



MANITOBA INDIGENOUS YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

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26th Annual Manitoba Indigenous Youth Achievement Awards Goes Virtual to Honour Youth Across the Province

The Manitoba Indigenous Youth Achievement Awards (MIYAA) planning committee is pleased to announce that despite COVID-19 restrictions, the celebrations will go on virtually in order to honour Indigenous youth and their accomplishments. The planning committee is also proud to announce that our host for the 2021 MIYAA is the River East-Transcona School Division.

The 2021 MIYAA awards will be held online beginning at **5:45 pm**, in five sessions, on the following dates (full schedule to be released):

- **January 28th** -
- **February 25th**
- **March 25th**
- **April 29th**
- **May 27th**

Since 1994, the MIYAA has given out nearly 300 awards, thousands of dollars in scholarships through the generosity of many sponsors and reached over 1600 attendees annually.

MIYAA is presented to 18 outstanding Indigenous youth between the ages of 16 and 24 excelling in a variety of categories from cultural to academic. MIYAA recipients are chosen by a committee of Indigenous youth from the community.

The awards were founded in 1994 as a way to combat negative images of Indigenous youth and to celebrate their achievements. "The youth have so many gifts and talents that MIYAA recognizes these accomplishments" says MIYAA Co-Chair Helen Robinson-Settee.

The award ceremony portion of the evening, led by Elders Dan Thomas who will sing the Honour and Victory songs. Past MIYAA recipients Shay-Ann Scott- Jolicoeur and Nick Wakos will host this year's event.

"I have the privilege of working with the MIYAA organizing committee. We get to see the best of the youth in the community and know that the future is in good hands," says Darlene Daniels, MIYAA Co-Chair.

To learn more about the MIYAA and for the scheduled award presentation to go:
<http://www.miyaa.ca>

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2020 Recipients

| CATEGORY | RECIPIENT | NATION/ COMMUNITY |
|---|---------------------|--------------------------------|
| Academic Senior | Taylor Goodon | Métis – Southwest Region |
| Academic Junior | Sasha Houle | Long Plain First Nation |
| Athletic #1 | Emily Mandamin | Iskatewizaagegan First Nation |
| Athletic #2 | Morgan Lenchuk | Métis/ Selkirk |
| Community/Volunteer Senior | Rylee Nepinak | Sagkeeng First Nation |
| Community/Volunteer Junior | Robyn Chow | Métis |
| Cultural Female | Sondra Flett | St. Theresa Point First Nation |
| Cultural Male | Westin Sutherland | Peguis First Nation |
| Personal Achievement Senior | Dariyn Jensen | Misipawistik Cree Nation |
| Personal Achievement Junior | Isaiah Binns | Métis/Winnipeg |
| Artistic Visual | Erin Anderson-Bruce | Poplar River First Nation |
| Artistic Performance | Holly Missyabit | Lake Manitoba First Nation |
| Health North | Sandra Hart | Norway House Cree Nation |
| Health South | Mackenzie Chartrand | Pine Creek First Nation |
| Women in Technology | Angel Woodhouse | Pinaymootang First Nation |
| Women in Technology | Emma-Leigh Guay | Mosakahiken Cree Nation |
| Employment in a Traditional Field | Ocean Bruyere | Sagkeeng First Nation |
| Linda Park Business/Entrepreneurship | Larissa Fisette | Métis |