie Novotny is congratulated by the Master of Education Program Head Michael Relland (left) and Director of Finance Cory McDougall at a graduation celebration event to honour the Class of 2019

There are certain milestones in every program that are generally celebrated. Be it the graduation of the first cohort of students, the achievement of a decade of programming, or a student achieving perfect attendance in a program. There is always cause to celebrate success in what is achieved.

This year marks a new milestone in the Dumont Technical Institute's Heavy Equipment Truck and Transport (HETT) program in Prince Albert. With the generous support of both of our primary program partners – the Saskatchewan Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure and Gabriel Dumont Institute Training and Employment, Dumont Technical Institute was able to procure and purchase the equipment necessary to run a Full Certificate HETT program, rather than our existing Applied Certificate program.



Michael Relland (left) and Cory McDougall congratulate Shauna St. Amand on her successful completion of the Master of Education program
Photos by James Oloo

For over a dozen years, Dumont Technical Institute has, in partnership with the

Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure and Gabriel Dumont Institute Training and Employment, offered the six month Applied Certificate HETT program in Prince Albert. This program was considered to be an Apprenticeship Level 1 pre-employment program, having students complete training and earning hours towards their Level 1 requirements.

With the addition of new training equipment and the continued commitment of the Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure and Gabriel Dumont Institute Training and Employment, Dumont Technical Institute will now be offering a Full Certificate program in Prince Albert. The new 10-month program will provide both Level 1 and Level 2 Apprenticeship training equivalency for students, allowing them to complete training, commence employment, and not have to go back for leveled training until their third year.

One of the key additions to Dumont Technical Institute's training roster that allowed for the transition to a Full-Certificate program was the

purchasing of a new skid-steer. With a sizeable financial contribution by Gabriel Dumont Institute Training and Employment, Dumont Technical Institute purchased, restored, and enhanced for training a 2011 Takeuchi TL230 Series 2 skid-steer. This skid-steer has several unique properties that make it ideal for training, including easy access to vital systems, and a track system that mirrors much larger pieces of equipment.

This indispensable equipment will serve our students for years to come, and will be an invaluable tool in enabling the students to reach their career and academic goals.

On behalf of Dumont Technical Institute and the Heavy Equipment Truck and Transport program, I would like to express a heartfelt appreciation to Gabriel Dumont Institute Training and Employment and the Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure for their commitment, continued support, and partnership. As we have noticed over the years, effective partnerships make for better programming. 🌐

Master of Education Graduation ...

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Dumont Technical Institute's new skid-steer loader
Photo by Daniel Downs

The fourth cohort of 24 students commenced the Master of Education program in July 2019. As we congratulate the graduating class, we would like to extend a warm welcome to the Class of 2021 and wish them well in their studies.

Just over 70 students have graduated from the Master of Education program to

date. While the program is relatively new, Gabriel Dumont Institute has played an important role in advancing Indigenous teacher education in Saskatchewan since its own founding 40 years ago. The Institute's Saskatchewan Urban Native Teacher Education Program (SUNTEP), offered in Regina, Saskatoon, and Prince Albert in partnership with the

University of Regina and the University of Saskatchewan, has graduated more than 1,300 Indigenous teachers. And, in the fall of 2019, the inaugural class of the newly established Northern Indigenous Teacher Education Program (NITEP) – to be delivered by Gabriel Dumont Institute in partnership with the Lac La Ronge Indian Band – will start their studies in Air Ronge, Saskatchewan. 🌐



MN–S Announces \$89M in New Post-Secondary Education Funding

These are exciting times for the Métis Nation–Saskatchewan (MN–S) as it makes progress in meeting the post-secondary education needs of Métis across the province. On July 19, 2019, the MN–S President Glen McCallum and Education Minister Dr. Earl Cook announced \$89 million in new post-secondary education funding for Métis students. The funding was received through the national Métis Nation 10-Year Education Strategy.

The Strategy identifies three critical areas for federal investments in Métis post-secondary education: direct financial support for Métis post-secondary education students; increasing Métis Nation education governance capacity; and support for post-secondary education student services to be delivered primarily through the MN–S's post-secondary educational institution, the Gabriel Dumont Institute of Native Studies and Applied Research.

