



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