

Student Role Models for February

William — Gr. 11

Saik'uz

"He gets up early and catches the bus to school. Will always has a smile on his face.

He works hard while he is here.

He is friendly with staff and students.."



Matthew — Gr. 12

Nak'azdli Whut'en

"Matthew is concentrating on his final courses towards completion of his Dogwood Diploma.

He is a hard worker and demonstrates great growth in his High School career. He is focused on his goal.



Kasia — Gr. 12

First Nations

"Kasia is a good kid and always does the right thing. She is really working hard in all her classes. She has improved all her grades immensely! Way to go Kasia!"



Navaeh — Gr. 10

Saik'uz

"She is a polite person but can be firm in her beliefs and is wanting to achieve honor roll up to her grade 12th year so she can go onto university."



Athanase — Gr. 12

Lake Babine Nation

"Athanase always puts forth his best effort and is very kind and respectful attitude to everyone. he is always on time for class and willing to participate in all lessons/activities."

Did you know?

That March 8th is International Women's day? It celebrates the achievement of women, raises awareness against biases and encourages action for equality. Have a look at this list of important [Canadian Indigenous women!](#) And read here for [10 young Indigenous women leading the way!](#)

TUESDAY MARCH 8, 2022 INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Will you help #BreakTheBias?

NWAC Honouring Indigenous Women Toolkit

[The Native Association of Canada \(NWAC\) created a printable PDF](#)

resource. The toolkit and guide can be used in classroom setting for all youth to teach traditional values and help foster a sense of pride, and connect youth to their hearts, spirits and sense of self. It aims to understand the traditional roles of community respect, value and honour of indigenous women, girls, and gender diverse people.



Indigenous Students on Facebook

Deadlines for scholarships and bursaries are coming up have a look at [@IndigenousStudents](#) on Facebook! They post upcoming opportunities for Indigenous students for scholarships, bursaries, and internships.





A Profile on Indigenous Leader Jacqueline Ottman

Jackie is the first President of a University in Canada! She is a respected leader in the educational community and has dedicated her life to Indigenous Education.

Misiwaykomiguk paypomwayotung, or Jacqueline Ottmann in English, is Anishinaabe (Saulteaux) from Fishing Lake First Nation. She is the vice-provost of Indigenous engagement and a professor at the University of Saskatchewan, where she previously earned her master's degree and PhD in educational administration. She was also recently appointed as the president of the Canadian Society for the Study of Education, becoming the first Indigenous person to hold this position, and is the founding editor of *Thrivance: journal of Indigenous ways of being, knowing, and doing*. Dr. Ottmann has been recognized as an international researcher, advocate and change-maker whose purpose is to transform practices inclusive of Indigenous leadership, methodologies and pedagogies. She is driven to create schools and communities that foster a deeper sense of belonging and appreciation for Indigenous peoples, their histories, their stories and their ways of knowing and being.

How did your upbringing shape your sense of purpose?

Growing up, I spent a lot of time with my grandmother, Marjorie Kayseas. She was someone who knew our Saulteaux philosophies and cultural practices deeply, she knew how to identify and use medicinal plants, and she understood the day and night skies – she was very connected to the land. She was also lucky enough to not attend residential school and only spoke our Nakawe language. Later in my life, I learned that was possible because she mostly grew up in the forest hidden away from officials who were responsible for taking children from their families in that era. Fortunately, spending a lot of time with her in my early years allowed me to be really immersed in our language and culture. In that, there was the richness of Indigenous philosophy, perspective and practice.

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Helpful Resources and Links

Articles

- [15 Indigenous women to know in Canada– Elle Canada](#)
- [10 young Indigenous women leading the way!](#)
- [10 Indigenous women who are making the world a better place](#)
- [Meet 10 Indigenous women who are following their passions in 2019](#)
- [NWAC Magazine](#)

Links

- [Native Women's Association of Canada](#)
- [Indigenous Women's Issues in Canada– Canadian Encyclopedia](#)
- [Timeline of Influential Indigenous Women– Gov' Canada](#)