The online portal to enable Métis post-secondary students to submit their applications for funding is available at:

<https://gdins.org/career-and-employment/sponsorship/university/>.

The new funding will help empower Métis students to overcome barriers to accessing post-secondary education. Until now, there has been a significant gap in post-secondary attainment levels between Métis and non-Indigenous populations in Saskatchewan. This is due, in part, to inequities in the way that the federal



PRESS RELEASE

Friday, July 19, 2019

For Immediate Release

MÉTIS NATION–SASKATCHEWAN ANNOUNCES \$89 MILLION POST-SECONDARY FUND

Batoche, Saskatchewan – Métis Nation–Saskatchewan (MN–S) President Glen McCallum and Minister of Education Dr. Earl Cook announced a new 10-year, \$89 million post-secondary fund specifically for Métis students.

The new post-secondary fund provides direct financial support for Métis post-secondary students in the form of tuition, books and living allowance. In addition, the fund will support student services and increase education governance capacity at the post-secondary level. Student funding and services will be delivered primarily through Gabriel Dumont Institute (GDI) of Native Studies and Applied Research (GDI) an arm of MN-S.

“We know that there is a significant gap in post-secondary education attainment levels between Métis and non-Indigenous populations in Saskatchewan. We have heard from grandparents, parents, students and youth that this is a priority and we raised the issue with our federal government partner that included our solution and we have achieved that. This is an important moment for our Nation and its citizens and our collective future,” said President Glen McCallum, “As a government we remain committed to prioritizing the needs of Métis students. The funding announced today is key to building the diverse professional educational levels required by the citizens of the Métis Nation.”

“As the education arm of the MN–S, GDI is widely recognized for its capacity and its reputation for providing services to the Métis of Saskatchewan and creating awareness and sharing knowledge on Métis history, culture and education,” said Dr. Earl Cook, Education Minister and chair of Gabriel Dumont Institute Board. “There is so much research that correlates post-secondary education as a critical factor in closing the socio-economic gap between Métis and non-Indigenous populations.”

In the coming weeks GDI will launch an online portal for Métis post-secondary students to submit their applications for funding at www.gdins.org.

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government supports the post-secondary education needs of Indigenous students which has resulted in the exclusion of Métis students from funding available to other Indigenous students.

However, in its 2016 decision on *Daniels v. Canada* (Indian Affairs and Northern

Development), the Supreme Court of Canada affirmed that Métis are included in section 91(24) of the Constitution Act, 1867, and that any systematic exclusion of Métis from federal policy and programming represents a failure on the part of the Crown to honour its fiduciary responsibility to the Métis Nation under Canada's Constitution. 



GDI Calls For Order of Gabriel Dumont Nominations

By James Oloo

This month, Gabriel Dumont Institute announced the call for nominations for the Order of Gabriel Dumont – to be awarded to individuals who have served or continue to serve the Métis of Canada with distinction. The award, which is made to any deserving person whether they are Métis or not, has three categories:

The Order of Gabriel Dumont Gold Medal recognizes those who have distinguished themselves with outstanding service to the Métis, usually based on lifetime achievements and service.

The Order of Gabriel Dumont Silver Medal honours those who have made a significant contribution to the Métis.

The Order of Gabriel Dumont Bronze Medal honours current and former Gabriel Dumont Institute students who have distinguished themselves through their perseverance, community involvement, and overall student performance.

Nomination form for the Order of Gabriel Dumont awards is available online at <https://gdins.org/metis-culture/the-order-of-gabriel-dumont-call-for-nominations/>

Note that the deadline for nominating a deserving person is October 31, 2019.

The Order of Gabriel Dumont was last awarded in 2010 to 23 recipients. These included:

Gold Medal: Clarence Campeau, and Guy Bouvier.

The Order of Gabriel Dumont Silver Medal: Rose Fleury, Elie Fleury, and Sheila Pocha.



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ANNOUNCEMENT

THE ORDER OF GABRIEL DUMONT: AN INVITATION TO SUBMIT NOMINATIONS

The Gabriel Dumont Institute invites you to nominate a person to the Order of Gabriel Dumont.

The Order of Gabriel Dumont is awarded by the Gabriel Dumont Institute to a small number of persons who have served the Métis of Canada with distinction. Recipients of the Order of Gabriel Dumont need not be Métis. The **silver** awards honour those who have made a significant contribution to the Métis. The **gold** awards recognize those who have distinguished themselves with outstanding service to the Métis. In past practice the gold medal has been awarded based on lifetime achievements and service.

The Order is presented in the form of a medal (sterling silver or gold) and a certificate signed by the Officers of the Institute which enrolls the recipient in the Order. The awards will be presented on February 7, 2020 at the Gabriel Dumont Institute's 40th Anniversary Celebration and Cultural Conference.

A nomination form is attached to this announcement. Anyone may submit a nomination. Deadline for receipt of nominations is **October 31, 2019**.

Apply online at:

www.gdins.org

For further information about *The Order of Gabriel Dumont* or the Cultural Conference, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Geordy McCaffrey,
Executive Director – GDI

The Order of Gabriel Dumont Bronze Medal recipients in 2010 were: Jennifer Altenberg; Tracy Arcand; Jennifer Brown; Kaitlin Fendelet; Arrick Forsythe; Helena Goulet; Bruce Janvier; Candace Janvier; Josh Lafontaine; Jacqueline Lavallee; and Theresa Malboeuf.

Other 2010 Order of Gabriel Dumont Bronze Medal recipients included Jenel Markwart; Gerald Nabess; Mike Palmer; Jason Phillips; Martine Smith; Teresa Thrun; as well as Holly Wiberg.



The 40th Anniversary
Celebration & Culture Conference
February 7-8, 2020 in Saskatoon.



MN–S Announces Métis First Time Home Buyers’ Program

By James Oloo

On July 19, 2019, the Métis Nation–Saskatchewan (MN–S) President Glen McCallum and Housing Minister Derek Langan announced a new program to promote home ownership among Métis. Citizens who qualify will be able to access up to \$15,000 towards a down payment for their first home, and up to \$2,500 for closing costs.

The Métis First Time Home Buyers’ Program is a partnership between the MN–S and the Government of Canada. It can be of benefit to Institute employees and graduates. More information is available at <https://metisnation.sk.com/2019/07/19/press-release-mn-s-smedco-first-time-home-buyers-program-mou-ile-a-la-crosse/>.



Metis Nation-Saskatchewan President Glen McCallum, Minister Carolyn Bennett of Indigenous-Crown Relations and MN-S Vice President Gerald Morin
Photo by Arash Rasekhi-Nejad/ courtesy of The StarPhoenix

Payroll Cutoff Calendar, August 2019

By Carmala Thiessen and Veronica Verzonowski

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
				Accounts Payable Cheque/EFT Run	Student Payday Cutoff @ 4:30 for A/P Invoices	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Heritage Day Stat Holiday	Cutoff @ Noon for Aug 16 Student Payroll		Accounts Payable Cheque/EFT Run	Cutoff @ 4:30 for A/P Invs - Timesheets & Payroll Revisions for Aug 15 Payday	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
		Cutoff @ 3 pm for Stop Payments on Student Aug 16 Direct Deposits		Staff Payday Accounts Payable Cheque/EFT Run	Student Payday Cutoff @ 4:30 for A/P Invoices	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Cutoff @ 4:30 for Aug 30 Student Payroll			Accounts Payable Cheque/EFT Run	Cutoff @ 4:30 for A/P Invoices	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	Cutoff @ 4:30 for Timesheet & Payroll Revisions for Aug 30 Payday	Cutoff @ 3 pm for Stop Payments on Student Aug 30 Direct Deposits		Accounts Payable Cheque/EFT Run	Staff Payday Cutoff @ 4:30 for A/P Invoices Student Payday	

Employee contracts due at payroll upon job acceptance
Payroll must receive contracts prior to payroll cutoff date, otherwise the employee will be paid on the following pay period.
MRTS due by the 15th of every month.

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GDI Mission:

To promote the renewal and the development of Métis culture through research, materials development, collection and the distribution of those materials and the development and delivery of Métis-specific educational programs and services.



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